



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday

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 626 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 joyful occasion of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon Our Lady, the apostles and the other disciples in the Upper Room. He first manifested as a strong driving wind and then as tongues of fire that rested upon everyone's head.

He compelled the disciples to go out into the streets of Jerusalem and proclaim the Gospel. Jews from all over the Mediterranean area had converged upon Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost, which was one of the major Jewish holy days. The Holy Spirit manifested the gift of tongues through the disciples so the Jews could understand the Gospel in their own language.

The miraculous manifestations of the Holy Spirit were not just for the apostles two thousand years ago. He still acts in similar ways today. The world is in desperate need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and so, the Holy Spirit acts profoundly in the Church in this age. He desires to reveal Himself to and through every baptized Christian.

When we were baptized, the Holy Spirit came to live in our soul. He works to form us to be like Christ. He comes with three particular gifts of grace that enable us to grow in our relationship with God. These graces are called theological virtues. These virtues are Faith, Hope and Love. Without these three graces, we could not enter into a deep relationship with God. That is why He gives them to us in baptism.

Now, when we get Confirmed, the Holy Spirit overshadows in a way similar to what He did with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Annunciation. When He does this, He imparts to our soul two types of gifts: *interior* and *charismatic*.

The seven interior gifts of the Spirit are fear of the Lord, piety, fortitude, knowledge, wisdom, understanding and counsel. These gifts build the individual up in Christ. However, the charismatic gifts are given to build the Body of Christ up, not the individual.

The word "charismatic" comes from the Greek *charismata*, which means "gift." Some charismatic gifts are prophecy, healing, tongues, interpretation of tongues, discernment of spirits, miracles, prayer, faith, teaching and preaching. This is not an exhaustive list. The Spirit is not limited in any way. The manifestation of these gifts were the normal experience of one who received the sacrament of Confirmation. However, over the centuries these manifestations lessened largely due to the increase of emphasis on the intellectual development of the Faith. However, there is great evidence to show that these gifts were active in the lives of many Saints.

Over the last century, the Holy Spirit has willed that these charismatic gifts re-emerge in the Church. We are in a time of world-wide loss of faith in Jesus Christ, and as with the early Catholic Church witnessed in the Book of Acts, displays of power should once again accompany the preaching of the Divine Word. Let us be open to these gifts.

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

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.

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

Bulletin Deadline - 4:00 pm Wednesday

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

Monday, May 24

No Mass

Tuesday, May 25

5:30 pm - Merlyn & Vivian Collette +

Wednesday, May 26

5:30 pm - Louis & Alma Collette +

Thursday, May 27

5:30 pm - June Orleans +

Friday, May 28

5:30 pm - Jim Schieffer +

Saturday, May 29

10:30 am - Souls in Purgatory

5:00 pm - Rita Riopelle +

Sunday, May 30

7:30 am Oakwood - Louis Collette & All Veterans +

9:30 am - Marcell Flicek +

11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners

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 16, 2021 - \$4,241.50

God's Gift total Given as of May 20, 2021 - \$46,506.37

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given May 16, 2021 - \$189.00

God's Gift total Given as of May 20, 2021 - \$5,147.00

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Tuesday from 6pm - 10 pm

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

Thursday from 6pm - 10pm

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

High School Grad. Reception	Sun., May 23 after 9:30 Mass
Holy Hour for Lapsed Catholics	Sun., May 23, 3:00 pm
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
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, June 1, 7:00 pm
Eucharistic Procession	Sun., June 6 after 9:30 Mass
High School Youth Group	Sunday, June 6, 7:00 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.

St. John Memorials

Valerian Schanilec	\$20	Cemetery Fund
Marcell Flicek	\$20	Cemetery Fund
Sylvester Klinicke	\$40	Unrestricted

Celebrate Fr. Bert's 30th anniversary of ordination and 66th Birthday. Tuesday, June 1, 6-8 pm, St. Mary's Parish Hall in Park River - west of the Cenex Station.

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!

