



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

May 16, 2021  
The Ascension of the Lord

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 286 rosaries



We began 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!**



Today we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven! What an amazing thing to behold! The apostles just stood there speechless looking up at the sky, hoping to catch a glimpse of the Lord Who had disappeared from their sight. The angel had to come and rouse them to their senses so they would act upon the words of the Lord.

What did Jesus ask them to do? To make disciples of all the nations and to wait in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit. They would not be able to fulfill the Lord's mandate to make disciples until they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

By virtue of our Baptism and Confirmation, we are called by Christ to share in this mandate to make disciples of Christ. First, we must be disciples ourselves. To "disciple" someone is to imitate them. The Lord says that if we wish to be His disciple, we must deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Him. This following leads to death on Calvary. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says we must love one another as He loves. Jesus loves us unto death. Jesus fulfills His commandment of love by literally dying on the Cross to save us, Whom He calls His "friends." To disciple Jesus is to imitate this dimension of His love.

We cannot imitate Jesus simply on our own. We do not have the strength to do so. We need the gift of the Holy Spirit, Who makes us become like Christ. That is why Jesus told His apostles to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Their "waiting" involved praying. They gathered around the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom Jesus gave to us as our Mother at the foot of the Cross and became the Mother of the Church. The apostles and the other disciples (the Church) gathered around their Mother, who is also Spouse of the Holy Spirit, and prayed for nine days for the coming of the Holy Spirit. This was the first novena of prayer in the Church's history.

When the Spirit came upon them all as tongues of fire, they were driven by Him into the streets of Jerusalem to proclaim the Good News. We find referenced in the Gospels the driving force of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' own life, particularly in the Gospel of Luke. After the Baptism in the Jordan, the Holy Spirit drove Jesus into the desert to be tempted by Satan. From there the Spirit led Him into His public ministry where Jesus proclaimed the Good News of Salvation.

The Holy Spirit will move us to a life of union with Christ. He will work to make us disciples of Jesus so we may be conformed to His Passion and Death, and Rise with Him in the glory of the Resurrection. Jesus' Ascension into heaven shows that He has gone to prepare a place for us in the house of His Father as He promised. His Ascension is our own personal hope of glory in God. We respond to this marvelous gift of hope by acting in faith and love. So, seek to become Jesus' disciple and, animated by love for Him and through the power of the Holy Spirit, make disciples of others.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

## **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

**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](http://stjohnsgraffton.com)

**Formed** - Youth & Adult go to [formed.org](http://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 15

5:00 pm - Doug Davis +

### Sunday, May 16

7:30 am Oakwood - Parishioners

9:30 am - Mike Staffne +

### Monday, May 17

No Mass

### Tuesday, May 18

No Mass

### Wednesday, May 19

No Mass

### Thursday, May 20

No Mass

### Friday, May 21

No Mass

### Saturday, May 22

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +

5:00 pm - Kathy Ruzicka +

### Sunday, May 23 - Pentecost Sunday

7:30 am Oakwood - Dan J. & Theresa Demers +

9:30 am - Cyril Seeba +

11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners

3:00 pm - Holy Hour for the Return of Lapsed Catholics to the Church

### 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.



### **Please Pray for the Sick:**

Judy Smith, Danni Marie Scott, 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, 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 May 9, 2021 - \$5,483.50

God's Gift total Given as of May 14, 2021 - \$46,138.37

### Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given May 9, 2021- \$540.00

God's Gift total Given as of May 14, 2021 - \$5,147.00

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 17, 7:00 pm
High School Youth Group	Wed., May 19, 7:30 pm
High School Grad. Reception	Sunday, May 23, after 9:30 Mass
Spanish Mass starts	Sunday, May 23, 11:30 am
Bible Study	Monday, May 24, 7:00 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, May 25, 7:00 pm
Teachers Meeting	Wed., May 26, 6:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Wed., May 26, 7:30 pm

**For Our Catholic Graduates:** We will be having a Senior Graduation Mass on Sunday, May 23rd. A reception will be held following the 9:30 am Mass for the graduates and their families. May the Lord Bless each of our Senior Graduates.

### **Eucharistic Adoration in the Church**

Tuesday from 6pm - 10 pm

Wednesday from 10am - 5pm & 6pm - 10pm

Thursday from 6pm - 1pm

**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.

### St. John Memorials

Gerald & Kay Theroux	\$25	Cemetery Fund
Sylvester Klinicke	\$10	Unrestricted
Loretta Orstad	\$10	Unrestricted
Valerian Schanilec	\$40	Cemetery Fund

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.

**If you ordered a picture of your Confirmand from Tweten's Photography, you can pick it up at the Parish Office.**

The Walsh County Food Pantry is in need of:

Paper Towels, Personal Care Items, Cleaning Supplies

Any and all donations are appreciated, Thank you!

