



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

June 20, 2021  
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

### 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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**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



What makes a Catholic Church so unique as compared to other structures, or even other church buildings? Jesus Christ is truly present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the tabernacle. Cardinal John Henry Newman stated, *"The Blessed Sacrament is that Presence which makes a Catholic Church different from every other place in the world; which makes it, as no other place can be, holy."*

Normally, when I pass a Catholic Church, I make the Sign of the Cross in recognition of the Lord Who is physically present there. Sometimes, I'll stop and go in, even if only for a few minutes. For within those buildings Jesus Christ is there in the Holy Eucharist. I look forward to those encounters with Him. He always refreshes my soul with the love emanating from His Eucharistic Heart. St. Padre Pio said, *"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."*

Whose company can really compare to that of Jesus? No one else can heal the broken heart or give rest to a weary soul. In no other can we find perfect and infinite love. No human can know us so completely as the Lord does, or love us so profoundly as He can. St. Pius X understood this need to commune with the Eucharistic Lord when he stated, *"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because It gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness Itself."*

O to savor the sweetness of the Lord! Did you know that surrounding every tabernacle are multitudes of angels and Saints in adoration of the Incarnate Word? They glorify Him day and night by their worship and love. We should imitate their example and join their praise of the Most High God. Do not be afraid to plop yourself at His feet and love Him. St. John Vianney expressed it this way, *"I throw myself at the foot of the Tabernacle like a dog at the foot of his Master."*

A dog is generally considered to be man's best friend. Can we humans be the Lord's best friend? Absolutely! The Lord said, *"You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you"* (Jn 15:14-15). Jesus has opened His Heart and revealed the depth of our Father's love for you and I. Will you offer Him your heart?

I encourage you to make it a point each week, perhaps multiple times a week, to visit Jesus. He is always physically present in the tabernacle and often exposed on the altar so we can see Him. He wants to be seen and touched by us. He became man so we can look upon His face and know we are loved. If you have not yet committed to a regular weekly hour of Eucharistic adoration, prayerfully consider doing so. The Lord is eager for that time with you.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

### **10,000 Rosaries for Grafton**

We have prayed 2,030 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, June 19

10:30 am - Funeral - Leatrice O'Keefe +  
5:00 pm - Aloys & Gertyee Lutovsky +

### Sunday, June 20

7:30 am Oakwood - Hiladore Osowski +  
9:30 am - Fred & Helen Schumacher +  
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners  
3:00 pm - Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics

### Monday, June 21

No Mass

### Tuesday, June 22

5:15 pm - Kathy Ruzicka +

### Wednesday, June 23

5:15 pm - Leatrice O'Keefe +

### Thursday, June 24

5:15 pm - Rita Riopelle +

### Friday, June 25

5:15 pm - Orell Sevigny +  
Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, June 26

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +  
5:00 pm - Gene Hagen +

### Sunday, June 27

7:30 am Oakwood - Louis & Alma Collette +  
9:30 am - Al & Jonathan Leighton +  
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners



### Please Pray for the Sick:

Rose Lauer, Lenaye Lauer  
Ensrud, 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 Memorial

We have received a gift of money to  
build a shadow box for the stained glass  
of the Holy Trinity in  
Memory of Bernard & Margie Novak.

**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.

We have received the amount due for the replacement of  
the Rectory & Parish Office Plumbing that was done.  
The amount that we have yet to raise is \$20,854.86.

## STEWARDSHIP

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

### St. John the Evangelist

Given June 13, 2021 - \$

God's Gift total Given as of June 16, 2021 - \$53,797.86

### Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given June 13, 2021 - \$

God's Gift total Given as of June 16, 2021 - \$5,147.00

## St. John's Vacation Bible School

**Grades 7 - 12:** July 6 Tuesday 6:30-8:00 pm  
July 7 Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm  
July 8 Thursday 6:30-8:00 pm  
We will conclude with a cookout on  
Thursday evening, the 8th.

**Grades 1 - 6:** July 12 Monday 6:30-8:00 pm  
July 13 Tuesday 6:30-8:00 pm  
July 14 Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm  
July 15 Thursday 6:00-7:30 pm  
Thursday night will conclude with a family  
meal and craft time. This is for students  
entering grades 1 through grades 6.

We will be sending out a letter and registration forms to  
the parents. If you do not receive one, please call the Parish  
Office at 352-1648. All Faiths are welcome to attend.

## Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics	Sunday, June 20, 3:00 pm
High School Youth Group	Sunday, June 20, 7:00 pm
Olive Wood Sales	Sat. & Sun., June 26-27
High School Youth Group	Sunday, June 27, 7:00 pm

**St. John's VBS, grades 7-12 July 6 - 8, Tues. -Thurs.**  
**St. John's VBS, grades 1-6 July 12 - 15, Mon. -Thurs.**  
*Registration Forms will be mailed out to parents or  
you can call the Parish Office at 352-1648 to register.*

## June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**House Blessings:** If you would like your home blessed  
and your family consecrated to the Hearts of Jesus,  
Mary, and Joseph, then please sign up on the forms by  
the church entrances. Fr. Jeff will call you to arrange a  
time for the blessing.

## HOLY LAND ITEMS FOR SALE:

Representatives from Catholic Bethlehem Christian Families  
will be with us next weekend of June 26 - 27, to ask for your  
help and blessing for the native people of the Holy  
Land in Bethlehem. These families, sixty years ago, made up  
18% of the population. Due to recent events in the Middle  
East, it has caused these families to face devastating  
economical strain, and caused the population to decrease to  
less than 2% in the Holy Land. These families have relied on  
the income from their religious hand carved olive wood  
artifacts to tourists. So we have come to the USA to try to  
help support these families by bringing their artifacts here to  
sell in the USA. All the proceed from sales will be sent back  
to the families of the Holy Land so that they may be able to  
keep their homes and provide for their families. The last few  
years were very tough for the Christian families, and this is  
the only source of income for them.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays  
until the end of August.**

