



# St. John the Evangelist

## Sacred Heart - Oakwood

May 7, 2023  
Fifth 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 - Confession

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, 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.

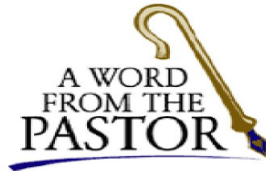
### Eucharistic Adoration

*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.



Our Lord encourages to not let our hearts be troubled. He desires to unite our heart with His own. St. Faustina wrote in her diary: After Communion today, Jesus told me how much He desires to come to human hearts. *I desire to unite Myself with human souls; My great delight is to unite Myself with souls. Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay any attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object.*

Sometimes while I am purifying the sacred vessels at the altar after distributing Holy Communion, I look up to see if people are praying or distracted. Most people are unfortunately either watching me or just looking around. Only a handful have their eyes closed praying. What Jesus told St. Faustina is true; very few people really pay any attention to Him when they receive the Eucharist.

We do not receive a dead object in Holy Communion. We receive the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Not bread, not wine, but Jesus Christ the Creator of all! The same Jesus Christ Who is present in heaven and adored by the Angels and Saints is the same Jesus in the flesh in the Eucharist. His presence in the Eucharist is called the Real Presence, because He is not here symbolically, but It really is Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

After receiving the Lord in Holy Communion, we should go back to the pew and close our eyes and pray. If there is a Communion hymn then singing is fine, but the focus in our heart needs to be on Jesus. He has entered physically into us so we can commune with Him. He deeply desires a conversation of love. We should never act as though we just consumed a piece of bread. There is no greater intimacy with Jesus outside heaven itself.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

### Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus:

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

**Rosaries for Grafton and the Month of May:** We have started our 10,000 Rosaries for Grafton again on May 1. Why do we always start the beginning of May? May is the month of Mary. This has been the tradition of the Church for a very long time. Our Lady first appeared to the children of Fatima on May 13, 1917. In honor of this, we will be showing the movie, Fatima, on Sunday, May 14. Our Lady has repeatedly called for us to pray the Rosary as it is the weapon against the devil and obtains for us innumerable graces. Pray, pray, pray!

**Confessional Lights:** When the green light is on then the priest is in the confessional. When the red light is on too, then someone is in there with the priest.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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 - Spanish Mass - Parishioners  
3:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage

Monday, May 8

No Mass

Tuesday, May 9

5:15 pm - Margaret & Leo Koester +

Wednesday, May 10

5:15 pm - Betty & Gwen Koester +

Thursday, May 11

5:15 pm - Alyce Schneider +

Friday, May 12

5:15 pm - Agnes Lessard +

Saturday, May 13

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +  
5:00 pm - Patrick Burns +

Sunday, May 14

7:30 am - Fr. James Lauerman +  
9:30 am - Jennifer Sexsmith +  
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners  
3:00 pm - Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics  
5:00 pm - Fatima Movie at the Strand (Free Admission)



Please Pray for the  
Souls in Purgatory

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Benjamin Pinta, 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 Retterath, 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

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton

We start over now in May.

**April ended with 15,057 Rosaries!**

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

**Saving souls one bead at a time!**



Sacred Heart Memorials

Louise Sevigny \$ 100.00 Cemetery Fund

STEWARDSHIP

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

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Given April 30, 2023 - \$7,537.25  
God's Gift total Given as of May 4, 2023 - \$39,773.00

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 30, 2023 - \$470.00  
God's Gift total Given as of May 4, 2023 - \$1,505.00

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Confirmands Reception @ St. John's	Sun., May 7, 10:30am
Holy Pilgrimage	Sun., May 7, 3:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., May 10, 6:30am
Baptismal Prep Class	Thurs., May 11, 7:00pm
Finance Council Meeting	Thurs., May 11, 7:00pm
Fatima Rosary	Sat., May 13, 4:15pm
Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics	Sun., May 14, 3:00pm
Fatima Movie at Strand (Free Admission)	Sun., May 14, 5:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., May 17, 6:30am
Teacher Meeting	Wed., May 17, 6:30pm
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., May 18, 7:00pm
St. John Graduation Mass	Sun., May 21, 9:30am
Senior Graduation Reception	Sun., May 21, 10:30am

**Many thanks to the St. John's Quilters that came here on Thursdays.** Some quilts were baby size, lap quilt size and queen size. These quilts were donated to Domestic Violence, fund raisers and many individuals. A special thank you to Dave for setting up the tables for us each week. Eighty-three quilts were made by this wonderful group of ladies. St. John's is truly blessed.



The office at St. John's is in need of a new copier. We use it for printing the bulletins, mailings, faith formation copies, fliers, etc. The total cost of a new one is \$6,481.13. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated. Please help if you are able. Thank you very much!

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