



St. John the Evangelist

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

April 16, 2023
Divine Mercy 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

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.



Divine Mercy Sunday is a time of tremendous grace for the People of God! Today's Feast of Mercy is the deep desire of the Heart of Jesus, to glorify the magnitude of His infinite mercy for sinners. In His revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Jesus made mention of His desires concerning this Feast of Mercy on 14 different occasions. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in entry 699 of the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy."

Every one of us has the opportunity to respond to Jesus' invitation to plunge into the ocean of His mercy. It is this gift of Christ that converts souls from godlessness to holiness. It is this mercy that restores what is lost in a person and makes them redeemable. Only the soul that does not repent of its sins cannot be saved. To cling to sin is to reject forgiveness. Jesus wants to forgive us more than we want to be forgiven. He wants to heal and elevate us because He loves us.

The three great expressions of His mercy are the sacraments of Baptism, Confession and Eucharist. We see red and white rays of light bursting from Christ's Heart in the Image of Divine Mercy: the white ray represents the water of Baptism and the red ray the gift of the Eucharist (in reference to the water and blood that poured out of His Heart at the time of His death).

The Church teaches that all Catholics must go to Confession at least once a year. We find the Resurrected Jesus raising souls from spiritual death to a new life of love and grace in Confession. Confession brings us back to the purity and holiness of our Baptism. In St. Faustina's diary, Jesus calls the Confessional the Tribunal of His Mercy, where the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. We should not be afraid to approach Him in this sacrament. Only the arrogant refuse this new life. Let us humble ourselves and drink deeply from the Fount of Divine Mercy.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, April 15

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +
5:00 pm - Paul Wilkes +

Sunday, April 16

7:30 am - Parishioners
9:30 am - Brittany Senti +
3:00 pm - Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Confession

Monday, April 17

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 18

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 19

NO MASS

Thursday, April 20

NO MASS

Friday, April 21

NO MASS

Saturday, April 22

10:30 am - NO MASS
5:00 pm - Robert Novak +

Sunday, April 23

7:30 am - Catherine Gourde +
9:30 am - Parishioners
4:00 pm - "The Chosen" Episode 7



Please Pray for the
Souls in Purgatory

Please Pray for the Sick: Tina Schanilec Johnson, Ralph Tucker, LeRoy McCann, Verna Aasand, 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, Ernie 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 14,331 Rosaries!

Keep praying because we need God's
Grace to convert Grafton
and our surrounding towns!
Saving souls one bead at a time!



St. Anne's Living Center in Grand Forks is holding their annual rummage sale Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6. The sale will be held in our activity room. (We will be taking donations after April 15.)

Hours:

Friday: 7am - 4pm
Saturday: 8am - 3pm

Sister Christina M. Neumann
St. Anne's Living Center

524 N. 17th St. ~ Grand Forks, ND 58203

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given April 9, 2023 - \$6,544.61
God's Gift total Given as of April 13, 2023 - \$35,817.50

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 April 9, 2023 - \$1,682.00
God's Gift total Given as of April 13, 2023 - \$1,155.00

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Divine Mercy Sunday Today

Confession available from 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Divine Mercy Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Altar Society Meeting	Mon., Apr. 17, 5:00pm
Bible Study on ACTS (Last Class)	Mon., Apr. 17, 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting	Tues., Apr. 18, 7:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Apr. 19, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Apr. 19, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Apr. 19, 7:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Apr. 20, 9:30am
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., Apr. 20, 7:00pm
"The Chosen" Episode 7	Sun., Apr. 23, 4:00pm
Faith Formation (3rd Graders ONLY)	Wed., Apr. 26, 6:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Apr. 27, 9:30am
"The Chosen" Episode 8	Sun., Apr. 30, 4:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., May 3, 6:30am

Father Jeff will be away on vacation from **April 17 through May 4**. There will be no daily Masses while he is away.

Area Parishes Daily Mass Schedule:

Sacred Heart in Minto - Mon. 6:30pm, Wed. - Sat. 8am

St. Stanislaus in Warsaw - Tues. 7:30am

St. Edward in Drayton - Mon. 7pm, Wed. 8:30am, Fri. 8:30am

St. John Memorials

Frances Ensminger	\$ 10.00	Cemetery Fund
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Donations

Anonymous	\$ 800.00	Unrestricted
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Sacred Heart Memorials

MD & Isabel Collette	\$ 100.00	Cemetery Fund
Louise Sevigny	\$ 50.00	Cemetery Fund

Listening Session with Bishop Folda: Join Bishop Folda for a regional listening session here at St. John's on **Thursday, May 4, 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.