



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

July 25, 2021  
Seventeenth 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

Summer Help: Deanna Priley

**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:** Mickey Demester, Brittany Dusek, Ernie Dusek, Lee Lessard, Denise Moe, Sean Osowski, and Marta Balderas, Hispanic Ministry Liaison.

**Finance Council:** Matt Beneda, Mary (John) Dusek, Paul Houdek, 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

Need a ride to church:  
Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730



The following is an excerpt from an article on the Precious Blood of Jesus written by Constance Hull.

"The month of July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord. It is a time to meditate upon and come to a greater love of the Blood Our Lord shed for us during His earthly life and the Precious Blood that is given to us as true drink at every Mass we attend. The great love Our Lord has for us, is as such, that He shed every ounce of it for us. Not only has He left us the gift of His love in the chalice consecrated by the priest, He has given us a weapon to aid us in the spiritual battles we must wage in this life in order to attain our Crown of Glory.

St. John Chrysostom said of the Blood of Christ: Let us, then, come back from that table like lions breathing out fire, thus becoming terrifying to the Devil, and remaining mindful of our Head and of the love he has shown for us. . . This Blood, when worthily received, drives away demons and puts them at a distance from us, and even summons to us angels and the Lord of angels. . . This Blood, poured out in abundance, has washed the whole world clean. . . This is the price of the world; by it Christ purchased the Church... This thought will check in us unruly passions. How long, in truth, shall we be attached to present things? How long shall we remain asleep? How long shall we not take thought for our own salvation? Let us remember what privileges God has bestowed on us, let us give thanks, let us glorify him, not only by faith, but also by our very works.

The Precious Blood fortifies us in our battles against the world, the devil, and ourselves. We should walk away from the chalice, with the Blood of the Lamb upon our lips, enkindled with love and prepared for the battle that lies ahead, for the spiritual life is a battle. The shedding of every ounce of His blood for our sakes should have a profound impact on each one of us every time we approach the chalice in order to consume His Precious Blood. We should look upon the chalice with tender devotion and arduous love knowing the gift we have been given. We are unworthy, but nonetheless, He has given His Blood to each one of us to strengthen us and so we may grow in deeper intimacy with Him. He has given His priests the grace to bring forth His Precious Blood in their weak and vulnerable hands because of His even greater love for them.

This month of July is meant to be a time of greater devotion to the Precious Blood of Our Lord, but this month of devotion should extend to every time we place the sacred chalice to our lips. In our sinfulness, weakness, brokenness, and spiritual battles, the Precious Blood reminds us of how much we need Christ. Devotion to the Precious Blood leads us to surrender ourselves more fully to Him and to rely on Him in every moment of our day. We cannot make a single step forward on the path to holiness without Him. It is why if we are going to cling to something in this life, we should cling to the chalice of Our Lord's Precious Blood, so that He can continue to wash us anew each time we receive; that we may become white as snow."

Even though we cannot currently drink from the chalice, the Precious Blood flows into our soul from reception of the sacred host. Receiving the Body of Jesus means also receiving the Blood within His Body. Also, during the weekday Masses here at St. John's, the host dipped in the Precious Blood (called intinction) is offered to those who wish to receive on the tongue.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!



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

We have prayed 3,830 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 24

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +

5:00 pm - Valerian Schanilec +

### Sunday, July 25

7:30 am Oakwood - Florence R. French

9:30 am - Parishioners

11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Isabel Garza Salinas +

### Monday, July 26

No Mass

### Tuesday, July 27

5:15 pm - Hiladore Osowski +

### Wednesday, July 28

5:15 pm - Daniel Buriemek +

### Thursday, July 29

5:15 pm - June Orleans +

### Friday, July 30

5:15 pm - Kathy Ruzicka +

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, July 31

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

5:00 pm - Frances Gerszewski +

### Sunday, August 1

7:30 am Oakwood - Jerry Pletka +

9:30 am - Monica Aguilar +

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, 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

The 2nd collection next week will be going to our Helping Hands Fund. It supports the poor at the door in Grafton and the surrounding area.

*Tired of Remembering to bring your Envelopes? You can sign up for our automatic on-line giving and never have to worry about bringing envelopes with you to Church again. Please call the Parish Office at 352-1648 and we will help you sign up.*

**Fr. Jeff was honored by Real Presence Radio** on Thursday, July 15, after being nominated by Allan Szklarski and Marjorie Dorsey. Janelle Schanilec from RPR presented him with a dozen donuts. He was nominated for their "Honor Our Fathers" tribute. Please congratulate him!

**Sacred Heart, Oakwood - Cleaning Committee for August is Committee # 3.**

## STEWARDSHIP

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

### St. John the Evangelist

Given July 18, 2021 - \$3,318.50

*St. John's - \$34,500 Average expenses per month (salaries, utilities, regular monthly bills, does **not** include maintenance projects or ministries)*

God's Gift total Given as of July 21, 2021 - \$55,541.35

### Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given July 18, 2021- \$477.00

God's Gift total Given as of July 21, 2021 - \$5,147.00

Beginning the first weekend in August, we will be bringing up the Gifts and doing collection during Mass like normal.

**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.

## Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics	Sunday, July 25, 3:00pm
High School Youth Group	Sunday, July 25, 7:00 pm
Finance Council Mtg.	Thurs., July 29, 7:00 pm
High School Youth Group	Sunday, August 1, 7:00 pm
Youth Committee Mtg.	Tuesday, August 3, 6:30 pm
The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays until the end of August.	

**A Big Thank You** to all who sponsored our new grotto and for all the statues that have been donated over the last year.

These images of our Faith encourage us to reflect on heavenly things and remind us of the Communion of Saints.

They also help confirm our parish's Catholic identity. The church should always be the most beautiful and transcendent place to go to since the King of Kings resides here in the tabernacle.

## St. John Memorials

Joanie Anderson	\$20	Gathering Space
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**Holy Pilgrimage:** Tony Dumas and Fr. Jeff will be bringing Jesus throughout Grafton & Oakwood on Sunday, August 1st at 3:00 pm. So, keep your eyes peeled for the Lord in a Ford!

**A special Thank You to Frank Janousek for taking the time to spray the weeds in the church lawn.**

**Thank you to the many generous individuals who have contributed to helping pay for the plumbing project in the rectory and parish office. We only need to raise \$1,284.86 more to pay for the project in full!**

So far we have received a total of \$1,015.00 towards new flooring and furniture for the Gathering Space.

Thank you for supporting this upgrade.

The St. John Quilters have offered a quilt for the people who were in the apartment fires in Grafton. The quilts can be picked up at the Parish Office, Monday-Thursday from 8:30-4:30. Thank you to the ladies who made the quilts!

