



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

July 4, 2021
Fourteenth 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.

Grades 7 - 12: Please join us this week for Vacation Bible School, July 6th-8th from 6:30-8:00 pm each evening!

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

Summer Help: Deanna Priley

Baptism Prep Classes - The 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Space. None scheduled for month of July.

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.

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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

Happy July 4th! Let us thank the Lord for founding our nation and for all the blessings He has given us. Let us also pray that our nation will end the horror of abortion and become pro-life. May every American praise the Name of Jesus! Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Patroness of the Unborn, pray for us!



In today's Gospel we heard the following: *"He (Jesus) could work no miracle there, apart from curing a few who were sick by laying hands on them, so much did their lack of faith distress him"* (Mk 6:6). Often, I am asked why things go badly in a person's life. I hear the litany of how they didn't deserve this or that to happen and so on. I listen patiently to discover what is the cause of the hardship, hoping to determine whether the difficulty

is a result of their own lack of faith or sinful decision, or genuinely something they don't seem to deserve. Regardless of the circumstance, however, God has allowed it; otherwise, the situation would not happen. This brings me to a specific question: Why do bad things happen to good people?

I want to start out by stating that God is Good and He never desires anything evil. Yet, God will often allow evil to take place in order to bring good out of it. He respects our free-will and will not force us to do what is right. We need to choose to follow the good. Hence, we must examine this question through the lens of faith.

Faith demands we look at the situation in truth. All of us want to think we have been good, but that might not really be the case. Is the situation happening because we made a bad or sinful decision or action? Or the lack of a good action that should have been done? If so, then the result is the just reward for evil and one must endure it. This enduring must be offered to God if it will have any redeeming effect. In the Gospel today, Jesus worked very few miracles in His hometown because people wouldn't believe in Him. They took offense at Him. If a person is living sinfully or selfishly, then they should expect bad things to happen. I'm reminded of the proverb, "You reap what you sow." Evil consequences are the normal fruit of sinful or selfish decisions.

Now, what if a bad situation is happening through no fault of the person involved? Through hardship God frequently reveals a particular gift or virtue that we would not realize in any other way. For example, a close friend or family member dies and you suffer intense grief. This is not a pleasant experience at all. What would God want you to learn? A few things off the top of my head could be: need for a deeper prayer life, detachment from people and all things in order to be free to love without limitation or self-interest, a reminder we are not destined for this world, the need to put one's life in order before God, a deeper appreciation of life, our dependence on God, gratitude to Him for the gift of that person, etc. Many things are learned only through difficulty and heartache. Faith grows through the Cross. We must trust Him while being crucified so that we can also rise with Him.

St. Paul struggled too, and the Lord taught him, *"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness"* (2 Cor 12:9). Let the power of Christ shine forth in our weakness, for *"we know that all things work for good for those who love God"* (Rm 8:28).

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton

We have prayed 2,418 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, July 3

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters

5:00 pm - Doug Davis +

Sunday, July 4

7:30 am Oakwood - Conversion of our Nation & adequate moisture for the fields

9:30 am - Janet Gronhovd +

11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners

Monday, July 5

No Mass - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, July 6

5:15 pm - Michael Frank Misialek Sr. +

Wednesday, July 7

5:15 pm - Agnes Lessard +

Thursday, July 8

5:15 pm - John Curran +

Friday, July 9

5:15 pm - Jean Leighton +

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 10

9:00 am - Fatima Rosary

10:30 am - Ray Adams & Fr. Tom Showalter +

5:00 pm - Louis & Alma Collette +

Sunday, July 11

7:30 am Oakwood - Holy Souls in Purgatory +

9:30 am - John & Alice Sevigny +

11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners



Please Pray for the Sick:

Julius Wangler, Joy Reading, Rose Lauer, Lenaye Lauer Ensrud, Patty Durand, Judy Smith, Danni Marie Scott, Joan

Brien, Joanie Anderson, 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

Holy Pilgrimage: Tony Dumas and Fr. Jeff will be bringing Jesus throughout Grafton & Oakwood next Sunday, **July 11th at 3:00 pm**. Not July 4th because of the National Holiday. So, keep your eyes peeled for the Lord in a Ford!

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 \$18,754.86. (The total due was \$34,224.86)

So far we have received a total of \$975.00 towards new flooring and furniture for the Gathering Space.

Thank you for supporting this update.

We are looking for someone to do Adoration on a regular basis on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00 pm.

If you are interested, please call Sue Callahan at 520-1426.

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given June 27, 2021 - \$6,568.50

God's Gift total Given as of June 30, 2021 - \$54,089.11

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given June 27, 2021 - \$1,707.00

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

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.

St. John Memorial

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| Leland Demars | \$20 | Choir Fund |
| Mary Ann Sevigny | \$20 | Choir Fund |
| Mary Ann Sevigny | \$10 | Unrestricted |
| Mary Ann Sevigny | \$20 | Cemetery Fund |
| Mary Ann Sevigny | \$100 | Gathering Space |
| Lea O'Keefe | \$100 | Rectory Plumbing |
| Lea O'Keefe | \$25 | Unrestricted |

Sacred Heart

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| Mary Ann Sevigny | \$20 | Cemetery Fund |

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

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 sent out letters and registration forms to the parents we have on file. 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:

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| Office Closed | Monday, July 5 |
| St. John's VBS, Grades 7-12 | Tues., July 6, 6:30-8:00 pm |
| St. John's VBS, Grades 7-12 | Wed., July 7, 6:30-8:00 pm |
| St. John's VBS, Grades 7-12 | Thurs., July 8, 6:30-8:00 pm |
| Fatima Rosary, St. John's | Saturday, July 10, 9:00 am |
| High School Youth Group | Sunday, July 11, 7:00 pm |
| St. John's VBS, grades 1-6 | July 12 - 15, Mon. - Thurs. |
| Finance Council Mtg. | Thurs., July 15, 7:00 pm |
| The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays until the end of August. | |

Walking With Moms In Need - Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. Inspired by St. John Paul II's papal encyclical Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life) to assess our efforts in building a culture of life, the intention of Walking with Moms in Need is to increase our outreach to pregnant and parenting women facing difficulties. To learn more about how to participate in this joint effort, please contact Tim Mosser, the Respect Life Director at the Diocese of Fargo, 701-356-7900 or tim.mosser@fargodiocese.org More information is on the posters on the Church bulletin boards.

