



St. John the Evangelist

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday

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
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Parish Lay Directors: Paul Houdek
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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 Sevigny, 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.



Today is Palm Sunday. We recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem amid great applause and expectation. Our Lord was greeted as a king at the gates of the holy city, and rightly so. Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords. Tragically, He was betrayed by His own people, counted as a criminal and murdered not even a week later. Jesus was crucified on a hill between two thieves. He was mocked by the spiritual leaders and rejected as the Messiah. They could not accept Him as the Truth. Our current times are no different. There are Catholics who wave their palm branches while at the same time reject Jesus and what He teaches through His Church.

The Passion account in today's Gospel dovetails with what we will hear this Friday. To highlight the mournful atmosphere on Good Friday, the Church provides an optional hymn that can be sung during the adoration of the Holy Cross. It is traditionally called the "Reproaches" (*Improperia* in Latin) and presents Jesus' sorrow on the cross.

The Reproaches:

I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, but you led your Savior to the cross. *My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!*

For forty years I led you safely through the desert. I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to the land of plenty; but you led your Savior to the cross. "My people..."

What more could I have done for you. I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only bitterness: when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink, and you pierced your Savior with a lance. *"My people...."*

For your sake I scourged your captors and their firstborn sons, but you brought your scourges down on me. *"My people...."*

I led you from slavery to freedom and drowned your captors in the sea, but you handed me over to your high priests. *"My people...."*

I opened the sea before you, but you opened my side with a spear. *"My people...."*

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud, but you led me to Pilate's court. *"My people...."*

I bore you up with manna in the desert, but you struck me down and scourged me. *"My people...."*

I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink. *"My people...."*

For you I struck down the kings of Canaan. but you struck my head with a reed. *"My people...."*

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns. *"My people...."*

I raised you to the height of majesty, but you have raised me high on a cross. *"My people...."*

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Movie Night at the Strand: The Passion of the Christ. This coming Friday evening after the Good Friday Service, our parish is sponsoring this brilliant movie at the Strand theater. Come and experience more deeply the suffering of Jesus for our salvation. Movie begins at 7:30pm. Free admission. It is rated R so kids under 17 must be accompanied by an adult.

EASTER SUNDAY VEHICLE PROCESSION: Next Sunday, immediately following the 9:30am Mass, we will have a Eucharistic vehicle procession throughout Grafton to proclaim that Jesus is Risen and alive in the Holy Eucharist! We will start from the parking lot. Please join us.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, April 1

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters
5:00 pm - Robert "Spike" Desautel +

Sunday, April 2

7:30 am - Parishioners
9:30 am - Arlyn Wohl +
3:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage
4:00 pm - "The Chosen"

Monday, April 3

8:00 am - John Curran +

Tuesday, April 4

5:15 pm - Louis & Alma Collette +

Wednesday, April 5

5:15 pm - Carol Tucker +

Thursday, April 6

7:00 pm - Joseph Duray +
After Mass Adoration until 10pm

Friday, April 7

5:30 pm - Good Friday Service
7:30 pm - The Passion of Christ Movie at the Strand
PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

Saturday, April 8

10:30 am - NO MASS

9:00 pm - Jim & Melissa Young Family

Sunday, April 9

7:30 am - John & Rose Brosius +
9:30 am - Parishioners



Our Sympathy to the
Family of
Louise Sevigny

Please Pray for the Sick:

LeRoy McCann, Caroline Dvorak, Brennan Foerster, Jennifer Lynch, Ruthe Nielson, Alice Foerster, Jonathan Foerster, Patty Durand, JoAnne Sevigny, Alex Emslander, Nicholas Emslander, Dylan Pride, Lori Fox, Adly Jaehning, Benjamin Galle, Barbara Foerster-Estad, Ron Houska, Roland Collette, Mary Schnetzer, Roy Kringstad, Mike Such, Mary Ann Jelinek, Ron Nowacki, Judy Jiskra, Julius Wangler, Marvin French, LeRoy French, Diane Lee, Hope Reis, Edith Gierszewski, Donna Retterath, Dave Retterrath, Michelle Kohler, Emie Bailly, Clifford Bailly, Judy Wolter, Mary LaBaw, Jim LaBaw, Gary Johnson, Tom Almond, Daniel LaHaise, Joan Brien, Chris Loveless, Monica Rudnik, Chad Demers, Mary Jo Olson

WE MADE IT, WE SAID OVER
10,000 Rosaries for Grafton
We have Prayed 14,006 Rosaries!
Keep praying because we need God's
Grace to convert Grafton
and our surrounding towns!
Saving souls one bead at a time!



Warsaw Church Breakfast Palm Sunday, April 2,
2023 from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Menu will include
Langdon sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs,
sweet breads and fruit. Free Will Offering.

The Walsh County Food Pantry is in need of
canned corn, bar soap, shampoo, hamburger
helper, instant potatoes, any type of soup,
pork & beans Or send a check and we'll do
the shopping! Walsh County Food Pantry, 344
W 15th St, Grafton, ND 58237. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given March 26, 2023 - \$4,366.50
God's Gift total Given as of March 30, 2023 - \$30,352.50

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 March 26, 2023 - \$257.00
God's Gift total Given as of March 30, 2023 - \$1,155.00

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Holy Pilgrimage	Sun., Apr. 2, 3:00pm
"The Chosen"	Sun., Apr. 2, 4:00pm
Bible Study on ACTS (Last Class)	Mon., Apr. 3, 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting	Tues., Apr. 4, 7:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Apr. 5, 6:30am
Living Stations of the Cross	Wed., Apr. 5, 6:30pm
Holy Thursday Mass	Thurs., Apr. 6, 7:00pm
Followed by the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm	
Office is Closed	Fri., Apr. 7
Good Friday Service	Fri., Apr. 7, 5:30pm
The Passion of Christ (Movie at the Strand)	Fri., Apr. 7, 7:30pm
Easter Vigil Mass	Sat., Apr. 8, 9:00pm
Eucharistic Vehicle Procession following the 9:30am Mass on Easter Sunday, April 9th	
Office is Closed	Mon., Apr. 10
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Apr. 12, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Apr. 12, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Apr. 12, 7:30pm
St John Quilters	Thurs., Apr. 13, 9:30am
Baptism Prep Class	Thurs., Apr. 13, 7:00pm
Wedding Mass Chase Boen & Alysia Osowski	Fri., Apr. 14, 3:00pm

"The Chosen": This Sunday at 4pm, we are showing the 6th
episode of the first season of "The Chosen", which is a
critically acclaimed series about Jesus. We will have a group
discussion afterward. Snacks will be provided. The show
begins at 4pm. The remaining Sundays scheduled are April
23 and 30.

Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus:

This Sunday, Father Jeff and Tony Dumas will be driving
through Grafton and Oakwood at 3pm with Jesus in the
Monstrance. Keep your eyes peeled for Lord in the Ford.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: April 16. Confession will be available from
Noon until 4pm. Jesus told St. Faustina that those who go to
Confession and receive Holy Communion on this day will receive a
complete pardon for their sins. Come and avail yourself of this gift of
Divine Mercy. We will have a special Holy Hour of Adoration at 3pm
and will sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Sacred Heart Memorials

Frank Suda \$ 20.00 Unrestricted