



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

June 6, 2021  
The Body and Blood of Christ

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.



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, also known as Corpus Christi. It is the major Feast of the Eucharist. Even though the Eucharist is the central element of every Mass, the Lord wanted this particular Feast to be celebrated to draw

greater attention to His supreme gift of love.

In 1208 A.D., Our Lord appeared to an Augustinian nun named St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon. He showed her a full moon with one dark spot on it. The moon represented the Church's liturgical calendar of feast days. The dark spot was an indication that a particular solemnity was absent. Jesus wanted established the Solemnity of Corpus Christi throughout the universal Church. In 1264 A.D. Pope Urban IV issued a decree establishing this magnificent feast.

The Eucharist is truly the great hallmark of God's love, for it is really the gift of Jesus Christ Himself. God became man in order to save us from damnation and be with Him in heavenly bliss forever. We are destined for the perfection of Love itself. We are made for God. The Eucharist is a constant reminder of the intense and unlimited love God has for each of us. What more could God do than to literally give Himself to us in the Flesh?

Could God ever exhaust Himself for love of us? No, never. He is a continuously exploding sun of love and mercy radiating throughout all of creation, but in a special way to us. The Eucharist is the Son of the Eternal Father Who comes down from heaven on the altar as the nourishment of our souls. He fills us to overflowing with divine love and innumerable gifts and graces. His Sacred Heart is bursting forth with streams of life-giving water; this water Who is the Holy Spirit Himself.

Dare we allow our hearts to be captured by so great a love? Yes! Let us dare! Do not fear to draw close to the adorable and Sacred Heart of Jesus present in the Eucharist. Allow yourself to tremble in the anticipation of Love. I remember the days when I used to date and had girlfriends. There were many times I would grow anxious in wanting to see and spend time with one I loved. My heart would even beat more rapidly in anticipation of her opening the door to greet me.

The romance of love causes the heart to quicken and the mind to race. Should our hearts not flutter in expectation when approaching Jesus in Holy Communion? His Heart in turn beats lovingly for us.

What wonders the Lord has in store for those who receive Him worthily in Holy Communion! He offers the sweet and comforting embrace of love and through this embrace grants strength and consolation to endure the trials and tribulations of this life. He is the secure refuge of our soul and is genuinely the delight of our heart. Let us never receive Him in a sinful state that would cause Him to run in horror from us. He does not remain present in the soul of one who is in mortal sin. We must always have our soul ready to receive Him worthily in love.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

## 10,000 Rosaries for Grafton

We have prayed 1,380 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

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: Available before Mass  
Tuesday - Friday

### **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,  
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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**Bulletin** - find it at [stjohnsgraffton.com](http://stjohnsgraffton.com)

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

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

Tuesday from 6 pm - 10 pm

Wednesday from 10am - 10pm

Thursday from 6pm - 10pm

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### 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

### Monday, June 7

No Mass

### Tuesday, June 8

5:15 pm - Janice Wysocki +

### Wednesday, June 9

5:15 pm - Frank & Elinor Nelson Misialek +

### Thursday, June 10

5:15 pm - Theresa Dahlgren +

### Friday, June 11 - Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

5:15 pm - Louis & Alma Collette +

### Saturday, June 12 - Feast of the Immaculate Heart

10:30 am - Conversion of Sinners & The Triumph  
of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
5:00 pm - Lynn & Gloria Thompson +

### Sunday, June 13

7:30 am Oakwood - John & Alice Sevigny +  
9:30 am - Agnes Lessard +  
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners



Our Sympathy  
to the families of  
Mary Ann Sevigny  
and Judith Rivard

### Please Pray for the Sick:

Patty Durand, 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

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**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 30, 2021 - \$8,810.51  
God's Gift total Given as of June 2, 2021 - \$50,451.12

### Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given May 30, 2021 - \$279.00  
God's Gift total Given as of June 2, 2021 - \$5,147.00

Please notice that the Daily Masses on Tuesday - Friday will be held at 5:15 pm. This will be our schedule from now on.

Leatrice O'Keefe Funeral - Saturday, June 19th at 10:30 am with Luncheon to follow. All are invited.

## Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

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
Oakwood Finance Council Mtg	Thursday, June 10, time TBD
Baptism Prep Class	Thursday, June 10, 7:00 pm
Mass of Sacred Heart at St. John's	Fri., June 11, 5:15 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
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, June 15, 7:00 pm

**Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession:** This 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:** This 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 Clarabell Demer's 110th birthday, Sacred Heart Parish of Oakwood has received a gift of \$110 from James & Mary Keeley, along with their congratulations.

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.

Olive Wood will be for sale in the Gathering Space at St. John's on Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27th.

**Sacred Heart** - Cleaning Committee #1 for month of June

