



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

September 8, 2019
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1515 Western Ave.
Grafton, ND 58237

Mission Statement

**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 pm - St. John's, Grafton

Sunday: 7:30 am - Sacred Heart,
Oakwood

9:30 am - St. John's, Grafton

11:30 am - Mass in Spanish, Grafton

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm - St. John's

Sunday: 7:10 am - Sacred Heart, Oakwood

9:00 - 9:15 am - St. John's

Parish Office: 352-1648

Fr. Jeff's Cell phone - 1-314-750-8937

Parish Kitchen: 352-0499

Pastor: Fr. Jeff Eppler

Retired Priest in Residence:

Fr. Bernard Schneider

Deacon/Pastoral Minister/Faith

Formation Director:

Rev. Mr. Michael Grzadzielewski

Asst. Faith Formation Director/Music:

Brent Hermans

Parish Secretary: DeeDee Vogsland

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, Ernie Dusek, Sandra Irmen, Lee Lessard, Denise Moe, Sean Osowski, Micky Schumacher, 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 - On the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.
Training for EMOG - on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:15 pm

FORMED: Youth and Adult Faith Formation at formed.org Parish Access code: PNWMV2
Bulletin - find it at stjohnsgraffton.com+

Emails: Father Jeff at fr.jeff@stjohnsgraffton.com
DeeDee at deedee@stjohnsgraffton.com

Need a ride to church:

Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730
or Jim Kosmatka at 360-2061

Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

Please Welcome Fr. Jeffrey Eppler to our Parish

at our Fall into Faith Celebration on Sunday, Sept. 15 after the 9:30 am Mass. We will be having a potluck meal followed by carnival games and prizes! There will be a cake walk, face painting and snow cones! Kids, please bring your backpacks to be blessed by Fr. Jeff. You, will also, be receiving a special blessed item to hook on to your backpack. If your last name starts with:

A-F, bring a Salad G-S, bring a Main Dish T-Z, bring a Dessert

Fall Dinner

Signup sheets will be at
both entrances after the
5:00 and 9:30 Masses.



Meditative prayer is the active use of our intellect to deepen our relationship with God. It is the journey of knowing Him through the experience of the Truth, who is Christ. How do we enter into this form of prayer?

First, ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you.

Jesus said that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth and

will guide us into all truth and everything that Christ taught us (ref. Jn 16:12-14).

Second, pick a topic to be pondered upon. Any selection from the Scriptures, especially the Gospels, is certain nourishment for the soul. We can, also, choose any teaching of the Catholic Church as Christ speaks and acts through His Body.

Third, begin to ask the intellectual queries with desire for knowledge and understanding. These are the questions of why, what, how, etc. They probe the topic in search of enlightenment.

Fourth, apply to yourself realizations gleaned from pondering the topic. Ask the questions, "How does this affect me? How can I act upon or live this out in some way?"

Fifth, make a resolution to change something for the better based upon what truth was discovered.

Sixth, thank God for the experience and ask Him to help you live in a more intimate communion with Him.

An example of meditative prayer: Topic – a selection from the Gospel of Luke: "In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary" (Lk 1:26-27)

Why did the angel appear? He was sent by God. Which Person of God? The Father, Son or Holy Spirit? All three are involved but what are their roles? The Son would become flesh in Mary through her being overshadowed by the Holy Spirit. Hence, it had to be the Father who sent Gabriel. If all three Divine Persons were personally interested in Mary, would they, also be, personally interested in me? How does the Holy Trinity relate to me and how do I relate to them? And so the pondering goes...

Just start by spending five minutes a day in this type of prayer. You could always increase the amount. Eventually, you may find yourself doing this all throughout the day because your soul craves to be fed with the divine truth of Christ. Don't hesitate to feed the need!

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday, September 7

5:00 p.m. - Maurice B. Collette +

Sunday, September 8

7:30 a.m. Oakwood - Orell Sevigny +

9:30 a.m. - Lou Orleans +

11:30 a.m. Spanish - Parishioners

Monday, September 9

No Mass

Tuesday, September 10

5:15 p.m. - June French +

Wednesday, September 11

10:15 a.m. Sunset - Charles Wilkes +

Thursday, September 12

9:00 a.m. - Lynn Ebert +

1:45 p.m. LSTC -

Friday, September 13

9:00 a.m. - Randy Dusek +

Saturday, September 14

5:00 p.m. - Louise Hoffman +

Sunday, September 15

7:30 a.m. Oakwood - Orell Sevigny +

9:30 a.m. - Parishioners



Our Sympathy
to the families of
Dorothy Olson
Adelaide Dvorak
Judy McMillian

Please Pray for the Sick

Glen Lerud, JoAnne Sevigny, Ken Jarolimek, Frances Schuster, Aldo Rodriguez, Barb Estad-Foerster, Daryle MacDonald, Mary Lou Gourde, Marvin French, Kevin Bailly, Brian Fehr, Larry & Shirley Durand, Glenn Schneider, Francis Boulduc, Paul Lunski, Bonnie Shannon, Linda Loveless, Judy Wolter, Michelle Such, Robert Carroll, Jon Hills, Richard Anderson, Mike Callahan, Judy Jiskra, Suzanne Burns, Jodi McCarthy, Diane Lee, Hope Reis, David Moe, Patrice & Thea Katz, Brad Schuster, Hiladore Osowski, Ron Nowacki, Monica Rudnik, Chad Demers, Jeanne Silewski, Ann (Mickey) Shaver, Ray Capp, JoAnn & Roger Mattson, Ryan Suda, Emma Basting, John Campbell, Theresa Moen, Jennifer Osowski, Michelle Collette Donarski, Roger Amiot, Kevin Hoenke, Adly Galle Jaehning, Kathy Ruzicka

Note: Please let us know when any of the names can be removed from the prayer list if they have recovered. Thank you for your help!

STEWARDSHIP

Let us honor God with our first fruits
rather than the leftovers

September 1, 2019 \$6,398.00

Given in 2019

\$234,091.18

Goal for 2019

\$385,000.00

\$ 63,819.00 God's Gift (Pledged 66,891.00) \$ 82,942.00

Stewardship Moment - "Every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful Petitions - That we may come to recognize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share all of our gifts.

This week you will receive a brochure detailing the "To Follow Christ the Light that Shines Forever" our parish will be participating in over the next few weeks. This informative brochure is intended to communicate how we, as a parish, want to advance our mission and how we are serving God's people in our community. Commitment Sunday for this program is September 15th. We encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on how you are able to help us. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass next weekend for this very important Commitment Sunday. If you have any questions regarding the program please feel free to contact the parish office.

9,000 Rosaries for Grafton!
Pray, Pray, Pray!
We have prayed 2,017 rosaries so far!



Thank you to Wally Desautel for the donation of five roasters to the kitchen. We appreciate having them for the upcoming Fall Dinner in October.

Ministry	September 14	September 15	September 21	September 22
September Eucharistic Ministers	5:00 pm Paten: Doris Dahlgren, Sheila Trontvet Chalice: Lillian Houska, Cindy Janousek, Brigita Bovaird, Kathy Grzadzielewski 9:30 am Paten: John Dusek, Pat Dusek, Elaine Novak Chalice: Greg Dusek, Mary Dusek, Jon Jelinek, JoAnn Lizakowski			
Proclaimers	Janice Houska	Jack Desautel	Cynthia Janousek	Paul Dolan
Altar Servers	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	Josie Suda Paige Suda Katie LeClerc	Chris Fehr Matt Houska	Laila Miller Joshua Blanchard Sydney Suda
Greeters	Lee & Linda Lessard Jesse Forster	Laurie Johnson Judy Keeley Jean Clark	Doris Dahlgren Jo Dusek Robin Holt	Dave Demester Mickey Schumacher Pat Dusek
Money Counters		Sue Callahan Judy Keeley		Charla Nelson Lunette Kliniske

Sacred Heart - Oakwood
Sunday: September 15, 2019

Proclaimer: Guy
Altar Server: Kayden & Zachary Swanson
September Cleaning: Group 2

Collection: Sept. 1 \$ 408.00
Year to Date \$21,720.00
God's Gift Goal \$ 7,816.00
Pledged Amt. \$ 7,320.00
Amount Given \$ 6,715.00

Lay Directors: Ed Sevigny, Lori Cyr
Pastoral/Finance Council: Susan Suda, Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Lee Osowski, Bobby Osowski



Please remember to register your children for Faith Formation!
Classes will start on Wednesday, September 18th.
You can call Deacon Mike or the office if you have questions.

Fall Dinners are coming:
St. Edwards Catholic Church in Drayton,
Sunday, Sept. 8, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.
Zion English Lutheran Church in Grafton, Salad Lunch
Thurs., Sept. 19, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm.
St. John the Evangelist (that's us folks!)
Sunday, October 13, 11:00 - 2:00 pm.

St. John Memorials

Louise Hoffman	\$20	Unrestricted
June French	\$10	Unrestricted
Louise Hoffman	\$500	Altar Society
Randy Dusek	\$190	Cemetery Fund
Randy Dusek	\$10	Parish Center Floor
Randy Dusek	\$50	Haiti School

Bell Tower - As many of you know, we have recently had the bells ringing again. After a few months of the bells operating every day, the mechanical clock started to malfunction. The clock and motors used to ring the bells are all original equipment dating back to 1963. The company that originally installed the bells is still in business and we have contacted them for a bid to replace the clock mechanism with a newer digital format that will make it more reliable and easier to use. It will, also, give us more options as to how and when to ring the bells. The cost will be approximately \$5,000 to purchase and install this new equipment. We are asking anyone who is willing to help offset these costs to please call the parish office or contribute on line.
Please help us to get the bells ringing again.

Sacred Heart Memorials

Orell Sevigny	\$25	Cemetery Fund
Orell Sevigny	\$10	Cemetery Fund
Mary Jean Altendorf	\$10	Cemetery Fund
Orell Sevigny	\$1,025	Operating Fund for Cemetery

These were printed in the August 4th bulletin, but I was told that some people may not have gotten the attachment on that day. Sorry for any inconvenience.

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Funeral, Judy McMillian	Monday, Sept. 9, 10:30 am
Baptism Prep. Class	Thursday, Sept. 12, 7:00 pm
Fall into Faith	Sunday, Sept. 15
Deanery Pastoral Council	Tuesday, Sept. 17, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation begins	Wednesday, Sept. 18
Finance Council	Thursday, Sept. 19, 7:00 pm
Faith Formation	Wednesday, Sept. 25
Choir Practice	Wednesday, Sept. 25, 7:45 pm
Pastoral Council	Thursday, Sept. 26, 7:00 pm
St. John's Fall Dinner	Sunday, October 13th

NEEDED: Empty Ice Cream Pails for use at the Fall Dinner - Please drop them off in the kitchen.

REMINDER: We have started to collect prizes for the mini-affle; if you are willing to donate a new item, please drop it off at the parish office. Every gift, small or large, helps to make this event a success.
The Country Store will also be asking for baking, canning, and decorations to sell. Please keep this in mind also.

It takes a Village....
of Parishioners to plan and execute our annual Fall Dinner here at St. John's. Whatever your talent, there is a spot for you!

