



St. John the Evangelist

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

December 11, 2022
Third 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
11:30 am, Spanish Mass at St. John's

Reconciliation - Confessions

In the Church Confessional
Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 pm
Sunday: 9:00 - 9:20 am, 11:00 - 11:20am
Daily Confession: Available before Mass
Tuesday - Friday

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
Parish Secretary: Kathy Swanson
Administrative Assistant: Carla Trahan
Environmental Services: David Demester
Custodian: Deanna Priley

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

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Parish Lay Directors: Paul Houdek
Mary (John) Dusek

Pastoral Council: Marta Balderas, Michelle Demester, Tony Dumas, Nancy Miller, Frank Benito Pinta, Brent Risky.

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

Youth Committee: Marta Balderas, Alexa Holt, Nancy Miller, Jackie Osowski, Josie Suda, Maggie Suda, Molly Zahradka. Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

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Parish Lay Directors: Ed Seigny, Lori Cyr

Pastoral/Finance Council: Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Bobby Osowski, Lee Osowski, Susan Suda

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Eucharistic Adoration

In the Church: Tuesday 6pm - 10pm
In the Chapel: Tuesday 7am - 8am
Wednesday from 10am - 10pm
Thursday from 6pm - 10pm

Need a ride to church:
Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730
Bulletin deadline is noon on Wednesdays.



Advent Message

From the Pastor

This third Sunday of Advent should be filled with joy as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Our Lord. The Saints help us ponder the magnificence of Christmas. In expectation of Christ's birth, here are 9 Saints' quotes on which to reflect:

1. St. Thérèse of Lisieux: "A God who became so small could only be mercy and love."

2. St. Paul VI: "We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice."

3. St. Alphonsus Liguori: "Arise, all ye nobles and peasants; Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her new-born Son...Let us enter; let us not be afraid."

4. St. John Paul II: "If we celebrate with such solemnity the birth of Jesus, it is to bear witness that every human being [is] somebody unique and unrepeatable... somebody thought of and chosen from eternity, some[one] called and identified by his own name. It is as it was with the first man, Adam. It is as it was with the new Adam, born of the Virgin Mary in the cave at Bethlehem: 'You shall call his name Jesus.'"

5. St. John Chrysostom: "This day He Who Is, is born; and He Who Is becomes what He was not."

6. Venerable Fulton Sheen: "The world might have expected the Son of God to be born - if He was to be born at all - in an inn. A stable would be the last place in the world where one would have looked for Him. Divinity is always where one least expects to find it."

7. St. Peter Chrysologus: "That the Creator is in his creature and God is in the flesh brings dignity to man without dishonor to him who made him. Why then, man, are you so worthless in your own eyes and yet so precious to God?"

8. St. Teresa of Calcutta: "My prayer for you is that when Christ comes to you in Christmas, He may find in you a warm home, warm love like that of a heartfelt of love, like that of a simple shepherd who was the first one chosen to see Christ."

9. St. Leo the Great: "Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all."

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

A huge THANK YOU to those who coordinated and/or helped with the Christmas Extravaganza! It was a fun and joyful event. Thank you to those who donated towards it. We made \$5,433.96. We donated the amount made from the silent auction baby table which was \$360.00 towards the St. Gianna Home and the Pregnancy Center in Park River.

Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows: Held in the church every Tuesday evening at 8:30pm and on Fridays immediately following the 5:15pm Mass. If there is no evening Mass on a given Friday, then the Rosary will be at 6pm. All are welcome to come and pray.

Advent Penance Service: This Sunday, December 11 @ 4:00pm.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, December 10

10:30 am - Funeral Mass for Frances Boulduc
5:00 pm - Jodean Collette +

Sunday, December 11

7:30 am - Parishioners
9:30 am - Lennae Kosmatka +
4:00 pm - Advent Penance Service

Monday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:00 pm - Ramon Hernandez +

Tuesday, December 13

5:15 pm - Louis & Alma Collette +

Wednesday, December 14

5:15 pm - Stanley & Veronica Schuster +

Thursday, December 15

5:15 pm - Maurice Lessard +

Friday, December 16

NO MASS

Saturday, December 17

10:30 am - NO MASS

5:00 pm - Robert Desautel, Sr. +

Sunday, December 18

7:30 am - Elmer Altendorf +
9:30 am - Parishioners
2:00 pm - Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics



Please pray for the
souls in purgatory

Please Pray for the Sick: Shane Shereck, Roy Kringstad, Cadence Kerner, Becky Anderson, Jonathan Forster, Julie Bejari, Tom Almond, Daniel LaHaise, Nichole Pride, Ernie Bailly, Helen Sieben, Flavia Langan, Noah Langan, Linda Lessard, Tim Kennedy, Gary Johnson, Betty Machart, Chris Gourde, Julian Ramos, Mary Ann Jelinek, Edith Gierszewski, Alice Foerster, Ruthe Nilson, Ernie Aguilar, Benjamin Galle, Michelle Kohler, Donna Retterath, Delores J. Novak, Verna Aasand, Ron & Betty Mayer, Heath & Anna Adamsen, Marie Boura, Mary Jo Olson, Denise Moe, Rosalie Axman, LeRoy French, Julius Wangler, Joy Reading, Lenaye Lauer Ensrud, Judy Smith, Danni Marie Scott, Joan Brien, Ron Houska, Greg from Texas, Jennifer Lynch, Linda Thompson, Travis Loveless, Darrah Isaacson, Moe Staffne, Ken Jarolimek, Adam Granados, Gary Moe, Steve Lessard, Rae Desautel, Jeff Collette, Ed Boura, Les Aasand, Steve Walters, Clifford Bailly, Chris Loveless, Linda Loveless, JoAnne Sevigny, Barb Foerster-Estad, Frances Schuster, Aldo Rodriguez, Marvin French, Ron Nowacki, Bonnie Shannon, Judy Wolter, Judy Jiskra, Jodi McCarthy, Diane Lee, Hope Reis, Monica Rudnik, Chad Demers, Jeanne Silewski, Emma Basting, Adly Galle Jaehning

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton

We have Prayed 9228 Rosaries!

Keep praying because we need God's Grace to
end the pandemic and to
convert Grafton
and our surrounding towns!

Saving souls one bead at a time!

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN:

Please pray the rosary and have your Mom or Dad put # of rosaries you say in the box for you with your name on it and their phone number. Pray 75 rosaries and you will receive your own prayer warrior sword. God needs his Prayer Warriors!



STEWARDSHIP

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

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Given December 4, 2022 - \$9,652.50

God's Gift total Given as of December 8, 2022 - 54,380.00

St. John's - \$34,500 Average expenses per month

(salaries, utilities, regular monthly bills, does not include maintenance projects or ministries.)

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Given December 4, 2022 - \$1,362.00

God's Gift total Given as of December 8, 2022 - \$6,054.00

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Advent Penance Service	Sun., Dec. 11, 4:00pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass	Mon., Dec. 12, 6:00pm
Bible Study	Mon., Dec. 12, 7:00pm
RCIA for Adults	Tues., Dec. 13, 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting	Tues., Dec. 13, 7:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Dec. 14, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Dec. 14, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Dec. 14, 7:30pm
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., Dec. 15, 7:15pm
Fatima Rosary	Sat., Dec. 17, Noon
Holy Hour for the Return of Lapsed Catholics	Sun., Dec. 18, 2:00pm
Bible Study on ACTS	Mon., Dec. 19, 7:00pm
RCIA for Adults	Tues., Dec. 20, 7:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Dec. 21, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Dec. 21, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Dec. 21, 7:30pm
Christmas Eve Mass (Oakwood)	Sat., Dec. 24, 4:00pm
Christmas Eve Mass (Grafton)	Sat., Dec. 24, 7:00pm
Christmas Day Mass (Grafton)	Sun., Dec. 25, Midnight (12am)
Christmas Day Mass (Grafton)	Sun., Dec. 25, 9:30am

Christmas Eve Dinner: The coordinators for the Christmas Dinner this year will be Wendy Daninger and Melissa Young. The meal will be on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 from 5:00-6:30pm in the Parish Center. We are in need of desserts please contact the parish office at 701-352-1648 and let us know what you can bring. Thank you!

Christmas Mass schedule: Saturday, December 24 at 4:00pm @ Sacred Heart in Oakwood and 7:00pm at St. John's. Sunday, December 25 @ Midnight (12:00am) and 9:30am at St. John's.

Advent Penance Service: This Sunday, December 11 @ 4:00pm.

Congratulations to Jack & Rae Desautel who celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary on December 7. God bless!

A huge **THANK YOU** to Jeff McCann for your donation of your delicious homemade bread you gave to the Walsh County Food Pantry.

The Walsh County Food Pantry is in need of gently used winter hats, scarves, mittens and blankets that they can distribute to those in need. Thank you!

Holiday Food Baskets are now available from November 14 through December 29th at the **Walsh County Food Pantry** which is open Monday - Thursday from 1:00pm - 4:00pm excluding holidays. Please bring a photo ID and a proof of residency to receive help. Happy Holidays!

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." - JAMES 5:8.