



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter

1515 Western Ave.
Grafton, ND 58237

We are asking that you pray 3 Hail Marys after each Mass for people to come back to their Catholic Faith.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. John, Grafton
Sunday: 7:30 am, Sacred Heart, Oakwood
9:30 am, St. John, Grafton

Reconciliation - Confessions

Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 pm, Classroom #1
Sunday: 9:00-9:20 am in the Church Confessional
Daily Confession (Tues.-Fri.) 5:00-5:20.
Reconciliation will take place in classroom #1 located just off the Gathering Space & across from the women's bathroom.

Pastor: Fr. Jeff Eppler

Fr. Jeff's Cell phone - 1-314-750-8937

The Parish Office - 352-1648

Deacon and Faith Formation Director:

Rev. Mr. Michael Grzadzielewski

Office Manager: DeeDee Vogsland

Administrative Assistant: Kathy Swanson

Environmental Services: David Demester

Baptism Prep Classes - The 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

St. John the Evangelist

Parish Lay Directors: Paul Houdek,
Mary (John) Dusek

Pastoral Council: Brittany Dusek, Ernie Dusek, Lee Lessard, Denise Moe, Sean Osowski, Micky Schumacher, and Marta Balderas - Hispanic Ministry Liaison.

Finance Council: Matt Beneda, Mary (John) Dusek, Paul Houdek, Kathy Maus, Donny Suda, Stacey Van Bruggen

Youth Committee: Marty Balderas, Tony Dumas, Alexa Holt, William Jiskra, Mary Kerian, Nancy Miller, Jackie Osowski, Josie Suda, Maggie Suda, Molly Zahradka
Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

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Bulletin - find it at stjohnsgraffton.com

Formed - Youth & Adult go to formed.org

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Parish Lay Directors: Ed Sevigny, Lori Cyr

Pastoral/Finance Council: Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Bobby Osowski, Lee Osowski, Susan Suda

Sacred Heart Cleaning for May: Committee 3

Bulletin Deadline - 4:00 pm Wednesday

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton:

We are beginning this wonderful prayerful endeavor again! Keep praying because we need God's Grace to end the pandemic and to convert Grafton & our surrounding towns!

Saving souls one bead at a time!



Easter is the time of rejoicing! Our Lord has conquered death and given us the hope of resurrection and life. Our hearts should exult in the glory and goodness of God. St. Maximus of Turin (408 A.D.) encourages us today, as he did his flock 1600 years ago, to enter into the joy of Christ's triumph over sin and death:

"Christ is risen! He has burst open the gates of hell and let the dead go free; he has renewed the earth through the members of his Church now born again in baptism, and has made it blossom afresh with men brought back to life. His Holy Spirit has unlocked the doors of heaven, which stand wide open to receive those who rise up from the earth. Because of Christ's resurrection the thief ascends to paradise, the bodies of the blessed enter the holy city, and the dead are restored to the company of the living. There is an upward movement in the whole of creation, each element raising itself to something higher. We see hell restoring its victims to the upper regions, earth sending its buried dead to heaven, and heaven presenting the new arrivals to the Lord. In one and the same movement, our Savior's passion raises men from the depths, lifts them up from the earth, and sets them in the heights.

Christ is risen. His rising brings life to the dead, forgiveness to sinners, and glory to the saints. And so David the prophet summons all creation to join in celebrating the Easter festival: *Rejoice and be glad, he cries, on this day which the Lord has made.*

The light of Christ is an endless day that knows no night. Christ is this day, says the Apostle; such is the meaning of his words: *Night is almost over; day is at hand.* He tells us that night is almost over, not that it is about to fall. By this we are meant to understand that the coming of Christ's light puts Satan's darkness to flight, leaving no place for any shadow of sin. His everlasting radiance dispels the dark clouds of the past and checks the hidden growth of vice. The Son is that day to whom the day, which is the Father, communicates the mystery of his divinity. He is the day who says through the mouth of Solomon: *I have caused an unfailing light to rise in heaven.* And as in heaven no night can follow day, so no sin can overshadow the justice of Christ. The celestial day is perpetually bright and shining with brilliant light; clouds can never darken its skies. In the same way, the light of Christ is eternally glowing with luminous radiance and can never be extinguished by the darkness of sin. This is why John the evangelist says: *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to overpower it.*

And so, my brothers, each of us ought surely to rejoice on this holy day. Let no one, conscious of his sinfulness, withdraw from our common celebration, nor let anyone be kept away from our public prayer by the burden of his guilt. Sinner he may indeed be, but he must not despair of pardon on this day which is so highly privileged; for if a thief could receive the grace of paradise, how could a Christian be refused forgiveness?"

How indeed! We have a most beautiful advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Lord. Turn to Him always, go to Confession, receive Him worthily in Holy Communion and know that you are loved!

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, May 1

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters
5:00 pm - Theresa Dahlgren +
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, May 2

7:30 am Oakwood - Parishioners
9:30 am - Jeff & Endora Blanchard
Confession 9:00-9:20 am
Noon - Holy Pilgrimage

Monday, May 3

No Mass

Tuesday, May 4

No Mass

Wednesday, May 5

No Mass

Thursday, May 6

No Mass

Friday, May 7

No Mass

Saturday, May 8

5:00 pm - Gary Littlefield

Sunday, May 9

7:30 am Oakwood - Louis & Alma Collette +
9:30 am - Parishioners

Daily Mass at Sacred Heart in Minto

is held on Tuesday - Friday at 8:00 am. Please check their parish website for possible changes because of funerals.

Sunday Mass Obligation: Goes into effect this weekend. However, in his official decree, Bishop Folda gave exemptions to the obligation. They are:

- Those who are ill:
- Those who have reason to believe they were recently exposed to Covid-19 or another serious or contagious illness:
- Those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or a nursing facility:
- Those who care for the sick, the infirm, and the homebound:
- Those who are unable to attend Mass through no fault of their own:
- Those with underlying health conditions or in a high-risk category:
- Those who have significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by attending Mass.

Please Pray for the Sick:

Judy Smith, Danni Marie Scott, Anna Seeba, Joan Brien, Joanie Anderson, Dean Demester, Ron Houska, Greg from Texas, Jennifer Lynch, Linda Thompson, Travis Loveless, Darrah Isaacson, Lorna Collette, Moe Staffne, Lennae Kosmatka, Ken Jarolimek, Adam Granados, Gary Moe, Jane Zidon, Tracy Jamieson, Cindy Jamieson, Steve Lessard, Amanda LaTraille, Robert Novak, Rae Desautel, Jeff Collette, Ralph Kingsbury, Ed Boura, Steve Dolan, Les Aasand, Steve Walters, Clifford Bailly, Chris Loveless, Linda Loveless, JoAnne Sevigny, Barb Foerster-Estad, Frances Schuster, Aldo Rodriguez, Daryle MacDonald, Marvin French, Kevin Bailly, Brian Fehr, Frances Boulduc, Ron Nowacki, Bonnie Shannon, Judy Wolter, Robert Carroll, Judy Jiskra, Suzanne Burns, Jodi McCarthy, Diane Lee, Hope Reis, Patrice & Thea Katz, Brad Schuster, Monica Rudnik, Chad Demers, Jeanne Silewski, Roger Mattson, Emma Basting, John Campbell, Roger Amiot, Kevin Hoenke, Adly Galle Jaehning



STEWARDSHIP

Let us honor God with our first fruits! Praise the Lord!

St. John the Evangelist

Given April 25, 2021 - \$6,457.00
God's Gift total Given as of April 29, 2021 - \$40,184.00

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given April 25, 2021- \$592.00
God's Gift total Given as of April 29, 2021 - \$3,297.00

MAY CROWNING & RECEPTION: Sunday, May 2, we will have a May Crowning of Our Lady at the 9:30am Mass, followed by a reception after Mass for all our newly Confirmed students, who were Confirmed the night before by Bishop Folda. Come and celebrate Our Lady and our younger brothers and sisters in the Faith.

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Confirmation in Warsaw	Saturday, May 1, 7:00 pm
Reception for New Confirmands	Sun., May 2 after 9:30 Mass
Everyone is invited to the reception to celebrate with our new brothers and sisters in the Faith.	
Bible Study	Monday, May 3, 7:00 pm
Youth Committee Meeting	Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wed., May 5, 7:30 pm
Bible Study	Monday, May 10, 7:00 pm
High School Youth Group	Wed., May 12, 7:30 pm
Baptism Prep Class	Thurs., May 13, 7:00 pm

Fr. Jeff will be in St. Louis visiting his family May 3rd - 21st. We will only be having weekend Masses during this time. There will be no daily Mass while he is gone. Eucharistic Adoration will continue during this time.

Mary's Month: The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please make it a point to pray the Rosary every day this month. It would also delight Our Lady immensely if you spent some time each week in Eucharistic adoration of her Son. We also begin anew our 10,000 Rosaries for Grafton.

Thank you to Paul Houdek for making our new 10,000 Rosaries for Grafton table and board. Our final Rosary total with April included was 17,559!

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Tuesday from 6pm - 10 pm
Wednesday from 10am - 5pm & 6pm - 10pm
Thursday from 6pm - 1pm

Holy Pilgrimage: Tony Dumas and Fr. Jeff will be bringing Jesus throughout Grafton & Oakwood this Sunday, **starting at Noon**, instead of 3pm like usual, due to a prior commitment later in the day. So, keep your eyes peeled for the Lord in a Ford!

St. John Memorials

Marcell Flicek	\$90	Cemetery Fund
Margaret Novak	\$30	Cemetery Fund
Vicky Hills	\$30	Cemetery Fund
Beverly Graber	\$30	Cemetery Fund

Sacred Heart Memorials

Margaret Novak	\$15	Cemetery Fund
Marcell Flicek	\$15	Cemetery Fund

A **Big THANK YOU** to the **Knights of Columbus** for the donations to various ministries here at the Parish!
Also **THANK YOU** to **St. John's Youth Group** for their donation of \$159.22 towards our Helping Hands Fund!

