



St. John the Evangelist

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

January 1, 2023

1515 Western Ave

Solemnity of the Mary, the Holy Mother of God 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 (May - Aug)

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 Sevigny, Lori Cyr

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

Emails: Contact Father Jeff at fr.jeff@stjohnsgraffton.com
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Bulletin - find it at stjohnsgraffton.com

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Need a ride to church:

Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730

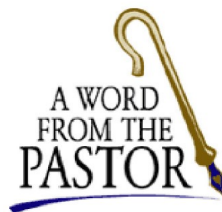
Bulletin deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

A big **THANK YOU** to Wendy and Melissa for chairing and to all who helped make the Community Christmas Eve Party a success. God bless you all for your hard work and dedication to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

A big **THANK YOU** the Knights of Columbus for the delicious Fish Fry you put on in honor of our patron saint of St. John the Evangelist. It is greatly appreciated.

Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus:

This Sunday, Father Jeff and Tony Dumas will be driving through Grafton and Oakwood at 2pm with Jesus in the Monstrance. Keep your eyes peeled for Lord in the Ford.



We begin the new year 2023 with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. As things get darker and more difficult in the world, the light of Our Lady shines ever more brightly. She is the Woman clothed with the Sun, who radiates the divine luminance of her Son Jesus. We should entrust ourselves and the entire year to the patronage of our heavenly Mother. The Saints turned to her in their need and enjoyed her special love and favor. Let our hearts join the Saints in their praise and adulation of Holy Mary.

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did." *St. Maximillian Kolbe*

"Mary means Star of the sea, for as mariners are guided to port by the ocean star, so Christians attain to glory through Mary's maternal intercession." *St. Thomas Aquinas*

"No matter how sinful one may have been, if he has devotion to Mary, it is impossible that he be lost." *St. Hilary of Poitiers*

"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's Will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!" *Pope St. John Paul II*

"Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." *St. Padre Pio*

"My only desire is to see Mary, who has saved me and who will save me from the clutches of Satan." *Blessed Bartolo Longo*

"Satan, being proud, suffers infinitely more from being beaten and punished by a little and humble handmaid of God, and her humility humbles him more than the Divine power; and, secondly, because God has given Mary such a great power against the devils, that, as they have often been obliged to confess, in spite of themselves, by the mouths of the possessed, they fear one of her sighs for a soul more than the prayers of all the Saints, and one of her menaces against them more than all other torments." *St. Louis Marie de Montfort*

"If God did not destroy man after his first sin, it was on account of his singular love for this holy Virgin, who was destined to be born of this race. I have no doubt but that all the mercies granted by God under the old dispensation were granted only in consideration of this most Blessed Lady." *St. Bernardine of Siena*

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, December 31

10:30 am - Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm - Rosanna Credit +

Sunday, January 1

7:30 am - Parishioners
9:30 am - Maurice B. Collette +
2:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage

Monday, January 2

No Mass

Tuesday, January 3

5:15 pm - Jim Janikowski +

Wednesday, January 4

5:15 pm - Rodney Kotaska +

Thursday, January 5

5:15 pm - Frank & Elinor Misialek +

Friday, January 6

5:15 pm - Paul Wilkes +

Saturday, January 7

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters
5:00 pm - Carol Tucker +

Sunday, January 8

7:30 am - Parishioners
9:30 am - Mike Callahan +



Please pray for the
souls in purgatory

Please Pray for the Sick: Jon Osowski, 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 Retterrath, 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, 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

**WE MADE IT, WE SAID OVER 10,000
10,000 Rosaries for Grafton**

We have Prayed 10,143 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!



Please Note: The parish office will be closed **every** Thursday in the month of January at **2pm**. Please watch the bulletin for changes or updates. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given December 25, 2022 - \$6,304.50
God's Gift total Given as of December 30, 2022 - \$58,545.00
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 25, 2022 - \$4,103.50
God's Gift total Given as of December 30, 2022 - \$6,104.00

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Holy Pilgrimage	Sun., January 1, 2:00pm
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	Mon., Jan. 2
Bible Study on ACTS	Mon., Jan. 2, 7:00pm
RCIA for Adults	Tues., Jan. 3, 7:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Jan. 4, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Jan. 4, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Jan. 4, 7:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Jan. 5, 9:30am
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., Jan. 5, 7:15pm
Bible Study on ACTS	Mon., Jan. 9, 7:00pm
RCIA for Adults	Tues., Jan. 10, 7:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Jan. 11, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Jan. 11, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Jan. 11, 7:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Jan. 12, 9:30am
Baptismal Prep Class	Thurs., Jan. 12, 7:00pm
Pastoral Council	Thurs., Jan. 12, 7:00pm
Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics	Sun., Jan. 15, 3:00pm
Bible Study on ACTS	Mon., Jan. 16, 7:00pm
RCIA for Adults	Tues., Jan. 17, 7:00pm

The Second Collection This week will be going to our Helping Hands Fund. It supports the poor at our door in Grafton and the surrounding area. Please consider donating to help those in need.

Attention Grand Forks Area Catholic Women! We are excited to start off the new year with a special guest speaker, Sister Mary Ruth Huhn, who will be joining us from Hankinson, ND. Whether or not you've ever attended our gatherings before, this will be a great way to jump start your 2023 spiritual journey, with faith and fellowship! Join us for all or part of the morning, as your schedule allows! **Magnificat Morning** is held at St. Anne's Living Center (524 N 17th St, Grand Forks). **Schedule:** Saturday, January 7, 2023 starting at 8:30am Rosary, 9am Mass, 9:40am Presentation by Sr. Mary Ruth, 10:15am Small groups, 10:45am Closing. **Everyone is welcome - bring a friend!**

Catholic Married Couples Retreat Weekend: Virtues, building blocks for great lives & joy filled marriages. Get away for a weekend together to encounter Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. Deacon Ben and Jennie Seitz will lead you to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the virtues. Learn how embracing virtues more deliberately every day leads to greater joy and fulfillment in marriage and in life. Where: Franciscan Sisters of Dilligen Retreat Center - Hankinson, ND. When: January 20-22, 2023. For more information and to register: www.sixstonejars.org.

St. John Memorials

Kevin Hoenke	\$ 25.00	Cemetery
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