



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

1515 Western Ave.

Grafton, ND 58237

Mission Statement

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019

To walk by Faith,
to be known by Love
and to be a Beacon of Light
in our community.

We are asking that you pray 3 Hail Marys after each Mass for people to come back to their Catholic Faith.

Eucharist Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - St. John's, Grafton

Sundays: 7:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart, Oakwood
9:30 a.m. - St. John's, Grafton

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. - St. John's

Sundays: 7:10 a.m. - Sacred Heart, Oakwood
9:00 - 9:15 a.m. - St. John's

Adoration - Thursday, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Parish Office: 352-1648

Fr. Tim's Cell phone: 520-0838

Parish Kitchen: 352-0499

Pastor: Fr. Timothy Schroeder

Retired Priest in Residence:

Fr. Bernard Schneider

Deacon/Pastoral Minister:

Rev. Mr. Michael Grzadzielewski

Administrative Assist. to the Pastor/

LSTC Coordinator:

Faith Formation/Music: Brent Hermans

Parish Secretary: DeeDee Vogtsland

Environmental Services: David Demester
Paul Bina

Parish Lay Directors: Paul Houdek,
Mary (John) Dusek

Pastoral Council: Jeff Blanchard, Leanne Campbell, Kelly Dokken, Paul Dolan, Brittany Dusek, Jesse Forster, Lee Lessard, Nancy Miller, Denise Moe, Micky Schumacher, John Suda, Al Szklarski, Marta Balderas - Hispanic Ministry Liaison

Finance Council: Matt Beneda, Mary (John) Dusek, Paul Houdek, JoAnn Lizakowski, Kathy Maus, Donny Suda, Stacey Van Bruggen

Baptism Prep Classes: The Second Thursday - 7 pm in the Gathering Space
Please call 352-1648 to register.

FORMED: Youth & Adult Faith Formation at formed.org Parish Access code: PNWMV2

Bulletin- find it at stjohnsgraffon.com
Bulletin deadline is Wednesday!

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Need a ride to Church? Call:
Frank Janousek at 520-1730
or Jim Kosmatka at 360-2061

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Sunday, April 7th from 1:00-3:00 pm. Please join us for some or all of this time of prayer.

Presence - Today, March 31st and also on April 7th. Please join us for Lunch after Mass, followed by the Study. Books are available at the parish office for \$5.00 if you would like to purchase one.

Palm Braiding - Fayqa will be leading us in braiding palms on Saturday, April 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. Please come and join us.

Last week we heard about God speaking to Moses from the burning bush. You can have your own "burning bush" experience right here at St. John's! God speaks to us in the silence. Jesus is truly present in "Blessed Sacrament". Maybe you can go into His Living Presence this week in our Adoration Chapel even if you do not sign up to take an hour for Eucharistic Adoration. If two people have committed to that hour, the chapel is open for your worship. One person wrote the following: "I just want to share this with you. I went to the Adoration chapel for the first time. I felt the Holy Spirit touch me. I had no idea what to do, but I talked to Jesus and told him I was sorry for my sins and that I loved being there with him today. It was amazing."



Next weekend at 7 PM on Saturday we have Confirmation and First Communion for 14 of our children. Please pray for them and their parents... I became aware of a nation-wide study that has been done. There were a million babies baptized Roman Catholic in the USA 14 years ago and by the time they reached the age of 7 only 800,000 came to any form of religion. And today of those million only 550,000 are coming to religion classes of any kind. There is a continual decline in people practicing their religion. What is needed are parents who are convinced of the Living Presence of Christ. If we ask most parents what their goals are for their children, they would say for them to have a good education, to be successful (thinking financial), to be good citizens, and those sort of things. These are all good, but something is often missing. That is why many will insist that their children go to school to graduate, but it is their choice whether they come to senior religion. What is happening? Our Catholics are not becoming disciples who are keeping God number one. Disciples of Jesus might say their number one goal for their children would be for them to make it to heaven. They might say, "I would rather see them persecuted for Christ and make it to heaven than be comfortable in this world and go the route of the Rich Man in the Jesus story about Lazarus and the Rich Man. As for many of our parents, if God were number one, would they skip Mass when sporting events are scheduled for the weekend? Our faith tells us that it is deadly to the spiritual life and that shapes the children. What we need is a new evangelizing effort. That is why I am asking you to invite people to come to things like Presence at 11 AM this Sunday. It is a reflection on the Living Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. I need to enlist you, who still care enough to read this, to become inviters. It is very simple. Listen to one of the CDs in our collection in the Gathering Space or listen to one of the talks on our Formed.org website and pray about whom you should give it to. Go to them and say, "Hey I listened to this great talk. I wonder if you would give it a listen. I would love to hear your thoughts on it. Would you give it a listen?" Then get back to them later. We need to be persistent and consistent. Sometimes people need to hear it more than once and maybe from different people, until the time is right. If the chain of transmitting the faith is broken, our children will not have it to pass on!!! It only takes one generation for this to happen. Be the disciples who begin a new trend making new disciples more numerous than the previous generation.