



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

May 9, 2021
Sixth 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.

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton
We have prayed 96 rosaries this week



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!

Mass Schedule

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

Reconciliation - Confessions

While Fr. Jeff is gone on vacation, May 3-21, there will be no confessions at St. Johns. You can go to **Sacred Heart in Minto** at these times: For Daily Mass, 1/2 hr. before Mass on Tuesday - Friday. Saturdays - 3:45 - 4:55 pm
Sundays - 8:00 - 8:25 am

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



Jesus Christ is truly Risen! Alleluia! Our entire day, every day, should be imbued with the radiance of joy. Why? Because the Risen Lord Jesus is with us in the Holy Eucharist. He is present in the flesh here on earth in the Blessed Sacrament. Every tabernacle contains Him Whom all creation cannot contain. He remains

day and night for love of you and I.

Every minute spent in His Eucharistic presence is filled with heavenly grace. St. Teresa of Calcutta said, *"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."*

St. Teresa of Calcutta is one of the greatest Saints of our time. She is known for her tireless service to Jesus in the poorest of the poor. The love she had flowed from her many hours of Eucharistic adoration. She saw Jesus in the face of the outcast and suffering because she recognized Him in the Holy Eucharist. She said, *"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now."*

We have the means to immerse ourselves in the infinite ocean of love Jesus has for us. Eucharistic adoration is available often throughout the week here at St. John. All of us should yearn to spend time with Jesus. Our hearts should cherish every moment we can with Him. St. Peter Julian Eymard mentioned, *"Look upon the hour of adoration assigned to you as an hour in paradise. Go to your adoration as one would to heaven, to the divine banquet. You will then long for that hour and hail it with joy. Take delight in fostering a longing for it in your heart. Tell yourself, 'In four hours, in two hours, in one hour, our Lord will give me an audience of grace and love. He has invited me; he is waiting for me; he is longing for me.'"*

Seek to be with Jesus each week. We always make time for what we consider to be important to us; we always find time to see those we love most. Do you love Jesus most? Jesus said, *"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"* (Mt 6:21). Is Jesus truly the treasure of your heart? You and I are certainly the treasure of His Heart. That is why He remains in our churches waiting for us to spend even just a moment with Him.

Our names are lovingly written in His Heart. He longs to be with us and provides a way for us to know Him intimately through Eucharistic adoration. A single second with Jesus has amazing and everlasting effects. St. Teresa said, *"Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!"* Will the story of your love for Him be recounted by the angels and Saints forever? I certainly hope so.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

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.

Emails: contact Father Jeff at
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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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, May 8

5:00 pm - Gary Littlefield

Sunday, May 9

7:30 am Oakwood - Louis & Alma Collette +

9:30 am - Parishioners

Monday, May 10

No Mass

Tuesday, May 11

No Mass

Wednesday, May 12

No Mass

Thursday, May 13

No Mass

Friday, May 14

10:30 am - Funeral - Sylvester Klinicke +

Saturday, May 15

5:00 pm - Doug Davis +

Sunday, May 16

7:30 am Oakwood - Parishioners

9:30 am - Mike Staffne +

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: Went into effect on May 1st. 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.



Our Sympathy
to the family of
Sylvester Klinicke

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!

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Given May 2, 2021 - \$8,619.00

God's Gift total Given as of April 29, 2021 - \$45,624.37

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given May 2, 2021- \$375.00

God's Gift total Given as of April 29, 2021 - \$4,647.00

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.

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

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
Bible Study	Monday, May 17, 7:00 pm
High School Youth Group	Wed., May 19, 7:30 pm
Spanish Mass starts	Sunday, May 23, 11:30 am
High School Grad. Reception	Sunday, May 23, after 9:30 Mass
Bible Study	Monday, May 24, 7:00 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, May 25, 7:00 pm
High School Youth Group	Wed., May 19, 7:30 pm

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 began anew our 10,000 Rosaries for Grafton on May 1st.

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

St. John Memorials

Valerian Schanilec	\$10	Unrestricted
Betty & Bob Littlefield	\$1000	Funeral Fund

For Our Catholic Graduates: We will be having a Senior Graduation Mass on Sunday, May 23rd. Following the 9:30 am Mass, a reception will be held for the graduates and their families. Please let the parish office know how many in your family will be attending by May 14th. Thank you!

We have received the amount due for the replacement of the Rectory & Parish Office Plumbing that was done.

The total due is \$34,224.86

Donations received \$11,870.00

Amount that we have yet to raise is \$22,354.86

Any donated amount you are able to give is greatly appreciated.

The Walsh County Food Pantry is in need of:

Paper Towels

Personal Care Items

Cleaning Supplies

Any and all donations are appreciated, Thank you!

