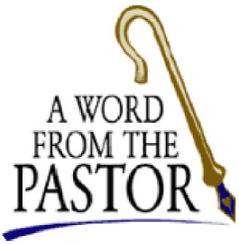




# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

April 5, 2020  
Palm Sunday

1515 Western Ave.  
Grafton, ND 58237



## EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION FOR EASTER

This weekend, we delve into the Passion of Christ. He suffered and died for you and me. In Isaiah, we read, *“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and*

*the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all”* (Is 53:4-6). During this time of pandemic, we need to remember that Christ has taken all of our miseries upon Himself. The great healing He offers isn't simply for our body, which He plans on raising up but, more importantly, the healing of our soul. If our soul is saved, then our body will be too. If our souls are damned, then too will our body be. The entire Body of Christ has been experiencing the Lord's Passion this Lent, and will continue to do so even into the season of Easter. However, the dawn of Resurrection is upon us.

Next weekend is Easter. Even though we cannot have a public Mass to celebrate this momentous event in our salvation, we are going to proclaim Christ is Risen nonetheless. I invite all parishioners to come in their cars to our church parking lot next Sunday at 10:30 am. We will have a vehicle Eucharistic Procession. I will stand in the back of Tony Dumas' truck with our Eucharistic Jesus in the monstrance (the gold sunburst container that we use to expose Him) and Deacon Mike will incense Him. We will then have a procession of vehicles following Jesus throughout the town of Grafton. At the end of the procession, I will bless each car with Jesus in the monstrance. This will replace Tony and my traveling around with the Lord later in the day. However, except for Easter Sunday next week, Tony and I will continue to bring Jesus through the streets every Sunday at 3pm until we have public Mass again.

Our Resurrected Jesus wants to flood our town with His Divine Mercy. He said to St. Faustina, ***“In the Host is the power; it will defend you always”*** (Diary 616). St. Faustina records in her diary a dozen times about seeing the red and white rays of Divine Mercy coming from the Holy Eucharist, covering the entire world. One such time, she noted, *“...when I was in church waiting for confession, I saw the same rays issuing from the monstrance and spreading throughout the church”* (Diary 370).

Jesus said to her about the rays of mercy: ***“The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the water that makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls ...These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when my agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross”*** (Diary, 299).

We begin the Novena to the Divine Mercy this coming Friday, which is Good Friday. There are copies of the Novena and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (prayed on regular rosary beads) that goes with the Novena in the Family Spiritual Survival Packs located on the wooden table in our Gathering Space. We want Jesus to cover us in His Divine Mercy. I pray this gift of mercy will prompt us to sincere repentance and a true amendment of our lives. Let us bask in the glow of His love and place before Him all our sinfulness. Let us not waste the opportunity given by this pandemic to become holy and righteous in the Lord's sight. Immerse yourself in His Divine Mercy. Onward, brothers and sister, to holiness and God's magnificent glory!

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

### The procession route:

Starting at the Church, we go South to 16<sup>th</sup> St. Then, East on 16<sup>th</sup> St. to Marvel Ave. and 14<sup>th</sup> St. We'll go West to Hill Ave. We then go North to 5<sup>th</sup> St. and then East to Eastern Ave. Then North to 5<sup>th</sup> St. We then go East to McHugh Ave. Then South to 12<sup>th</sup> St. Then West to School Rd. Then South to 15<sup>th</sup> St. Then we head East back to St. John's parking lot. We will conclude with car blessings.

## Eucharist & Intentions

### **Saturday, April 4**

5:00 p.m. - Orell Sevigny +

### **Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday**

9:30 a.m. - All Parishioners  
Alan Collette +

### **Monday, April 6**

5:15 p.m. - Ed Deitz +

### **Tuesday, April 7**

5:15 p.m. - June French +

### **Wednesday, April 8**

5:15 p.m. - Deanne Pilon +

### **Thursday, April 9 - Holy Thursday**

7:00 p.m. - Frank & Elinor Nelson Misialek +

### **Friday, April 10 - Good Friday**

Service 3:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, April 11 - Holy Saturday**

9:00 p.m. - Gerald Ebertowski +

### **Sunday, April 12 - Easter Sunday**

9:30 a.m. - All Parishioners

**Sacred Heart Parishioners** - Please do not leave your offerings in the Church. You can drop them off at the Parish Office in Grafton, or mail them to St. Johns at:

Sacred Heart Church

344 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street

Grafton, ND 58237

Sacred Heart - April Cleaning is Committee 1

## **FAMILY SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL PACKS**

are now available for pick up in the gathering space, along with Holy Water and booklets. We ask that you take one per family.

***Thank You for your continued support of St. John the Evangelist and Sacred Heart through your offerings at this time.***

The Easter candle will be lit at the East Entrance during this Easter season.

**Palms** and crosses will be available for you to pick up in the Gathering Space after 6:00 p.m. this Saturday, April 4th. Please help yourself.

### **St. John Memorial**

Mike Callahan	\$10	Unrestricted
Larry Durand	\$10	Unrestricted
Suzanne Senesac	\$10	Unrestricted

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Isaak Suda, Mary Lou Guzzo, Alyce Stendahl, Steve Dolan, Les Aasand, Steve Walters, Jane Zidon, Ed Boura, Vivian Collette Secriest, Gene Hagen, Clifford Bailly, Graham Baker, Chris Loveless, Linda Loveless, JoAnne Sevigny, Ken Jarolimek, Frances Schuster, Aldo Rodriguez, Barb Foerster-Estad, Daryle MacDonald, Marvin French, Kevin Bailly, Brian Fehr, Francis Boulduc, Paul Lunski, Bonnie Shannon, Judy Wolter, Robert Carroll, Richard Anderson, Judy Jiskra, Suzanne Burns, Jodi McCarthy, Diane Lee, Hope Reis, Patrice & Thea Katz, Brad Schuster, Hiladore Osowski, Ron Nowacki, Monica Rudnik, Chad Demers, Jeanne Silewski, Ray Capp, JoAnn & Roger Mattson, Ryan Suda, Emma Basting, John Campbell, Jennifer Osowski, Michelle Collette Donarski, Roger Amiot, Kevin Hoenke, Adly Galle Jaehning, Kathy Ruzicka

## **Reconciliation/Confessions**

Will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. or by appointment. Reconciliation will take place in Classroom #1 located just off the Gathering Space & across from the women's bathroom.

*The Parish Office is Open.*

*Please Call 352-1648 if you have questions.*

### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Thank you for giving God the first fruits rather than the leftovers! God bless you!**

#### **St. John the Evangelist**

Given March 29, 2020 - \$8,503.00

God's Gift total Given as of March 29, 2020 - \$57,924.84

#### **Sacred Heart - Oakwood**

Given March 29, 2020 - \$700.00

God's Gift total Given as of March 29, 2020 - \$3,192.00

### **Attention Parents:**

Students workbooks will be available in the Parish Center on Monday afternoon, April 6th, for you to pick up. Please work with your children on the lessons, and also the prayers they should be memorizing.

Deacon Mike has emailed information on continuing your students Faith Formation at home. Also included is information on how to go to the "Formed" Site.

There is quality educational material and entertainment for all ages. If you did not receive this information, please contact Deacon Mike at the parish office (352-1648) and we will see that it is emailed or mailed out to you.

The **Bell Tower** will be ringing at noon and 6:00 pm, the traditional time for praying the Angelus. The tune of the bells at this time is the Angelus Tune.

### **The Angelus**

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.  
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

**Hail Mary...**

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

**Hail Mary...**

V. And the Word was made flesh.  
R. And dwelt among us.

**Hail Mary...**

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Let us pray:**

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

Through the same Christ our Lord.







