



St. John the Evangelist

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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
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, Carol Bina

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

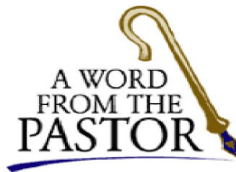
Pastoral/Finance Council: Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Bobby Osowski, Lee Osowski, Susan Suda

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.



The gift of Divine Mercy flows from the Heart of Our Good Shepherd for all of us. The following is taken from an article on the Marians of the Immaculate Conception website:

Trust in Jesus is the essence of the message of mercy. When we go to a public fountain, we can draw water from it as long as we have a vessel or container of some kind to put the water in. If our vessel is small, we can only bring back a little water; if it's large, we can bring back a lot. And anyone with a vessel can draw water from the fountain. The water is there for us, and no one is excluded. All we need is a vessel.

So it is with God's mercy. In repeated revelations to St. Faustina, Our Divine Savior makes it clear that the fountain is His Heart, the water is His mercy, and the vessel is trust.

I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust (Diary, 1520). *On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls — no one have I excluded!* (1182). *I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You" (327). The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is — trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive* (1578).

In the Diary of St. Faustina, we hear Our Lord reminding us that we can depend upon His love ... that He alone is worthy of our trust: *I never reject a contrite heart* (1485). *Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul* (1777).

But there is more to trust than just believing that God is trustworthy. We have to act upon that belief. Trust involves a turning back to God, a real conversion of our whole lives to God, repenting of our sins and forgiving others. Trust is a living faith.

Trust means that we agree to let God be God, instead of trying to be God ourselves. (Trust is the antidote to the first sin of Adam!) It means that we agree that God can write the script of our lives, instead of insisting on our own script. It means that we agree with the great pledge we make in the Our Father: "Your will [not mine] be done on earth as it is in heaven." It means that even in our moments of agony we agree with the cry of Jesus in the Garden, "Not my will, but Yours be done."

God is Mercy itself, and we are called to practice the ABC's of mercy (Ask for His Mercy, Be merciful to others, Completely trust in Jesus). As we do, our trust in Jesus is the vital ingredient. We don't simply ask for mercy, nor do we simply try to be good to other people. We ask with complete trust, and Our Lord fills us with grace so that we can be merciful as our Heavenly Father is merciful.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Listening Session with Bishop Folda: Join Bishop Folda for a regional listening session here at St. John the Evangelist this **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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, April 29
10:30 am - NO MASS
5:00 pm - Michael F. Misialek +
Sunday, April 30
7:30 am - Parishioners
9:30 am - Suzanne Burns +
4:00 pm - "The Chosen" Episode 8
Monday, May 1
NO MASS
Tuesday, May 2
NO MASS
Wednesday, May 3
NO MASS
Thursday, May 4
5:15 pm - Joan Kieley +
6:30 pm - Bishop Folda Listen Session
Friday, May 5
5:15 pm - Joey Eide +
7:00 pm - Confirmation in Warsaw
Saturday, May 6
10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters
5:00 pm - Endora Wilkes
Sunday, May 7
7:30 am - Robert "Spike" Desautel +
9:30 am - Wayne Hrabik +
10:30 am - Confirmands Reception in Parish Center
11:30 am - First Spanish Mass - Parishioners
3:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage



Please Pray for the
Souls in Purgatory

Please Pray for the Sick: Jeanne Silewski, 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, 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 14,757 Rosaries!
Keep praying because we need God's
Grace to convert Grafton
and our surrounding towns!
Saving souls one bead at a time!



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 - Wed., 5-3-23 @ 8am
St. Stanislaus in Warsaw - Tues., 5-2-23 @ 7:30am
St. Edward in Drayton - Mon., 5-1-23 @ 7pm

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

St. John the Evangelist
Given April 23, 2023 - \$6,412.00
God's Gift total Given as of April 27, 2023 - \$39,233.00

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 April 23, 2023 - \$690.00
God's Gift total Given as of April 27, 2023 - \$1,505.00

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

"The Chosen" Episode 8	Sun., Apr. 30, 4:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., May 3, 6:30am
Altar Society - clean/organize kitchen	Wed., May 3, 5:30pm
Confirmation Rehearsal in Warsaw	Wed., May 3, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., May 3, 7:30pm
Listening Session with Bishop Folda	Thurs., May 4, 6:30-9pm
Confirmation in Warsaw	Fri., May 5, 7:00pm
Holy Pilgrimage	Sun., May 7, 3:00pm
Confirmands Reception @ St. John's	Sun., May 7, 10:30am
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., May 10, 6:30am
Baptismal Prep Class	Thurs., May 11, 7:00pm
Fatima Movie at Strand (Free Admission)	Sun., May 14, 5:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., May 17, 6:30am
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., May 18, 7:00pm

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton: We will start our count over again at zero beginning May 1st. Parishioners have done a great job of praying for the conversion of Grafton. Keep praying because there are still so many more souls to save!

Funeral Reception Volunteers: The Altar Society is always in need of more generous souls willing to serve families who are grieving the loss of a loved one by helping with the funeral reception in our Parish Center. If you are interested in volunteering to serve Jesus in this way, please contact the parish office.

Fatima Movie at the Strand: On **Sunday, May 14, at 5pm** our parish is sponsoring the movie *Fatima* at the Strand theater here in Grafton. Admission is free. May 13 will be the 106th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady to the three children in Fatima, Portugal. This is a wonderful movie.

The Altar Society needs your help. On **Wednesday, May 3rd at 5:30pm** they will be cleaning and organizing the kitchen. They can use all hands on deck. Please come and help if you are able. Thank you!

Next Sunday, May 7th there will be a reception for the Confirmands here at St. John the Evangelist following the 9:30am Mass. Please wear what you wore for Confirmation in Warsaw. Thank you!

Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus:
Next 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 next 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.

OPEN HOUSE for Marvin French's 80th Birthday on Sunday, May 7th from 2-4pm at the Lutheran Sunset Home. All are welcome.