



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

May 30, 2021
The Most Holy Trinity

1515 Western Ave.
Grafton, ND

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
11:30 am, Spanish Mass, St. John, Grafton

Reconciliation - Confessions

in the Church Confessional
Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 pm
Sunday: 9:00-9:20 am
Daily Confession Tues.-Fri. 5:00-5:20 pm

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 Vogslund

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, Mickey 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.

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Parish Lay Directors: Ed Sevigny, Lori Cyr

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

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Formed - Youth & Adult go to formed.org

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Tuesday from 6 pm - 10 pm

Wednesday from 10am - 10pm

Thursday from 6pm - 10pm



We celebrate today the greatest of all mysteries: the Most Holy Trinity. Everything that exists comes from the superabundant love of the Holy Trinity, Who is One God. Jesus reveals to us that God is Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This inner life of God is something we could never have known on our own, but had to be revealed to us. God is so much greater than our human nature; our minds and souls cannot grasp the enormity of Who He is. Therefore, God in His great mercy reveals Himself to us, His children, through Jesus Christ.

Jesus shows us that there is a perfect intimacy of love within God Himself. The Father loves the Son and they live in one another. Jesus Himself speaks of this living "in" the other when in the Gospel of John, He says, "*The father and I are one. He is in me and I in Him.*" Our minds cannot fully understand this. Our concept of love is often limited to being "with" the beloved, not "in" the beloved. We exist in time and space and have physical bodies, therefore our notion of being "in" the other is often reduced to sexual union. Even sexual union is limited as it is a temporary experience and in no way able to provide a complete union of our entire being with the other. God's entire divine being is penetrated by Himself: the Father lives in the Son and the Son in the Father, and the Holy Spirit in both of them. This is a great mystery.

Yet, as great a mystery it may be, Jesus desires that we enter into it. His deep longing is that we be one in Him as He and the Father are one. He sends us the Holy Spirit, who is Their bond of unity, to bring us into the relationship of love found within God Himself. Jesus wants us to live "in" Him and "in" the Father as He experiences it. He wants us to abide in Him. There is no human relationship that can compare to the union and intimacy that Christ offers to each of us in God.

Once in prayer I asked God why He created me. I was pondering on the simple fact that He did not need me in any way because He is perfect and complete in Himself. His response was, "*So that I can manifest my mercy.*" This struck me to the core of my being. He created me to show how merciful and good He is. And despite my immense sinfulness, He desires a deep intimacy of love with me, His son.

All of us are created in the love of God. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit willed for us to exist, not because He needed us, but simply because He *wanted* us. We could honestly say that when God conceived us in His Divine Mind, because of His nature as Love, He fell so madly in love with each of us that He generously caused us to exist. He desires to share Himself with His children. Since He didn't actually have to create us, but wanted to, each of us then are shining manifestations of His Divine Mercy. Mercy is always an expression rooted in "gift," not in "need." God then, is wonderfully merciful indeed!

Let us not be afraid to respond to Jesus' invitation to abide in Him and through Him in the Most Holy Trinity.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton

We have prayed 983 rosaries

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 & Intentions

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

Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day

10:00 am - Ron & Catherine Pich, 62nd Anniv.

Tuesday, June 1

5:30 pm - Gloria Thompson +

Wednesday, June 2

5:30 pm - Mike Callahan +

Thursday, June 3

5:30 pm - Michael Frank Misialek Sr. +

Friday, June 4

5:30 pm - Valerian Schanilec +

Saturday, June 5

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters
5:00 pm - Gene Hagen +

Sunday, June 6

7:30 am Oakwood - Dan J & Theresa Demers +
9:30 am - Nancy Keeley +
10:30 am - Eucharistic Procession following Mass
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners



Our Sympathy
to the family of
Mary Lou Gourde

Please Pray for the Sick:

Mary Ann Sevigny, Judith Rivard, 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

St. John Memorials

Robert Anderson \$10 Cemetery Fund

CONFESSIONS: Confessions will resume in the Church Confessionals and no longer in Classroom 1.

Ramp for Sacred Heart Church: We are looking at the possibility of building a ramp into Sacred Heart Church in Oakwood. Oakwood parishioners were sent a survey regarding parish interest in this project. If you are a parishioner of Oakwood and have not yet received a survey, then please contact the parish office. Also, if anyone is interested in helping with this potential project then please contact the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given May 23, 2021 - \$4,093.50
God's Gift total Given as of May 26, 2021 - \$49,613.87

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given May 23, 2021 - \$510.00
God's Gift total Given as of May 26, 2021 - \$5,147.00

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.

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Parish Office Closed	Monday, May 31, Memorial Day
Youth Committee Meeting	Tuesday, June 1, 6:30 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, June 1, 7:00 pm
Eucharistic Procession	Sun., June 6 after 9:30 Mass
Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus	Sun., June 6, 3:00 pm
High School Youth Group	Sunday, June 6, 7:00 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, June 8, 7:00 pm
Baptism Prep Class	Thursday, June 10, 7:00 pm
Mass of Sacred Heart at St. John's	Fri., June 11, 5:30 pm
Marian Procession	Sat., June 12, after 10:30 Mass
Samara Obregon Quincenera	Sat., June 12, at 5:00 pm Mass
Holy Hour of Praise & Worship	Sunday, June 13, 3:00 pm
High School Youth Group	Sunday, June 13, 7:00 pm

Our Congratulations to David Demester and Mickey Schumacher as they will be united in Marriage at our 5:30 pm Mass on Friday, June 4th. May the Lord Bless them!

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession: Next Sunday after the 9:30am Mass we will walk through the neighborhood carrying Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and praying the Divine Mercy chaplet. Please join in and let everyone know that Jesus is really present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist. Our Eucharistic Jesus is Lord!

Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus: Next Sunday, June 6th, Fr. Jeff and Tony Dumas will be driving through Grafton and Oakwood with Jesus in the monstrance. Keep your eyes peeled for Tony's white truck with "God Bless You" written on the sides. They begin this Holy Pilgrimage at 3:00 pm.

In honor of Judy Jiskra's birthday, we have received a gift of \$100 towards the Gathering Space carpet/furniture fund from the Kevin and Jean Jiskra Family. Thank you for Blessing us with this gift. This fund now has a total of \$875.

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

Amount that we have yet to raise is \$20,854.86

Donations received \$13,370.00

The total due is \$34,224.86

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

Celebrate - Fr. Bert's 30th anniversary of ordination and his 66th Birthday on Tuesday, June 1, 6:00-8:00 pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Park River (west of the Cenex Station).

Sacred Heart - Cleaning Committee #1 for month of June

