



St. John the Evangelist

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

May 21, 2023
The Ascension of the Lord

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
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Deacon and Faith Formation Director:
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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, Julie McCann, Nancy Miller, Jackie Osowski, Maggie Suda, Mellysa Toscano, Molly Zahradka.

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Parish Lay Directors: Ed Seigny, Lori Cyr

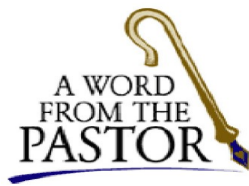
Pastoral/Finance Council: Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Bobby Osowski, Lee Osowski, Susan Suda

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.



On the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord, we find Jesus opening for us the gates of heaven. This should be an incredibly joyful time for us. The following is from a homily given by St. Augustine concerning today's celebration:

"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: *If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.* For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: *Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?* and when he said: *I was hungry and you gave me food.*

Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: *No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.*

These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are the sons of God. So the Apostle says: *Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ.* He too has many members, but one body.

Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head."

May God be praised and may you be blessed!



Congratulations to our graduates from St. John the Evangelist - please remember to join us after the 9:30am Mass for the Senior breakfast reception this Sunday, May 21st. Remember to wear your caps and gowns. May God bless you and always keep him close to your heart. Whenever you are feeling alone or struggling, turn to God. He is always there for you. Wishing you all the very best future. Don't forget to visit us. You will be missed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

Monday, May 22

5:15 pm - Robert Novak +

Tuesday, May 23

5:15 pm - John O'Toole +

Wednesday, May 24

5:15 pm - Jim Janikowski +

Thursday, May 25

NO MASS

Friday, May 26

5:15 pm - Veronica Schuster +

Saturday, May 27

10:30 am - Terry Eppler & Ed Desloge +
5:00 pm - Roger Amiot +

Sunday, May 28

7:30 am - Louis Collette & All Veterans +
9:30 am - Earl Lessard +
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners



Please Pray for the
Souls in Purgatory

Please Pray for the Sick: Tom Olson, 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 Prayed 534 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!



"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given May 14, 2023 - \$4,395.50
God's Gift total Given as of May 18, 2023 - \$41,364.25

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 14, 2023 - \$765.00
God's Gift total Given as of May 18, 2023 - \$3,230.00

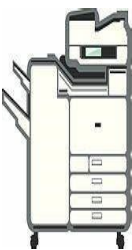
Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

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
Mass @ St. John's Cemetery Altar	Mon., May 29, 9:00am
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., May 31, 6:30am
Altar Server Training in the Church	Wed., May 31, 7:00pm
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., June 1, 7:00pm
Holy Pilgrimage	Sun., June 4, 3:00pm
Art Night in Parish Center	Tues., June 6, 6:30-8:30pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., June 7, 6:30am
Pastoral Council	Thurs., June 8, 7:00pm
Baptismal Prep Class	Thurs., June 8, 7:00pm

Memorial Day Cemetery Mass: We will have an outdoor Mass at St. John's Cemetery on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29 at 9:00AM. This Mass will be offered for the Souls in Purgatory. You will need to bring your own lawn chair. The blessing of the cemetery will take place at 8:30am and the blessing of the Oakwood cemetery will be at 8am. If it is raining that day and can't do the cemetery Mass, then the Mass will be at the church at 9:15am.

Altar Server Training: Wednesday, May 31 at 7pm in the church. This is for all current servers and any boys/men second grade through adult who want to become a server. Let's continue to build the army of God in service at the altar!

Art Night: We will have an Art Night in our Parish Center on Tuesday, June 6 from 6:30-8:30pm. Art supplies and snacks will be provided. All are welcome!



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

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