



# St. John the Evangelist

## Sacred Heart - Oakwood

February 12, 2023  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 (**May - Aug**)

### Reconciliation - Confessions

Saturday: 4:15- 4:45 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 - 9:20 am,  
Sunday: 11:00 - 11:20 am (**May - Aug**)  
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  
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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, Maggie Suda, Molly Zahradka, Julie McCann, Mellysa Toscano.

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**Parish Lay Directors:** Ed Seigny, Lori Cyr

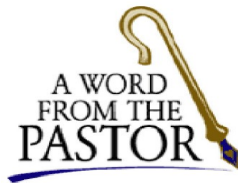
**Pastoral/Finance Council:** Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Bobby Osowski, Lee Osowski, Susan Suda

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

### 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.



Lent begins in 1 ½ weeks. Start preparing for it now by immersing yourself in the Word of God. Allow the Holy Spirit to draw you into the enormity of God's love found in the Scriptures. He will reveal Himself to you while pondering His Word. The Lord wants to be discovered and embraced by every human heart. God is the true lover of the soul. May we delight in Him and exclaim from the core of our being: "*Set me as a seal upon your heart...!*" (Song of Songs 8:6).

Truly the Heart of Jesus is physically present in the Holy Eucharist, but it is also true that the palpitations of His Heart have echoed across the millennia and found resonance in the minds of those inspired by God to write the Scriptures. His heartbeat is found in every line of the Bible, for the Scriptures reveal the love of God for you and I. Our Heavenly Father wants us to know through His written Word that we are cherished by Him.

Jesus Christ, Who is the Word of the Father, is first proclaimed in the Scriptures at every Mass, and then becomes flesh upon the altar. Christ literally gives Himself to us for our spiritual nourishment. He fills our souls with the very love of His Sacred Heart. He desires that we come to know Him as we are intimately known by Him. Reading and contemplating the Scriptures outside of Mass helps prepare our hearts for such a loving encounter with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Spend a little time each day reflecting on the Word of God, even if it's just a single line of Scripture. Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance and insight. He will respond to our prayer because He is love.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

**PRE-LENT PARISH MISSION:** Begins this Sunday: Deacon Ben Seitz will be here February 12-14 to give a Mission for our parish. The theme for the three nights is: REPENT: Building a Life of Virtue; REBOOT: Finding Peace through Mercy; RESOLVE: Living to Win! The mission presentations for each evening begin at 7pm. We will have refreshments in the Parish Center after each talk. This is a great opportunity to prepare for the season of Lent and boost your spiritual life. All are welcome.

**Listening Session with Bishop Folda:** Join Bishop Folda for a regional listening session here at St. John on Thursday, February 23 from 6:30-9:00pm as part of the Third Synod for the Diocese of Fargo. We will be gathering to ponder and discuss these questions: 1) Top 3 things that are working well at our parish/Diocese; 2) Top 3 challenges to address in our parish/Diocese, and: 3) What is one step I might be called to take to respond? All are welcome.

**The Chosen and Veggie Tales:** Beginning next Sunday at 4pm, we are providing a family opportunity to grow in faith. We will be showing all eight episodes of the first season of the The Chosen, which is a critically acclaimed series about Jesus. We will watch one episode per Sunday and have group discussion afterwards. At the same time in a different room, we will be showing episodes of Veggie Tales for the younger kids, which are delightfully well done animated Bible stories (we will have adult supervision for the little ones). Therefore, bring the whole family. Snacks will be provided. The shows begin at 4pm. The eight Sundays scheduled are: February 19, 26, March 5, 19, 26, and April 2, 23, 30.

**GOD'S GIFT APPEAL IS COMING UP SOON.**

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, February 11

10:30 am - Patricia Eppler  
5:00 pm - Paul Wilkes +

Sunday, February 12

7:30 am - Wilmer Sevigny +  
9:30 am - Parishioners  
7:00 pm - Parish Mission (REPENT)

Monday, February 13

5:15 pm - John Curran +  
7:00 pm - Parish Mission (REBOOT)

Tuesday, February 14

5:15 pm - Jim Janikowski +  
7:00 pm - Parish Mission (RESOLVE)

Wednesday, February 15

5:15 pm - Kevin Hoenke +

Thursday, February 16

5:15 pm - Michael F. Misialek +

Friday, February 17

8:00 am - David Moe +  
4:00 pm - Jess Suda & Megan Osowski Wedding (No Mass)

Saturday, February 18

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +  
5:00 pm - Harry Misialek +

Sunday, February 19

7:30 am - Parishioners  
9:30 am - Veronica Schuster +  
3:00 pm - Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics  
4:00 pm - The Chosen & Veggie Tales



Our Sympathy to  
the Family of  
Glen Schneider

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Roland Collette, Mary LaBaw, Jim LaBaw, Mike Such, Bill Rivard, Tom Hermann, Mary Schnetzer, Jon Osowski, Shane Shereck, Roy Kringstad, Becky Anderson, Jonathan Forster, Julie Bejari, Tom Almond, Daniel LaHaise, Nichole Pride, Ernie Bailly, Helen Sieben, Flavia Langan, Noah Langan, Linda Lessard, 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, 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

**STARTING THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 26, 2023 WE WILL START THE SICK LIST OVER. PLEASE LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW WHAT NAMES NEED TO REMAIN. THANK YOU!**

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

We have Prayed 11,897 Rosaries!

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



STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given February 5, 2023 - \$7,200.00

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 February 5, 2023 - \$626.00

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Parish Mission (REPENT)	Sun., Feb. 12, 7:00pm
No Bible Study This Week	Come to Parish Mission
Parish Mission (REBOOT)	Mon., Feb. 13, 7:00pm
No RCIA This Week	Come to Parish Mission
Parish Mission (RESOLVE)	Tues., Feb. 14, 7:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Feb. 15, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Feb. 15, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Feb. 15, 7:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Feb. 16, 9:30am
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., Feb. 16, 7:00pm
Holy Land Olive Wood Sales	Sat., Feb. 18, after Mass
Holy Land Olive Woods Sales	Sun., Feb. 19, after Mass
Holy Hour for the Return of Lapsed Catholics	Sun., Feb. 19, 3:00pm
"The Chosen" & Veggie Tales - Bring Family	Sun., Feb. 19, 4:00pm
Bible Study on ACTS	Mon., Feb. 20, 7:00pm
RCIA for Adults	Tues., Feb. 21, 7:00pm
Ash Wednesday Mass	Wed., Feb. 22, 6:30am
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Donations

Anonymous	\$ 3,000.00	Door Ministry
Anonymous	\$17,000.00	Unrestricted

**ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS** who are behind on their dues, please get caught up. Thank you!

**HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD AND RELIGIOUS GOODS** will be available for sale after the Masses at St John the Evangelist the weekend of February 18 & 19. Representatives from the Catholic Bethlehem Christian Families will be here and they ask for your help supporting the Catholic Christians in Bethlehem. Sixty years ago these families made up 18% of the population. Recent events in the Middle East have caused these families to face devastating economical strain and have caused the population to decrease to less than 2%. These families have relied on the income from their religious goods and hand-carved olive wood artifacts to tourists. Now these carvings and religious goods are being brought to you in the USA. All proceeds from the sales will be sent back to these families so that they may be able to keep their homes and provide for their families. This is the only source of income for them. Here is a chance for you to have a genuine olive wood carving from the Holy Land while at the same time supporting Catholic Christians in Bethlehem. Your Help will be greatly appreciated.

**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: February 17-19, 2023. For more information and to register: [www.sixstonejars.org](http://www.sixstonejars.org).