



Mission Statement

St. John the Evangelist Parish is a Catholic Community of believers who worship God and share faith with others through welcoming, encouraging, sharing, reconciling, being faithful, praying and healing in Jesus' name.

Eucharist Schedule

Saturdays: 5 p.m.

Sundays: 7:30 a.m. - Oakwood
9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Sundays: 7:10 a.m. - Oakwood
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Adoration – Thursday, 5-10 p.m.

Parish Office: 352-1648

Fr. Tim's Cell phone - 520-0838

Fax number: 352-1608

Parish Kitchen: 352-0499

Pastor: Fr. Tim Schroeder

Deacon/Pastoral Minister:

Rev. Mr. Michael Grzadzielewski

Administrative Assist to the Pastor/

LSTC Coordinator: Rose Marie Kerner

Faith Formation/Music: Brent Hermans

Office Manager: Beverly Dolan

Parish Maintenance: Paul Bina

Parish Lay Directors: Carol Bina, Brad Suda

Pastoral Council: David Demester, Mary (John) Dusek, Mary (Tom) Dusek, Todd Forbord, Jesse Forster, Monica Gorder, Bryan Hurst, Cindy Janousek, Nancy Miller, Christopher Quinamot, Micky Schumacher, Al Szklarski, Marta Balderas - Hispanic Ministry Liaison.

Finance Council: Rita Amiot, Russ Carignan, George "Buzz" Burns, Brad Suda, Linda Schumacher, Carol Bina, JoAnn Lizakowski.

Baptism Prep Classes - Second Thursday - 7 p.m. in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

Formed: Youth and Adult Faith Formation at formed.org. Parish Access code: PNWMV2

Bulletin - find it at:

stjohnsgrafftonnd.com

Emails: Fr. Tim at

timothy.schroeder@fargodiocese.org

Bev at bev.stjohns@midconetwork.com

Need a ride to church? Call Frank Janousek at 352-1567 or Jim Kosmatka at 352-3089.

Saint John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

1515 Western Ave

Grafton ND 58237

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 3, 2016

Divine Mercy Sunday/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Sunday, April 3, The Second Sunday of Easter. We will have our Holy Hour from 1 - 3 p.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Scriptural Rosary.

Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary – Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:30 p.m.

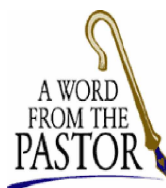
Faith Formation – No Classes this week. Those who are being confirmed on Friday will need to attend a practice on Wednesday, April 6, at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's in Park River.

Parish Potluck of Celebration – Sunday, April 10, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. This is a PARISH celebration for those who have received the sacrament of Confirmation. ALL are invited to attend and bring a dish to share.

Women's Cursillo Grouping – April 5 and 19 by the statues in the church at St. John's. **Cursillo School of Leaders** meeting at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, at Frank and Cindy Janousek's home - 6505 147th Ave NE, Grafton.

Needed - Someone to chair the Parish Celebration Potluck for our Confirmation/First Eucharist students on Sunday, April 10th following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Contact Rose Marie (520-0591) if you are interested.

"Calling Youth to Mission, Equipping Young Disciples" The Youth Department is bringing Joan Weber in to give this workshop. Session 1 - Following Christ - Mini Retreat; Session 2 - Calling Youth to Missionary Discipleship; Session 3 - Becoming a Disciple Building Parish; Session 4 - Disciple Building Action Plan! Cost for the workshop is \$25 and this includes resources and meals. The Deadline to register is April 14. Anyone working with students in grades 6-12 are invited. Saturday, April 23, Holy Family, Grand Forks - 8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.; Sunday, April 24, St. Joseph's, Devils Lake - 10 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.; To register, either call Kathy at 701-356-7902 or fargodiocese.org/cmdregistration.



The bishop asked us priests to attend a Joint Theological Day with the Lutherans called, "Creation Conversation; Acting on the Message of Pope Francis." I never received a count of how many people attended but someone said that there were about 325 priests from two states and many ministers present. This is the first time in my almost 28 years as a priest, that I have taken part in such an event. It was quite amazing as we prayed together and we discussed something that was our common ground: "protecting our earth for future generations." I grew up with stewardship days as materials were passed out about being good stewards of the earth. I am reminded of that every time I see the dirt blowing on a field that has no cover. As a former farmer that bugs me to no end. Dad would complain about farmers that tried to get in the fields too early and they would leave the best top soil strewn on the highway. There is something that stirs the heart of every responsible farmer when dirt blows and that happens. And when trees are taken out and not replaced. The "Dirty Thirties" could easily happen again where huge dust storms, drifts of soil, destroy the future of farming and hunger becomes a daily reality. It has happened in big portions of the globe already. We talked about the whole earth, as we know it, being in danger, the message of Pope Francis and the last two popes as well. Hopefully, you will read Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, "Laudato Si' on Care For Our Common Home." You can find it on the Vatican Website. <http://www.vaticanstate.va/>

Fr. Kurt said 350 clergy from the Crookston and Fargo Dioceses and the ELCA Synod of Northwest Minnesota and Eastern North Dakota were together discussing Pope Francis' document.

Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday, April 2

5:00 p.m. – June Orleans +

Sunday, April 3 Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 a.m.– Oakwood – Parishioners

9:30 a.m. – Blanche Cernik +

Monday, April 4

No Mass

Tuesday, April 5

5:15 p.m. – No Mass

Wednesday, April 6

10:15 a.m. – Sunset – Bernie, Rose & Jim Meister +

Thursday, April 7

9:00 a.m. – Donald Krom +

1:45 p.m. – LSTC - Helen Linhart +

Friday, April 8

9:00 a.m. – Irene Silewski +

Saturday, April 9

5:00 p.m. – Jessica Diaz +

Sunday, April 10

7:30 a.m.– Oakwood – Parishioners

9:30 a.m. – Frank Aasand +

Prayers for the Sick/Oracion por los enfermos:

Policy for St. John’s and Sacred Heart: Requests

run for 3 consecutive weeks. Paul Brodeur, Lea O’Keefe, Lon Burns, Raymond Charlton, Sr., Anita LaBerge, Abbot Brian Wangler, Clark Lunde, Greg Dusek, Ardell Krom, Deanne Pilon, Alice Seigny, Bob LaHaise, Dale Shirek, Douglas Praska, Helen Zikmund, Jim Greenwood, Tom Hartje, Hope Reis, Diane Lee, Leland Bailly, Bill Bruer, Adly Galle Jaehning.

*** Right to Life ***

“Promoting easy access to RU-486 and other drugs that induce abortion risks trivializing the termination of a pregnancy., commercializing abortion medication can turn “an unwanted pregnancy into being almost like an annoying cold to be gotten rid of with a pill.” Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Academy for Life.

Prayer – That we may open the eyes of the blind to the truth that every human life is sacred.

Problem Pregnancy – Call 701-284-6601.

Serving in Iraq – J.D. Raul Contreras – Please pray for our service people.

Divine Mercy Sunday - All are invited to a special Holy Hour in honor of Divine Mercy to be held on Sunday on April 3, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw

St. Stanislaus Church Breakfast - Sunday, April 3, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Pancakes, Langdon sausages, scrambled eggs, muffins, coffee and juice. Free Will Offering. St. Stanislaus Mass is at 10:30 a.m.

Ministry	April 9	April 10	April 16	April 17
April Eucharistic Ministers	5 P.M. Paten: Doris Dahlgren, Ron Pich Chalice: Betty Feltman, Catherine Pich, Kay Wilebski, Kathy Grzadzielewski 9:30 A.M. Paten: Greg Campbell, Mary Dusek, Lee Lessard Chalice: Marty Balderas, John Dusek, JoAnn Lizakowski, Donald Suda			
Proclaimers	Cynthia Janousek	Jack Desautel	Lunette Kliniske	Paul Dolan
Altar Servers	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	Logan Dusek Tony Balderas Moes	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	Mayers John Schumacher Rylie Suda
Greeters	Theresa Lutovsky Paulette Moberg Jesse Forster	Debbie Aasand Jean Clark Clarice Dusek	Lee & Linda Lessard Shirley Tisdale	Judy Keeley Olivine Houdek Pat Dusek
Money Counters		Judy Keeley LaRae Osowski		Marilyn Bryan Jim Kosmatka

† STEWARDSHIP ☒			
Let us honor God with our first fruits rather than the leftovers.			
March 27 \$ 6,065.51			
Given in 2016			
\$ 88,683.72			\$355,000.00
\$ 58,844.00	God’s Gift Appeal 78%		\$ 75,780.00
\$ 332,370.78	Sowing Seeds Campaign		\$741,989.00
\$ 280.00	Kitchen		
\$ 10.00	Window		
\$	Jail Ministry		
\$ 575.00	Memorials - Unrestricted		
\$ 45.00	Music		
\$	Adoration Chapel		

Stewardship Moment – “Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20:21) Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share His peace and Good News, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. We should look for opportunities to share His peace with our brothers and sisters not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, you will receive the peace of Christ.

Caring for Yourself and Your Child - there will be 3 - 1 hr. classes focusing on understanding stress as a parent, managing stress as a parent and managing your child’s stress, and the importance of a support system. April 4, 11, and 18 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Chase Building, 516 Cooper Ave - Lila Mielke Room. Contact Connie Kaste at 331-0087 for more information or if daycare is needed. Free course that is open to the public.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Learn NFP at home and at your own pace with the Home Study Course from NFP International, www.nfpandmore.org. It includes Ecological Breastfeeding (it really can space babies), a double check system of fertility awareness, and Catholic teaching that’s easy to understand. Work with a live instructor by email. Completion certificate. Only \$70 for the course. We are listed at the U.S. Bishops’ website under NFP long distance learning: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/nfp-distance-learning.cfm>. Steve Craig, Executive Director

Unity Medical Center - Diabetes Support Group – All programs will be held at 5 p.m. in the Unity Clinic lobby area. All are welcome! Free door prizes at each meeting. Our next meeting is on April 25. Michelle Hensel from the Collette Fitness Center will be our guest speaker. She will discuss various activities and classes that are available through the Fitness Center for meeting your physical activity goals in a fun way!

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Sunday, April 10
Proclaimer: Dave Cyr
April Cleaning - Group 2

Collection: 3/27 \$ 728.00
Year to Date: \$ 6,725.80
God’s Gift Goal \$ 7,895.00
Year to Date: 55% \$4,320.00

Lay Directors: Dennis LeClerc and Lori Cyr

Pastoral/Finance Council: Mark Gourde, Cindy Collette, Lee Osowski, Kelda Rerick, Susan Suda.

PRAYER & REFLECTION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR

The Jubilee is a time for mercy, joy, forgiveness and hope. We journey together in body and spirit on pilgrimage to our destination in heaven where God will wipe away every tear. We recall that Jesus is the Door, and as we walk through the Door we can imagine ourselves walking into his heart.

*Suggested prayer as you walk
through the Holy Door*

"Lord Jesus purify my heart as I walk through this Holy Door. I enter into the most holy dwelling place of your heart. Let me leave behind all that is not of you and receive your infinite gift of mercy, which I do not deserve. Through the strength of your love, sustain me, O Lord, in the inner peaceful dwelling of your heart. Be always my companion on this life's pilgrimage toward You. Help me to strive for patient perseverance as I mature in faith and accept with thanksgiving the joy that your Gospel brings. Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen."

*Reflection after walking
through the Holy Door*

Passing through the Holy Door we recall the pilgrimage of our life journey, the struggles and joys. Take some time in the church after you have crossed the threshold of the Holy Door to contemplate this renewed sense of hope and reflect on Jesus who also knocks on the door to your heart and asks to come in.

LIFE ITSELF IS A PILGRIMAGE

"The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a *viator*, a pilgrim travelling along the road, making his way to the desired destination. Similarly, to reach the Holy Door in Rome or in any other place in the world, everyone, each according to his or her ability, will have to make a pilgrimage. This will be a sign that mercy is also a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice. May pilgrimage be an impetus to conversion: by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God's mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us." Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus* 14

CHURCHES IN THE DIOCESE OF FARGO WITH HOLY DOORS

- Cathedral of St. Mary, Fargo
- St. Joseph, Devils Lake
- Carmel of Mary, Wahpeton
- St. Michael, Grand Forks
- St. Ann, Belcourt
- St. Philip Neri, Napoleon
- St. Cecilia, Harvey
- St. Stanislaus, Warsaw
- Basilica of St. James, Jamestown

PILGRIMAGE SITES WITH HOLY DOORS OUTSIDE OF THE DIOCESE OF FARGO

- Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck, ND
- Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston, MN
- Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls, SD
- Cathedral of St. Boniface, Winnipeg, Canada
- Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, LaCrosse, WI

THE DIOCESE OF FARGO

www.fargodiocese.org/yearofmercy



HOLY DOOR & PILGRIMAGE

"MERCIFUL LIKE
THE FATHER"

EXTRAORDINARY

Jubilee of Mercy

December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016

THE HOLY DOOR OF MERCY

The Jubilee Year of Mercy includes the opening of the Holy Door. The Holy Father proclaims, "the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy in which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope." Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus* 3

The Holy Door is a specially designated entrance that has spiritual and symbolic meaning. The door becomes a symbol of Christ. Jesus says, "I am the Door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved." (John 10:9)



The Holy Door is also a pathway of grace. To focus upon the door is to recall the responsibility of every believer to cross its threshold. To pass through that door means to receive the offer of mercy given to us and to begin anew. It is to strengthen our faith in him and to leave behind sin as we enter into grace.

There is only one way that opens wide the entrance into the life of communion with God: this is Jesus. To him alone can the words of the Psalmist be applied in full truth: "This is the door of the Lord where the just may enter" (Ps 118:20).

Pilgrims receive a plenary indulgence when they prayerfully enter through the Holy Door (see brochure "Confession and Indulgences" for the conditions for receiving the Jubilee Indulgence).

Pope St. John Paul II opening the Holy Door for the extraordinary Jubilee in 1983

In Rome there are four basilicas that have Holy Doors which are only opened during a Jubilee Year. For most cathedrals and other designated churches in the world a normal door will be converted into a Holy Door for the Jubilee Year.



The tradition of opening a Holy Door during Jubilee Years first occurred officially in 1500, and followed thereafter as an important rite of passage for a Jubilee Year. The last Jubilee Year occurred in 2000 and the next ordinary Jubilee will be celebrated in 2025.

The Holy Father will begin the ceremony by opening the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica on December 8, 2015. The Holy Father has asked that a Holy Door of Mercy be opened in the cathedrals and other churches of significance around the world on December 13, 2015.

Here in the Diocese of Fargo, the Holy Door will be opened at the Cathedral of St. Mary and in other designated churches around the diocese on that day. The Holy Door will then be closed on the Sunday celebrating Christ the King, November 20, 2016.

Bishop Sullivan opens the Holy Door for the Great Jubilee of 2000 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo



PILGRIMAGE



Passage through the Holy Door is by way of pilgrimage, as the Holy Father says, "To reach the Holy Door everyone, each according to his or her ability, will have to make a pilgrimage."

Pilgrimage is a journey from one place to another where we open ourselves to encounter God. Pilgrimage is a reflection of our life journey, the joys and sorrows and the constant movement forward until we reach our destination.

There is a difference between being a pilgrim and being a tourist. A tourist goes on vacation to see things, while a pilgrim goes on a pilgrimage with a special intent to encounter God and travels with hope for graces to be received. People generally associate pilgrimage with traveling far away to the Holy Land or Rome, but a pilgrimage can also be to holy places right in your own town.

For those unable to make a physical pilgrimage, such as the sick, elderly or imprisoned, the Holy Father says they can offer their suffering as an experience of closeness to the Lord. It is with faith, joyful hope, receiving communion and prayer that the Jubilee Indulgence can then be obtained.

Pilgrims can travel to their sacred destination by any means, but the traditional way is by walking. As the Holy Father mentions for this Holy Year of Mercy, the journey of the pilgrimage "... will be a sign that mercy is a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice." *Misericordiae vultus* 14