St. John the Evangelist
Sacred Heart - Oakwood

December 20, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent

1515 Western Ave.
Grafton, ND 58237

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

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. John, Grafton
Sunday: 7:30 am, Sacred Heart, Oakwood
9:30 am, St. John, Grafton

Reconciliation/Confessions
Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 pm
Sunday: 9:00-9:20 am in Church Confessional
Thursday: 6:00 - 6:45 pm or call for an appointment. Reconciliation will take place in Classroom #1 located just off the Gathering Space & across from the women's bathroom.

Pastor: Fr. Jeff Eppler
Fr. Jeff's Cell phone - 1-314-750-8937
The Parish Office - 352-1648
Deacon and Faith Formation Director:
Rev. Mr. Michael Grzadzielewski
Office Manager: DeeDee Vogsland
Administrative Assistant: Kathy Swanson
Environmental Services: David Demester

Baptism Prep Classes *- On the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.*

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

Pastoral Council: Jeff Blanchard, Kelly Dokken, Brittany Dusek, Ernie Dusek, Lee Lessard, Denise Moe, Sean Osowski, Micky Schumacher, and Marta Balderas - Hispanic Ministry Liaison.

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

Youth Committee: Marty Balderas, Tony Dumas, Alexa Holt, William Jiskra, Mary Kerian, Nancy Miller, Jackie Osowski, Josie Suda, Maggie Suda, Molly Zahradka
Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Emails: *contact Father Jeff at fr.jeff@stjohnsgrafton.com*
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Bulletin - find it at stjohnsgrafton.com

FORMED: *Youth and Adult Faith Formation go to formed.org*

Need a ride to church:
Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730
Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Play*: This Sunday, December 20th, right after the 9:30 am Mass. After the Christmas play we will have coffee, hot apple cider, hot cocoa and cookies.* ***Please bring an ornament with your family name on it to put on our Parish Christmas Tree,*** *which will be set up in the Gathering Space. Parishioners attending the* ***Dec. 19, 5pm Vigil Mass*** *are also welcomed to bring an ornament to put on the Christmas tree after the Vigil Mass.*

Advent Penance Service will be this Sunday, December 20th at 4:00 pm in the Church.

This time of Advent is a time of great graces; prepare yourselves for the birth of Jesus Christ. Prepare to welcome him as Mary did, let Him be born in your hearts, wrap Him with your love, rock Him with your prayers, nourish Him with your affection; love Him. May your homes be perfumed with prayer.

Prayer is a sweet balm that heals every wound; be flames of love that burn for the Lord, let Him be born in your hearts so that He might fill you with all graces and blessings. Learn to love as He loves, be ready to give your life as He gave His for you; see yourselves in the eyes of your brothers and sisters, recognize the face of Jesus in the faces of the sick and the suffering; do to others what you would have them do to you.

Let your hearts ache for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, He Who is born for you on the altar at every Mass. Every day contains the joyful mystery of Christmas as the Word of God becomes flesh in the Eucharist. Jesus is born that you may have supernatural life; that your soul may be imbued with sanctifying grace. Recognize in the face of the Child Jesus the Father's eternal plan of love for you.

Learn from the Blessed Virgin how to love Him. Her soul glorifies the Lord, her spirit exults always in God her Savior. The gift of her Son is truly the delight of her soul. Does your soul rejoice in the Redeemer born for your sake? Does your mind swoon with joy in comprehending the Divine Truth, Who has become man?

For these last few days of preparation before Christmas, reflect fondly and fruitfully upon the mysteries of the Incarnation. Do not allow yourself to be distracted by worldly things. Go to Confession and free your soul from the entanglement of sin. Let the Word of God placed within you at Baptism lead you to contemplation of the Divine Majesty of the Most Holy Trinity.

Spend time this week with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and pray the Rosary daily. Ask Our Lady to wrap you in the mantle of her love and hold you close with her Child Jesus. My brothers and sisters, savor the spiritual sweetness of being cradled in her arms and brought to the tender Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, December 19
10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters
5:00 pm - Cindy Lesdahl +
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, December 20
7:30 am Oakwood - Alan Collette +
9:30 am - Parishioners
Confession 9:00-9:20 am

Monday, December 21
9:00 am - Valerian Schanilec +

Tuesday, December 22
5:15 pm - Lou Orleans +

Wednesday, December 23
9:00 am - Louis & Alma Collette +

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
4:00 pm Sacred Heart - Parishioners
7:00 pm St. John - Aurel DeSautel +
Confession 6:00-6:45 pm

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day
Midnight Mass (12am) St. John - Parishioners
9:30 am St. John - Adelaide Dvorak +

Saturday, December 26
10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +
5:00 pm - Bob Desautel +
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, December 27
7:30 am Oakwood - Parishioners
9:30 am - Mona Szklarski +
Confession 9:00-9:20 am

Our Sympathy
to the family of
Daniel Kasprick,
Raymond Capp

Please Pray for the Sick: Travis Loveless, Lea O'Keefe, Beverly Graber, Darrah Isaacson, Lorna Collette, Moe Staffne, Lennae Kosmatka, Adam Granados, Gary Moe, Tracy Jamieson, Cindy Jamieson, Steve Lessard, Amanda LaTraille, Robert Novak, Helen Sieben, Rae Desautel, Ralph Kingsbury, Jeff Collette, Mary Lou Guzzo, Alyce Stendahl, Steve Dolan, Les Aasand, Steve Walters, Jane Zidon, Ed Boura, Clifford Bailly, Chris Loveless, Linda Loveless, JoAnne Sevigny, Ken Jarolimek, Frances Schuster, Aldo Rodriguez, Barb Foerster-Estad, Daryle MacDonald, Marvin French, Kevin Bailly, Brian Fehr, Frances Boulduc, Bonnie Shannon, Judy Wolter, Robert Carroll, Judy Jiskra, Suzanne Burns, Jodi McCarthy, Diane Lee, Hope Reis, Patrice & Thea Katz, Brad Schuster, Ron Nowacki, Monica Rudnik, Chad Demers, Jeanne Silewski, Roger Mattson, Emma Basting, John Campbell, Roger Amiot, Kevin Hoenke, Adly Galle Jaehning

Eucharistic Adoration will be in the Church with the regular schedule being followed.

Eucharistic Adoration Times

Tuesday	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Thursday	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

We will not be having an Angel tree this year, since the Community Christmas Eve Party has been cancelled. However, if you would like to make a donation to the Door Ministry instead to help those in need, it would be appreciated! (Write Checks to St. John's Door Ministry)

STEWARDSHIP

Let us honor God with our first fruits!
Praise the Lord!

St. John the Evangelist
Given December 13, 2020 - $4,808.50
God's Gift total Given as of Dec.17, 2020 - $66,194.84
Goal for God's Gift = $88,058.00

Sacred Heart - Oakwood
Given December 13, 2020 - $52.00
God's Gift total Given as of Dec. 17, 2020 - $6,927.00
Goal for God's Gift = $7,961.00

Parish Movie Night: on Wednesday, December 23rd at 7:00 pm *in the Parish Center. We will be showing the original How the Grinch Stole Christmas followed by A Charlie Brown Christmas. Popcorn and snacks will be provided. All ages are invited!*

Cancelled: *Eucharistic Adoration Thursday, Dec. 24th.*

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Christmas Play	Sunday, Dec. 20, 10:30 am
Advent Penance Service	Sunday, Dec. 20, 4:00 pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, Dec. 22, 7:00 pm
Parish Movie Night	Wednesday, Dec. 23, 7:00 pm
Office Closed at Noon	Thursday, Dec. 24th
Mass at Sacred Heart	Thursday, Dec. 24, 4:00 pm
Mass at St. Johns	Thursday, Dec. 24, 7:00 pm
Office Closed	Friday, December 25
Midnight Mass at St. Johns	Friday, December 25, 12:00 am
Mass at St. Johns	Friday, December 25, 9:30 am
Holy Hour, Lapsed Catholics	Sunday, December 27, 3:00pm
RCIA for Adults	Tuesday, Dec. 29, 7:00 pm

St. John Memorials

Douglas Davis	$20	Cemetery Fund

Sacred Heart Memorial

Hiladore Osowski	$10	Cemetery Fund
Hiladore Osowski	$35	Unrestricted

HOLY HOUR FOR RETURN OF LAPSED CATHOLICS - Next Sunday, December 27th at 3:00 pm we will have a Holy Hour of Adoration in the church to plead with God to bring Catholics back to Him and the Church. We have a booklet of prayers we will use during the holy hour. Please come and pray!

10,000
Rosaries for Grafton
We have prayed 12,636
Saving Souls one bead at a time!
We made our Goal ~
Keep praying because we need the Grace to end the pandemic and convert Grafton.

St. John Poinsettias

Given in Memory of our Loved Ones

Given by:	In Memory of:
Alan & Eileen Bolek	Bolek & Schanilec deceased family members
Doris Dahlgren	Myron, Theresa & Karl Dahlgren
Cordell Rose	Alice Rose
Dean Collette	Louis & Alma Collette
Greg & Pat Dusek	Randy Dusek
Greg & Pat Dusek	Gabriel & Rose Dusek, James & Emmy Janousek
Ardelle Krom	Donald Krom
Joan Schieffer	Jim Schieffer
Betty Novak	Roman, Dorothy, Doris Rudnik & Cecil Novak
Elaine Isaacson	Forrest Isaacson
Frances Boulduc	Edward Boulduc
Paul & Sandi Houdek	Alphonse & Olivine Houdek,
Paul & Sandi Houdek	Paul & Grace Brodeur, Charlie Tweten
Lillian Houska	Jim Houska and our Houska & Suda Families
Kevin & Jean Jiskra Family	John Jiskra, Paul Suda, Lola Houdek, Ida Feltman
Mike & Patty Leighton	Al Leighton, Jean Leighton, Ed Deitz & Jonathan Leighton
Leonard Novak	Ellen Novak
Barbara J. Foerster-Estad	Deceased Families
Daniel Dusek Family	Joseph Dusek
Tom & Mary Dusek	Frank & Aurelia Dusek, Ryan Michael & Helen Louise Dusek
Delores Novak	Cyril Novak & Clair Novak
Jim & Kaye Trouba	Barbara Trouba
Johanna Dusek	Cyril Dusek
Jean Clark	Fred & David Clark
Elaine Novak	Vivian Novak, Edward & Nettie French
Jim & Lennae Kosmatka	Leonard & Shirley Yonke
Jim & Lennae Kosmatka	Joe & Rose Kosmatka & Family
Don & Cheryl Burns	Leslie & Donna Burns
Family of Robert Desautel	Robert & Delores Desautel
Robert O'Toole	Judy O'Toole
Dale & Amy Elbert & Family	Josephine & Norvin Elbert
John & Mary Dusek & Family	Ben & louise Dusek, Stanley Schuster
John & Mary Dusek & Family	Susan Huey, Kris Dusek
Len & Janet Wysocki & Family	Janice Wysocki
David & Linda Schumacher	Buster Schumacher, Alphonse & Olivine Houdek
Frank & Bonnie Suda	Frank & Antoinette Suda, Dan & Margaret McEwen
Dan & Carol LaHaise	Vern & Mary Cyr
Dan & Carol LaHaise	George & Georgette LaHaise

Sacred Heart Poinsettias

Given in Memory of our Loved Ones

Given by:	In Memory of:
Michael Kliniske	Carol Kliniske
Ed & Stacie Sevigny Family	Orell Sevigney
Elaine Collette	Joseph & Lillian Kliniske

Here are some parish projects that are in need of funding. Please prayerfully consider financially supporting any of these repairs or upgrades so we can continue to improve our facilities here at St. John. Any donated amount you are able to give is greatly appreciated:

Replace Rectory & Parish Office plumbing: This project will be done in two phases. We are not able to get a price quote until Phase 1 is completed. We have currently raised $6,785. Thank you!

New upgraded sound system for the church: $13,500 (we have just received $13,500 from some parishioners to cover this cost, praise God!)

Assisted Listening Option (for hearing impaired): will have a price quote in January

New Lighting for the Gathering Space: $6,604

New carpet and furniture for the Gathering Space: Approximately $12,000 - 15,000

New lights throughout the church by the Stations of the Cross (we have already changed some of these): $4000 (approximately $150 per light)

We received an anonymous donation of $3600 for the Holy Family Statue - Praise God!