



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

December 27, 2020  
The Holy Family

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 Vogslund

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.

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Bulletin - find it at [stjohnsgraffton.com](http://stjohnsgraffton.com)

**FORMED:** Youth and Adult Faith  
Formation go to [formed.org](http://formed.org)

Need a ride to church:

Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730

**Bulletin Deadline** - Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

**HOLY HOUR FOR RETURN OF LAPSED CATHOLICS** - This 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!



This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph are the model of perfect, God-centered family life. I encourage everyone to consecrate their family to the Holy Family. Attached to this bulletin is a Family Consecration prayer.

Family Consecration is a practical way to intentionally live your baptismal consecration (promises) and grow in union with God, as a family. Through Baptism, we become children of God, called to eternal life with Him in Heaven. But to grow in union with God, we must choose to live for Him.

With Family Consecration, your family can renew your baptismal commitment by making an act of consecration to the Holy Family. This act of consecration is a deliberate choice to follow Jesus Christ more fully, with the help of Mary and Joseph, and to set your family apart for God. Then, taking the Holy Family as your model, each family member seeks to lead a life that gives glory to God.

When Our Lady appeared at Fatima in 1917, she delivered a message of hope that gives the solution for reversing the effects of sin and bringing about God's kingdom on earth. Her message can be summarized in four points.

- **SIN is the cause of all unhappiness.**
- **GRACE is more powerful than sin.**
- **HOLINESS is cooperation with God's grace, repairs for sin and brings peace into the world.**
- **CONSECRATION maximizes our efforts to repair for sin, because when we entrust ourselves to Mary, she purifies and multiplies our good works.**

Family Consecration is a response to Our Lady's message of hope. By turning away from sin, accepting God's grace, seeking to live a holy life, and consecrating yourself—to Jesus, through Mary, in union with St. Joseph—your family can help to repair for sin and bring other souls to Heaven!

Through Family Consecration, everything you do or endure takes on purpose and meaning. Your ordinary activities, like washing dishes or going to work, as well as your trials, are made holy and can be used by God for the conversion of others. If enough souls live Family Consecration, the ripple effect can become a force strong enough to crush the head of Satan and bring about God's reign on earth.

One way to get started with the spirituality of Family Consecration is to begin praying the family Rosary. By praying the Rosary, you will come to know Christ's humanity, discover His presence in your joys and sorrows, and learn to place your hope in the glory to come. Also, placing an image of the Holy Family in a special place in your home is a beautiful way to love and honor Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The image can also be a reminder to model your life after the Holy Family.

Always keep in mind that God loves you and your family and wants to shower His blessings upon each one of us. If we place Him at the center of our hearts and our family life, His peace and joy will reign in us.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

Monday, December 28

9:00 am - John Curran +

Tuesday, December 29

5:15 pm - Sally Gaustad +

Wednesday, December 30

9:00 am - Joseph Grzadzielewski Sr. +

Thursday, December 31

9:00 am - Alphonse & Olivine Houdek +  
Confession 6:00-6:45 pm

Friday, January 1

9:00 am - Theresa Steffen +

Saturday, January 2

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters  
5:00 pm - Jim Schieffer +  
Confession 4:15-4:45 pm

Sunday, January 3

7:30 am Oakwood - Orell Sevigny +  
9:30 am - Parishioners  
Confession 9:00-9:20 am



Our Sympathy  
to the families of  
Frances Gerszewski,  
Katherine Lunski

**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

*Bible Study at St. John’s will resume January 4th.*

**Sacred Heart of Oakwood:**  
*Cleaning Committee for January, Committee 2*

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given December 20, 2020 - \$11,786.50  
God’s Gift total Given as of Dec.23, 2020 - \$66,194.84  
Goal for God’s Gift = \$88,058.00

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given December 120, 2020 - \$1,675.00  
God’s Gift total Given as of Dec. 23, 2020 - \$6,927.00  
Goal for God’s Gift = \$7,961.00

Upcoming Dates at St. John’s:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Holy Hour, Lapsed Catholics | Sunday, December 27, 3:00pm |
| RCIA for Adults             | Tuesday, Dec. 29, 7:00 pm   |
| Office Closed at Noon       | Thursday, December 31       |
| Office Closed               | Friday, January 1           |
| Bible Study                 | Monday, Jan. 4, 7:00 pm     |
| RCIA for Adults             | Tuesday, Jan. 5, 7:00 pm    |
| High School Youth Group     | Wednesday, Jan. 6, 7:30 pm  |

10,000

Rosaries for Grafton

We have prayed 12,779  
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 Memorials

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|---------------|-------|------------------|
| Douglas Davis | \$20  | Plumbing-Rectory |
| Rita Riopelle | \$250 | Unrestricted     |
| Rita Riopelle | \$250 | Cemetery Fund    |

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 a Holy Family Statue - Praise God!



# *St. John Poinsettias*

## *Given in Memory of our Loved Ones*

### *Given by:*

Alan & Eileen Bolek  
Doris Dahlgren  
Cordell Rose  
Dean Collette  
Greg & Pat Dusek  
Greg & Pat Dusek  
Ardelle Krom  
Joan Schieffer  
Betty Novak  
Elaine Isaacson  
Frances Boulduc  
Paul & Sandi Houdek  
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Lillian Houska  
Kevin & Jean Jiskra Family  
Mike & Patty Leighton  
Leonard Novak  
Barbara J. Foerster-Estad  
Daniel Dusek Family  
Tom & Mary Dusek  
Delores Novak  
Jim & Kaye Trouba  
Johanna Dusek  
Jean Clark  
Elaine Novak  
Jim & Lennae Kosmatka  
Jim & Lennae Kosmatka  
Don & Cheryl Burns  
Family of Robert Desautel  
Robert O'Toole  
Dale & Amy Elbert & Family  
John & Mary Dusek & Family  
John & Mary Dusek & Family  
Len & Janet Wysocki & Family  
David & Linda Schumacher  
Frank & Bonnie Suda  
Dan & Carol LaHaise  
Dan & Carol LaHaise  
Gerald Schumacher  
Kelly & Steve Dokken  
Kaye & Jim Trouba  
Jim Dusek  
O'Keefe Family

### *In Memory of:*

Bolek & Schanilec deceased family members  
Myron, Theresa & Karl Dahlgren  
Alice Rose  
Louis & Alma Collette  
Randy Dusek  
Gabriel & Rose Dusek, James & Emmy Janousek  
Donald Krom  
Jim Schieffer  
Roman, Dorothy, Doris Rudnik & Cecil Novak  
Forrest Isaacson  
Edward Boulduc  
Alphonse & Olivine Houdek,  
Paul & Grace Brodeur, Charlie Tweten  
Jim Houska and our Houska & Suda Families  
John Jiskra, Paul Suda, Lola Houdek, Ida Feltman  
Al Leighton, Jean Leighton, Ed Deitz & Jonathan Leighton  
Ellen Novak  
Deceased Families  
Joseph Dusek  
Frank & Aurelia Dusek, Ryan Michael & Helen Louise Dusek  
Cyril Novak & Clair Novak  
Barbara Trouba  
Cyril Dusek  
Fred & David Clark  
Vivian Novak, Edward & Nettie French  
Leonard & Shirley Yonke  
Joe & Rose Kosmatka & Family  
Leslie & Donna Burns  
Robert & Delores Desautel  
Judy O'Toole  
Josephine & Norvin Elbert  
Ben & Louise Dusek, Stanley Schuster  
Susan Huey, Kris Dusek  
Janice Wysocki  
Buster Schumacher, Alphonse & Olivine Houdek  
Frank & Antoinette Suda, Dan & Margaret McEwen  
Vern & Mary Cyr  
George & Georgette LaHaise  
Sandra Schumacher, John & Joanie Silewski  
Campbell & Dokken deceased family members  
Pearl & Henry Eng  
Kris Dusek, Ben & Louise Dusek, Susie Huey  
James O'Keefe



## *St. John Poinsettias*

### *Given in Memory of our Loved Ones*

#### *Given by:*

Denise Vollrath  
Todd Morgan  
Sue Callahan  
Debbie French  
Shirley Suda  
Sue & Al Szklarski  
Kris Molde

#### *In Memory of:*

Dalyn Vollrath, Joseph & Lillian Kliniske  
Dorothy Morgan  
Jim & Sally Gaustad, Mike Callahan  
Lon Burns  
Paul Suda, Lola Houdek, Ida Feltman, Doloria Dusek  
Derek Szklarski, Ray & Nancy Keeley  
Kelly Andrews



## *Sacred Heart Poinsettias*

### *Given in Memory of our Loved Ones*

#### *Given by:*

Michael Kliniske  
Ed & Stacie Sevigney Family  
Elaine Collette  
Patty Durand  
Pauline Osowski  
Susan & Cynthia Collette  
Susan & Cynthia Collette  
Duane & Rose Altendorf  
Duane & Rose Altendorf  
Cindy & Wayne Holt

#### *In Memory of:*

Carol Kliniske  
Orell Sevigney  
Joseph & Lillian Kliniske  
Melvin Durand  
Hiladore Osowski  
Alan Collette  
Steve & Aurelia Hudacko, Almond & Diana Collette  
Leo & Mary Jean Altendorf  
Raymond Altendorf & Dennis Altendorf  
John & Alice Sevigney

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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness.

Then, give the gift of forgiveness with someone - a family member, a friend or a coworker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

