



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

January 16, 2022
Second 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

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, Alexa Holt, William Jiskra, Mary Kerian, Nancy Miller, Jackie Osowski, Josie Suda, Maggie Suda, Molly Zahradka

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Parish Lay Directors: Ed Sevigny, Lori Cyr

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

Emails: contact Father Jeff at

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Bulletin - find it at stjohnsgrafton.com

Eucharistic Adoration

in the Adoration Chapel

Tuesday from 7am - 8am and 6pm-10pm

Wednesday from 10am - 10pm

Thursday from 6pm - 10pm

Friday from 7am - 9am

Need a ride to church:

Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730

Bulletin Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

With The Right Equip, No Broken Hip!

We are purchasing a Brush Attachment for our snow tractor, so we can keep the sidewalks clean in the winter. The cost is \$3,466.71. If you would like to help by donating, please make your check payable to St. John's and note that it is for the brush attachment. We have received \$250 so far. Thank you and God Bless You!



Last week I addressed the topic of receiving Holy Communion unworthily and how a Catholic should never do this. St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, had some very interesting reflections on the matter. He listed five ill effects that go with "unworthy communion".

1. First, it outrages God more than all other mortal sins. John Vianney believed that a man who takes "unworthy communion" attacks the person of Jesus Christ himself instead of scorning only his commandments, like other mortal sins (St. John Vianney, The Cure of Ars, Eucharistic Meditations, 2001).
2. Second, whoever communicates unworthily "crucifies Jesus Christ in his heart". The saintly priest stressed that the death of Jesus in Calvary seemed to affect even the least sensible of creatures but by receiving communion unworthily, man shows insensitivity to Christ's humiliation and insults Jesus further. He said, "My God, how can a Christian have the heart to go to the holy table with sin in his soul, there to put Jesus Christ to death"?
3. Third, "Unworthy Communion" is a more criminal profanation than that of the holy places. When one does something abominable inside that of a holy place, it is called "local sacrilege", which is considered a grave sin. But John Vianney emphasized that it is more grievous to receive Holy Communion under sinful circumstances. The saint said, "That poor wretch unites the Holy of Holies to a prostitute soul, and sells him to iniquity. Yes, that poor wretch plunges his God into a raging hell. Is it possible to conceive anything more dreadful"?
4. Fourth, "Unworthy Communion" is in certain respects a greater crime than the deicide of the Jews. Quoting St. Paul, the pastor said, "St. Paul tells us that if the Jews had known Jesus Christ as the Savior, they would never have put him to suffering or death; but can you my friend, be ignorant of him whom you are going to receive"? He said further, "If you are guilty, unhappy man, do not draw near; or else tremble, lest the thunders of heaven be hurled upon your criminal head to punish you and cast your soul into hell."
5. Fifth, "Unworthy Communion" imitates and renews the crime of Judas. According to this great saint, if Judas delivered Jesus to his enemies by a kiss of peace, an unworthy communicant carries his cruel duplicity by hiding or disguising some sins with a hypocritical reverence on his face and place himself among the faithful destined to eat this Bread.

Let's always receive Jesus worthily and with great love. May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Life in the Spirit Retreat: Deepen your relationship with the third person of the Blessed Trinity and awaken the gifts of the Holy Spirit in your life. **February 25-27, 2022** (registration begins at 6pm, seminar begins at 7pm on Friday and finishes at 3pm on Sunday) St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, Harvey, ND, Cost: free will offering. Pre-registration appreciated by February 21st. Register at raxtman@gondtc.com or call 701-324-2706 or the parish office stcecilia@gondtc.com or 324-2144 during business hours. Please see posters on bulletin boards for more information.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, January 15

10:00 am - Funeral for Robert Novak +
12:00 pm (noon) - Fatima Prayer
5:00 pm - Eva Mae Suda +

Sunday, January 16

7:30 am - Parishioners
9:30 am - Stanley Schuster +
3:00 pm - Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics

Monday, January 17

No Mass

Tuesday, January 18

5:15 pm - Vicky Hills +

Wednesday, January 19

5:15 pm - James & Emma Janousek +

Thursday, January 20

5:15 pm - Leatrice O'Keefe +

Friday, January 21

5:15 pm - John & Mary Pich & Family +

Saturday, January 22

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +
5:00 pm - Dan J & Theresa Demers +

Sunday, January 23

7:30 am - Alan Collette +
9:30 am - Parishioners



Our Sympathy
to the families of
Lennae Kosmatka,
Robert Novak,
Jennifer Sexsmith

Please Pray for the Sick: Harry Misialek, Ray Charlton, Donna Retterath, Michelle Kohler, Verna Aasand, Delores J. Novak, Ron & Betty Mayer, Heath & Anna Adamsen, Marie Boura, Mary Jo Olson, Denise Moe, Rosalie Axman, LeRoy French, Julius Wangler, Joy Reading, Rose Lauer, Lenaye Lauer Ensrud, Judy Smith, Danni Marie Scott, Joan Brien, Ron Houska, Greg from Texas, Jennifer Lynch, Linda Thompson, Travis Loveless, Darrah Isaacson, Moe Staffne, Ken Jarolimek, Adam Granados, Gary Moe, Steve Lessard, Amanda LaTraille, Rae Desautel, Jeff Collette, Ed Boura, Les Aasand, Steve Walters, Clifford Bailly, Chris Loveless, Linda Loveless, JoAnne Sevigny, Barb Foerster-Estad, Frances Schuster, Aldo Rodriguez, Marvin French, Kevin Bailly, Frances Boulduc, Ron Nowacki, Bonnie Shannon, Judy Wolter, Judy Jiskra, Suzanne Burns, Jodi McCarthy, Diane Lee, Hope Reis, Patrice & Thea Katz, Monica Rudnik, Chad Demers, Jeanne Silewski, Emma Basting, John Campbell, Roger Amiot, Kevin Hoenke, Adly Galle Jaehning

St. John Memorials

Robert Novak	\$10	Cemetery Fund
Jennifer Sexsmith	\$20	Gathering Space

Bottles for Life - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is January 23rd. We encourage you to pick up a baby bottle to take home and fill with your pocket change. Please return the bottles to the Church by Sunday, February 13th for pickup by the Pregnancy Help Center in Park River.

"I came to seek and save the lost" - Jesus

The Walsh County Food Pantry

is asking for donations of:

Pancake Syrup, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Coffee (1 pound containers preferred) Hamburger Helper Type Boxed Meals

STEWARDSHIP

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

~ St. John the Evangelist ~

Given January 9, 2021 - \$4,507.50

God's Gift total Given as of December 31, 2021 - \$64,591.00

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

~ Sacred Heart - Oakwood ~

Given January 9, 2021- \$430.00

God's Gift total Given as of December 31, 2021 - \$5,697.00

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton

We made it!

We Prayed 11,976 Rosaries!

Last April we reached 17,241 Rosaries.

We can beat this total by May when we start over!

Keep praying because we need God's Grace to end the pandemic and to convert Grafton and our surrounding towns!

Saving souls one bead at a time!



Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Holy Hour for Return of Catholics	Sunday, January 16, 3:00pm
Bible Study	Monday, January 17, 7:00pm
Finance Council Meeting	Tuesday, Jan. 18, 6:00pm
Teacher's Meeting	Tuesday, Jan. 18, 6:30pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, Jan. 18, 7:00-8:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., January 19, 6:30am
Faith Formation, Grades 1-4	Wed., January 19, 6:30-7:30pm
High School Youth Group	Wed., January 19, 7:30-8:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., January 20, 10:00am
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., January 20, 7:15pm
Fr. Jeff will be gone	Monday, January 24 - Saturday, February 5
Bible Study	Monday, January 24, 7:00pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, Jan. 25, 7:00-8:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., January 26, 6:30am
Faith Formation, Grades 5-8	Wed., January 26, 6:30-7:30pm
High School Youth Group	Wed., January 26, 7:30-8:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., January 27, 10:00am
Bible Study	Monday, January 31, 7:00pm

Redeemed Women's Conference 2022

Trusted Sister

blesed to be a blessing ... growing in faith & friendship

Friday, March 4th, Evening and Saturday, March 5, All Day Music - Adoration - Mass - Confession

Inspirational Speakers: Bishop John Folda, Dr. Helen Alvare, Dr. Kenneth Flanagan, Marcie Stokman, The Vigil Project

Registration & Information:

fargodiocese.org/RedeemedWomen

Diocese of Fargo 701-356-7900

\$50: Includes meal & refreshments - \$75 after Feb. 14th.

Delta by Marriot, 1635 42 St. S. Fargo, discounted rooms, request 'Women's Conference Block'. Delta By Marriot 701-277-9000, Expressway Inn 701-239-4303.

Celebrate Life - St. Michael's Catholic Church in Grand Forks, Mass for Life January 22nd at 5pm. Christopher Dodson will be speaking in "What if Roe vs Wade is Overturned". Chili Feed at 6pm, free will offering. Sponsored by the St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council #1260.

