



## 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.

11:30 a.m. - Mass in Spanish

## 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](http://formed.org). Parish Access code: PNWMV2

Bulletin - find it at: [stjohnsgrafftonnd.com](http://stjohnsgrafftonnd.com)  
Emails: Fr. Tim at [timothy.schroeder@fargodiocese.org](mailto:timothy.schroeder@fargodiocese.org)  
Bev at [bev.stjohns@midconetwork.com](mailto: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

Ascension Sunday

May 8, 2016



## Happy Mother's Day

From Father Tim  
And the Parish Team

**KC Meeting** – Monday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in the KC Room. We will have State Convention updates and be working on annual planning.

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

**VBS Coordinator Needed** - We need someone to coordinate this event. If we don't get a volunteer, we will, unfortunately, not be able to have VBS this summer. If you are willing to do this, please call Brent at 520-2680 soon!

**USPS Food Drive** – Saturday, May 14. We need your help, again, for our annual USPS Letter Carriers Food Drive. Please put your non-perishable items by your mail box for your carrier to pick up. If you are not going to be home, you can leave your donations by the mailbox earlier that week or drop them off at the post office. Our goal this year is to break our personal record of 2,300 lbs collected in a food drive.



**Parish Pancake Breakfast Benefit for the School in Haiti** - Sunday, May 15, from 8:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. St. John's is raising funds to build a Catholic School in Haiti. Please come and support this worthwhile cause!

**Catholic Bethlehem Christian Families** – Representatives will be here on the weekend of May 21/22 after Masses, to ask for your help and blessing for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. Due to recent events in the Middle East, the families rely on the income from their religious hand carved olive wood artifacts to tourists. All proceeds from sales will be sent back to the Christian families of the Holy Land. Please browse their items and have something from the Holy Land.

**Deacon Robert E. Keller** – has been approved for ordination to the priesthood on June 4, 2016, at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Fargo.



We celebrate The Ascension of the Lord today. Jesus ascended but he told his disciples to "stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). The disciples then "returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising God" (Luke 24:53). Because of Jesus' command for them to wait until they are "clothed with power from on high," and the disciples' response of praising God in prayer, I invited people this last week to come to St. John's Church from 9 to 10 p.m. to pray a Novena to the Holy Spirit. We will continue that Novena all this week until Pentecost. I hope you can join us at some point even if you cannot stay a whole hour. I invite you to pray consciously for the coming of the Holy Spirit every day this week, even if you do not come to Adoration. You can pray a decade (One Our Father and 10 Hail Marys) of the Rosary for the coming of the Holy Spirit over yourself personally, over your family, and over your parish. There are many questions that need the Counselor who is all knowing, all loving and all powerful. One particular intention I would like to pray for is for guidance about building a school building in Haiti for our Twin Parish. Can you ask the Holy Spirit at what level you can be involved? Pope Francis has encouraged each diocese, in this Year of Mercy, to do something for an underprivileged people, and he mentions in particular building a school. The bishop has given us permission so let us move ahead with boldness following the Spirit's lead.

Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday, May 7

11:00 a.m. – Funeral for Dorothy Martell +

5:00 p.m. – Mitsy Flicek Knoll +

Sunday, May 8 Mother’s Day

7:30 a.m.– Oakwood – Parishioners

9:30 a.m. – Geraldine French +

11:30 a.m. – Mass in Spanish – Carolina Mendoza +

Monday, May 9

8:30 p.m. (night) - Haiti - Followed by Adoration

Tuesday, May 10

5:15 p.m. – Frank Aasand +

Wednesday, May 11

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

Thursday, May 12

9:00 a.m. – Alice Sevigny +

1:45 p.m. – Robert MacDonald +

Friday, May 13

9:00 a.m. – Donald Krom +

Saturday, May 14

5:00 p.m. – Blanche Cernik +

Sunday, May 15 Pentecost

7:30 a.m.– Oakwood – Ron Demers +

9:30 a.m. – Greg Dusek (Rec)

11:30 a.m . – Mass in Spanish – Parishioners

Novena to the Holy Spirit: 9-10 p.m. daily until Saturday, May 14.

Prayers for the Sick/Oracion por los enfermos:

Policy for St. John’s and Sacred Heart: Requests run for 3 consecutive weeks. Mary Schnetzer, LeAnn Baldwin, Frank Dolan, Judy Carlson, Judy O’Toole, Shirley O’Toole, Jennifer Hills, Kim Gourde Heazlett, Paul Brodeur, Raymond Charlton, Sr., Abbot Brian Wangler, Deanne Pilon, Bob LaHaise, Dale Shirek, Douglas Praska, Tom Hartje, Hope Reis, Diane Lee, Leland Bailly, Bill Bruers, Adly Galle Jaehning.

Our Sympathies: to the family of Dorothy Martell; to the family of Jack Pederson, to the family of Frank Faller, including Rose Faller of our parish.

\*\*\* Right to Life \*\*\*

In Mary’s acceptance of unwed motherhood, we have “an incomparable model of how life should be welcomed and cared for.” (“Mary and the Gospel of Life” Pamphlet published by Catholics United for Life) Prayer – For all expectant mothers, that they may see the infinite love of the Creator in each unborn child. Problem Pregnancy – Call 701-284-6601.

David Stark Benefit – Thursday, May 12, 3-7 p.m. at Marketplace on 8<sup>th</sup>. BBQ and Bake Sale

Bridal Shower – Brittany Ungs, bride to be of John LeClerc, Saturday, May 14, 1 p.m. at the Choice Financial Building, 38 W 6<sup>th</sup> St., Grafton.

Ministry	May 14	May 15	May 21	May 22
May Eucharistic Ministers	5 P.M. Paten: Barb Foerster-Estad, Patricia Kram Chalice: Mary Bailly, Carol Bina, Sue Callahan, Mike Such 9:30 A.M. Paten: Elaine Novak, Jim Schieffer, Dean Woinarowicz Chalice: Debbie Aasand, Rosa Aguilar, David Schumacher, Amy Lynn Suda			
Proclaimers	Brian Van Bruggen	Kevin Frederickson	Alysia Wilde	Dan Gaustad
Altar Servers	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	Logan Dusek Tony Balderas John Schumacher Moes	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	Mayers William Jiskra Parsons
Greeters	Sheila Trontvet Jo Dusek Doris Dahlgren	Greg Campbell family LeAnn Baldwin	Lee & Linda Lessard Sandi Brodeur	Vicki Midgarden Clarice Dusek Delores Novak
Money Counters		LaRae Osowski Leonard Novak		Mark Gourde Charla Nelson

† STEWARDSHIP ☒			
Let us honor God with our first fruits rather than the leftovers.			
May 1 \$ 9,760.01			
Given in 2016			
\$ 126,399.44			\$355,000.00
\$ 67,577.00	God’s Gift Appeal 89%		\$ 75,780.00
\$ 528,743.11	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 – “I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelations 22:13) This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, seven days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle: it’s how I make all my decisions.

Unity Medical Center Auxiliary Silver Tea – Tuesday, May 10, 2-4 p.m. in the Unity Hospital Conference Room. (Use the Hospital Front Entrance) Free will offering and drawing for door prize!

Elementary School Principal - St. John’s Academy – Jamestown ND - Successful candidates must be a practicing Catholic with knowledge of Catholic teachings. Candidates must also hold a current ND Teaching Certificate and ND Principal’s Credential. Application deadline is Friday, May 20, with anticipated start date of July 1. Submit cover letter, resume, administrator application, licensures, transcripts and three letters of recommendation to Msgr. Jeffrey Wald at [jeffrey.wald@fargodiocese.org](mailto:jeffrey.wald@fargodiocese.org)

St. Thomas Quinas Newman Center (UND Campus) in Grand Forks is accepting applications for a FT Development Director. This position will be responsible for fund raising activities/events and communications. Successful candidate will have a passion for the mission of Catholic campus ministry, enthusiasm with interpersonal and communication skills, campus ministry experience or three years of demonstrated development experience. To apply, send cover letter and resume with three work references to: [luke.meyer@fargodiocese.org](mailto:luke.meyer@fargodiocese.org).

Park River Bible Camp 2016 Summer Concerts are as follows: June 5 - Peder Eide, June 12- John Bedore, June 19 - Sue Ann Berntson & Family, June 26 - High Plains Trio, July 10 - Sacred Variety, July 17 - Rachel Kurtz, July 24 - Staff Concert/Drama and July 31 - Amy Redding & Family. Concerts start at 7 p.m.

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Sunday, May 15  
Proclaimer: Ed Sevigny  
May Cleaning - Group 3

Collection: 4/24/16 \$1,082.00  
Year to Date: \$ 9,865.12  
God’s Gift Goal \$ 7,895.00  
Year to Date: 75% \$ 5,895.00

Lay Directors: Dennis LeClerc and Lori Cyr

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



## Three Conditions

Along with the prescribed work, three conditions also must be met:

- 1) Make a sacramental confession within a few days (20 or less) of the pilgrimage or work of mercy
- 2) Worthily receive Holy Communion
- 3) Pray for the Holy Father's intentions (an Our Father and Hail Mary is sufficient)

The Jubilee Indulgence is a plenary indulgence. That means that if one is completely detached from sin, the Lord grants the full remission of the temporal punishment due one's sins. If there is not yet complete detachment from sin, however, one still receives a partial indulgence.

A plenary indulgence may be received once a day. It may always be applied to oneself or to the soul of someone who has died, but cannot be applied to another living person. A single sacramental confession suffices for gaining several plenary indulgences, but Holy Communion must be received and prayer for the Holy Father's intention must be said for each plenary indulgence.



Pope Francis has taken into consideration those who will not be able to go through the Holy Door because of sickness, old age, or incarceration. The elderly and sick who are unable to go through the Holy Door may receive the Jubilee Indulgence by offering up their sufferings, praying for the Pope, and receiving communion. Those in prison may use the door of their cell as a Holy Door and with the other conditions, receive the Indulgence.

GROW IN LOVE  
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RATHER THAN TO FALL  
.....  
BACK INTO SIN

"Reconciliation with God is made possible through the paschal mystery and the mediation of the Church. Thus God is always ready to forgive, and he never tires of forgiving in ways that are continually new and surprising. Nevertheless, all of us know well the experience of sin. We know that we are called to perfection (cf. Mt 5:48), yet we feel the heavy burden of sin. Though we feel the transforming power of grace, we also feel the effects of sin typical of our fallen state. Despite being forgiven, the conflicting consequences of our sins remain. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives our sins, which he truly blots out; and yet sin leaves a negative effect on the way we think and act. But the mercy of God is stronger even than this. It becomes indulgence on the part of the Father who, through the Bride of Christ, his Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him from every residue left by the consequences of sin, enabling him to act with charity, to grow in love rather than to fall back into sin."

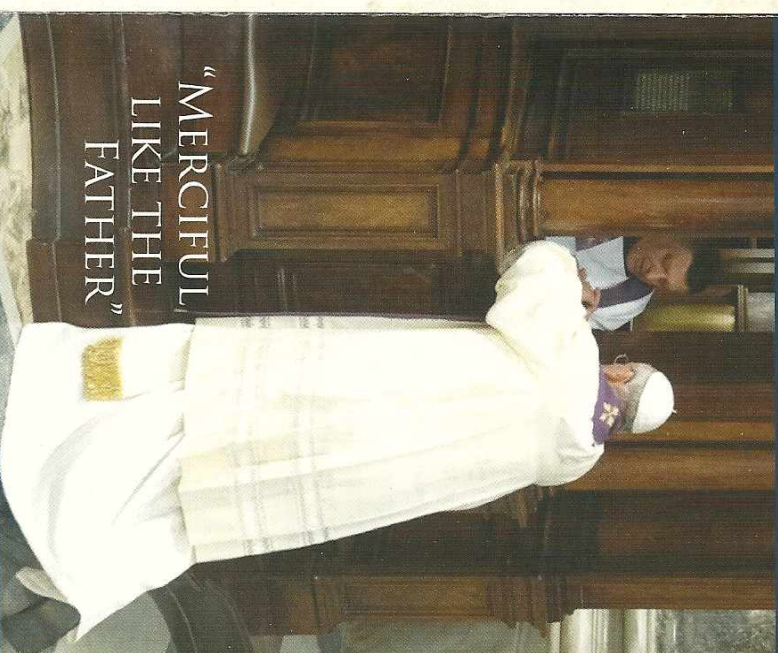
Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus* 22



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# CONFESSION & INDULGENCES



"MERCIFUL  
LIKE THE  
FATHER"

EXTRAORDINARY

Jubilee of Mercy

December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016



A JUBILEE OF MERCY

*Mercy is real.*

Pope Francis desires this Jubilee Year of Mercy to be an “extraordinary moment of grace and spiritual renewal”. In particular, he wants us to really be convinced that God’s Mercy is real. “... the mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but a concrete reality... it gushes forth from the depths naturally, full of tenderness and compassion, indulgence and mercy.” Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus* 6

*Mercy is a gift.*

We see this gift most clearly in his Son, Jesus. He felt deep compassion for his people, who were spiritually lost and without a guide. (Mt. 9:36) He showed merciful love to the sick and to those oppressed by demons by healing them and freeing them from the power of evil. (Mt. 14:1-14, Mk 5:19) But most of all, he showed his mercy when he forgave sins. (Lk. 5:20, Jn. 8:10-11)

*Mercy is a command.*

The motto for the Year of Mercy, “Merciful like the Father”, comes from Luke 6:36, “Be merciful just as our Father is merciful”. God’s command that we be merciful to others is not an arbitrary law, but is rather part of being a consistent person. If we have been forgiven by God, how can we not forgive others?

Pope Francis points out that we often struggle to be merciful to others. “The present-day mentality, more perhaps than that of people in the past, seems opposed to a God of mercy, and in fact tends to exclude from life and to remove from the human heart the very idea of mercy.” Pope Francis quoting St. John Paul II, *Misericordiae vultus* 17. To be merciful as the Father is merciful requires that we first receive his mercy. That means we need to acknowledge our own sins. This isn’t always easy, but our Lord and his Church both assist us through the sacrament of reconciliation and the practice of receiving indulgences.

CONFESSION

In order to be merciful to others, it is important that we first experience God’s mercy towards us. The best way to do this is to make a habit of going to confession. The Jubilee of Mercy is a time for priests to invite their people to come to confession and give them more opportunities for confession.

If it has been a long time since you have been to confession, the Jubilee of Mercy is a great time to start again. Confession isn’t that hard. The steps to making a good confession are as follows:

- Know your sins
- Be sorry for them
- Confess them to the priest
- Do your penance

There are also many great guides available in print, on-line, and even as mobile phone apps, that can help prepare you for confession.



Frequent confession is also important during the Jubilee of Mercy. Bishop Fola recommends that the faithful go to confession once every 4 to 6 weeks.

As part of the jubilee celebration, Pope Francis has asked every diocese throughout the world to participate in “24 hours for the Lord.” This will take place on March 3rd and 4th, 2016 and will be a period of extended availability for the sacrament of confession.

JUBILEE INDULGENCE



During the Jubilee of Mercy Pope Francis has declared that there will be a special Jubilee Indulgence which all of the faithful may receive. An indulgence is the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins which have been forgiven. Sin has both eternal and temporal consequences. In confession, the eternal consequences are forgiven, but the damage we have done to ourselves and to others here on earth remains, and God asks us to assist him in making amends. When we cooperate with God in doing good works and offering up our sufferings we are purified from the residue of sin. If we die without being completely purified, God, in his mercy, allows us to complete our purification in purgatory.

An indulgence is exactly what its name implies. It is God the Father, through Christ’s spouse, the Church, being indulgent with his children. It is like the mother who, knowing that her child will not be able to clean up the mess he has made, simply asks him to pick up a couple of toys by himself and then assists him to clean up the rest.

To receive the Jubilee Indulgence one must do one of the two works prescribed by Pope Francis:

- 1) Make a brief pilgrimage to the Holy Door either in the Cathedral or in one of the other churches that has one (see brochure “Holy Door & Pilgrimage”).
- OR**
- 2) Perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy (see brochure “The Works of Mercy”).