



St. John the Evangelist

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

February 19, 2023

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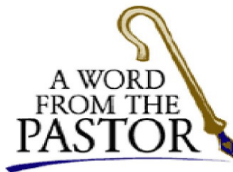
Pastoral/Finance Council: Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Bobby Osowski, Lee Osowski, Susan Suda

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 this Wednesday. This spiritual season is a time of renewal and sacrifice for the whole Body of Christ. God gives us extra graces to go deeper into the Paschal Mystery of Christ, which is His Passion, Death and Resurrection. Whatever sacrifice a person decides to do during Lent should be kept between them and the Lord. Offer your sacrifices to God for a particular intention. It could be for the salvation of souls, conversion of sinners, conversion of a specific person(s), for your family, the souls in Purgatory, a particular person who died, etc.

Here is a non-exhaustive list of things a person can do during Lent to deepen their relationship with God:

- Go to daily Mass at least once during the week.
- Spend an hour a week in Eucharistic Adoration.
- Go to Confession at least once a week.
- Come by the church for a few minutes each day and greet Jesus in the tabernacle.
- Pray the Rosary every day. If not used to praying the Rosary, then pray one of the 20 mysteries each day.
- Pray the Divine Mercy chaplet daily.
- Read a passage of Scripture daily.
- Read a good Catholic book.
- Offer a prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory each day.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday. Another option is to pray one or two Stations each day and ponder on them.
- Spend the first 15 minutes of each day in quiet prayer.
- Pray each day for those who have offended you.
- Go out of your way daily to say or do something kind to someone you don't like.
- Do or say something kind to your siblings each day.
- Offer to help people, especially when it's inconvenient for you.
- Fast one day a week on bread and water, or the regular fast of one full meal and two others that together don't equal one full meal.
- Give up snacks between meals.
Fast from social media for a day each week.
- Give up social media in the evenings.
- Fast from television for a period of time.
- If you don't exercise regularly, then exercise one or two times a week and offer it to God.
- Tell your spouse each day that you love them.
- Focus on a sin you struggle with and seek to conquer it by the end of Lent. With God's help all things are possible.
- Offer a sacrifice secretly each day or each week for your family or the souls in Purgatory or a deceased loved one.
- Quietly ruin the taste of your food for one meal a day. This means putting salt, sugar, pepper, etc. on something to ruin its taste and then eat it without complaining or letting anyone but God know.
Find creative ways to love others.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

The Chosen and Veggie Tales: This 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.

Listening Session with Bishop Folda This Thursday: Join Bishop Folda for a regional listening session here at St. John this 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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, February 18

11:00 am - Funeral Mass for William Rivard
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

Monday, February 20

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 21

5:15 pm - Lennae Kosmatka +

Wednesday, February 22

6:30 am - Robert (Bob) Mlcoch +
6:30 pm - Conversion of our Parish

Thursday, February 23

5:15 pm - John O'Toole +
6:30 pm - Bishop Folda (Regional Listen Session)

Friday, February 24

5:15 pm - Daniel Sevigny +

Saturday, February 25

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +
5:00 pm - Willard & Marie Hove +

Sunday, February 26

7:30 am - Fr. James Lauerman +
9:30 am - Parishioners
4:00 pm - The Chosen & Veggie Tales



Our Sympathy to
The Family of
William Rivard &
Tom Hermann

Please Pray for the Sick: Dave Retterath, Mary LaBaw, Jim LaBaw, Mike Such, Mary Schnetzer, 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 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

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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 12,107 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 12, 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.)

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Given February 12, 2023 - \$626.00

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Funeral Mass for William Rivard	Sat., Feb. 18, 11:00am
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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Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Feb. 22, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Feb. 22, 7:30pm
St John Quilters	Thurs., Feb. 23, 9:30am
Bishop Folda (Regional Listen Session)	Thurs., Feb. 23, 6:30-9pm
Stations of the Cross	Fri., Feb. 24, 5:45pm
"The Chosen" & Veggie Tales - Bring Family	Sun., Feb. 26, 4:00pm
Bible Study on ACTS	Mon., Feb. 27, 7:00pm
RCIA for Adults	Tues., Feb. 28, 7:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Mar. 1, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Mar. 1, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Mar. 1, 7:30pm

HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD AND RELIGIOUS GOODS will be available for sale this weekend at St John the Evangelist 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.

Next weekend, February 25 & 26, is Commitment Weekend for the 2023 God's Gift Appeal. Please bring the personalized commitment card you received in the mail to Mass with you as we join together to support our Catholic Church.

We are in need of more **Proclaimers/Readers** for Mass. It would be an excellent opportunity for High School Students, give it a try. Please call the office if you are willing to Proclaim the Word of the Lord.

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: March 3 - 5, 2023. For more information and to register: www.sixstonejars.org.