



St. John the Evangelist

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

May 14, 2023
Sixth 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, Carol Bina, Mary (John) Dusek, Paul Houdek, Donny Suda, Stacey Van Bruggen,

Youth Committee: Marta Balderas, Alexa Holt, Nancy Miller, Jackie Osowski, Julie McCann, Maggie Suda, Mellysa Toscano, Molly Zahradka.

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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.



This Saturday, May 13 is the anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady to the three children in Fatima in 1917. Most people don't realize the Fatima apparitions actually began in the spring of the previous year, 1916, when the Angel of Peace appeared to the children three times to prepare them for their meetings with the Queen of Heaven.

As they were looking after their sheep one day in the spring, a dazzlingly beautiful young man, seemingly made of light, appeared and told them, "Do not be afraid. I am the Angel of Peace." He invited them to pray with him and said the Hearts of Jesus and Mary were attentive to their prayers. He taught them this prayer which became known as the Pardon Prayer: **My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You. Amen.**

The angel appeared to the children again in the summer. He encouraged them to pray and make sacrifices as a way of drawing down peace on their country. He also revealed that he was the Guardian Angel of Portugal.

The angel came a third time in the autumn. He appeared before them holding a chalice in his hands. A Host was suspended above it, from which drops of blood were falling into the chalice. The angel left the chalice suspended in the air and prostrated himself before it in prayer. He taught them the following prayer of Eucharistic reparation: **Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.**

He then gave the Host to Lucia and the chalice to Francisco and Jacinta, saying: "Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Make reparation for their crimes and console your God." The angel fell prostrate to the ground and repeated the prayer three times and disappeared.

On May 13, 1917, Our Lady appeared to the three children as they took their flocks out to pasture in the small area known as the *Cova da Iria* (Cove of Peace). Lucia described in her own words what she saw: "A lady, clothed in white, brighter than the sun, radiating a light more clear and intense than a crystal cup filled with sparkling water lit by burning sunlight."

The Lady smiled and said: "*Do not be afraid, I will not harm you ... I come from heaven.*"

She asked them to come to the Cova at the same hour on the 13th day for six months. She instructed the children on many things, informed them of coming events, called the people of God to prayer, especially the Rosary, and culminated her apparitions with the miracle of the sun.

I strongly recommend that every parishioner look up the story of Our Lady of Fatima and read the revelations Our Lady gave the children, all of which apply to our current crisis today.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

This Sunday! Fatima movie at the Strand! This Sunday the movie *Fatima* will be showing at 5pm at the Strand theater here in Grafton. This is an excellent movie and free admission for all. Celebrate Mother's Day with Our Blessed Mother Mary.

We are blessed to have a seminarian serving here in our parish for two months beginning this Monday. His name is Taylor Tiernes.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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)

Monday, May 15

5:15 pm - Frank & Elinor Misialek +

Tuesday, May 16

5:15 pm - Daniel Sevigny +

Wednesday, May 17

5:15 pm - Ted Suda +

Thursday, May 18

5:15 pm - Margie Novak +

Friday, May 19

9:00 am - Special Intention

Saturday, May 20

10:30 am - Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm - Joe Lara +

Sunday, May 21

7:30 am - Richard & Catherine Gourde +
9:30 am - Robert "Bob" Mlcoch +
10:30 am - Senior Graduation Reception
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners



Please Pray for the
Souls in Purgatory

Please Pray for the Sick: Jack Mihelich, Shawn Gray, Daniel Bowman, Benedict 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 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

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton

We have started over.

We have Prayed 318 Rosaries!

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

Saving souls one bead at a time!



ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN: Please pray the rosary and have your Mom or Dad put # of rosaries you say in the box for you with your name on it and their phone number. Pray 75 rosaries and you will receive your own prayer warrior sword. God needs his Prayer Warriors!



STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given May 7, 2023 - \$6,491.22

God's Gift total Given as of May 11, 2023 - \$40,494.25

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 May 7, 2023 - \$723.00

God's Gift total Given as of May 11, 2023 - \$3,080.00

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

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's Meeting	Wed., May 17, 6:30pm
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., May 18, 7:00pm
Senior Graduation Mass (wear caps & gowns)	Sun., May 21, 9:30am
Senior Graduation Reception	Sun., May 21, 10:30am
Altar Society Kitchen Cleaning	Mon., May 22, 1:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., May 24, 6:30am
Spanish Graduation Mass (wear caps & gowns)	Sun., May 28, 11:30am
OFFICE CLOSED (MEMORIAL DAY)	Mon., May 29
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., May 31, 6:30am
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., June 1, 7:00pm



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!

Donations

Anonymous	\$ 100.00	Copier
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Parish Healing Service: Friday, June 16 is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will have Mass at 6pm with a Eucharistic Healing Service immediately following. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Conference: We will be hosting a Eucharistic Conference here at St. John's on Saturday, June 17. We will have guest speakers addressing the topics of Eucharistic Miracles and Bl. Carlo Acutis, the Eucharist in Sacred Art, and the Eucharist and the Sacred Heart. More details to come.

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! **Please make checks out to:** Walsh County Food Pantry, 344 W. 15th St., Grafton, ND 58237. Thank you!