



St. John the Evangelist

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

July 23, 2023
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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, Jackie Osowski, Mellysa Toscano, Molly Zahradka

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Parish Lay Directors: Ed Sevigny, Lori Cyr

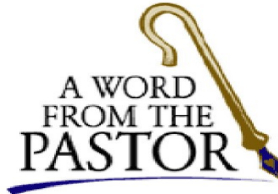
Pastoral/Finance Council: Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Bobby Osowski, Lee Osowski, Susan Suda

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.



Why did the Church dedicate the month of July to the Precious Blood of Jesus?

One particular devotion in the Catholic Church connected to the Passion of Jesus Christ is the honoring of His Precious Blood. It is a recognition of Jesus' sacrifice and how He spilled His blood for the salvation of humanity. Furthermore, this blood is made present through the gift of the Eucharist and is something we can consume at Mass, along with the body of Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine.

Over time the Church developed various feasts of the Precious Blood, but it wasn't until the 19th century when a universal feast was established.

During the First Italian War for Independence in 1849, Pope Pius IX went into exile to Gaeta. He went there with Don Giovanni Merlini, third superior general of the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood.

While the war was still raging, Merlini suggested to Pope Pius IX that he create a universal feast to the Precious Blood to beg God's heavenly aid to end the war and bring peace to Rome. Pius IX subsequently made a statement on June 30, 1849 that he intended to create a feast in honor of the Precious Blood. The war soon ended and he returned to Rome shortly thereafter.

On August 10, he made it official and proclaimed that the 1st Sunday in July will be dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Later, Pope Pius X assigned July 1 as the fixed date of this celebration.

After Vatican II, the feast was removed from the calendar, but a votive Mass in honor of the Precious Blood was established and can be celebrated in the month of July (as well as most other months of the year).

For these reasons the entire month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood, and Catholics are encouraged to meditate on the profound sacrifice of Jesus and the pouring out of His blood for humanity.

I encourage you to invoke the Precious Blood of Jesus every day. The following is a prayer of protection by the Precious Blood:

Lord JESUS, by faith in Your merits, I now take Your Precious Blood and sprinkle it over myself and my family right from the crown of my head to the very soles of my feet. I claim total and complete protection for my life and my family.

Lord JESUS, keep me free today from evil, sin, temptation, Satan's attacks and afflictions, fear of darkness, fear of man, sickness, diseases, doubts, anger, all calamities and from all that is not of Your Kingdom.

Fill me Lord JESUS with the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant me the gift of wisdom, knowledge, understanding and discernment so that I will live today in Your glory by doing that which is right. Praise you Jesus. Thank You, Jesus. Amen.

You can also make an offering of the Precious Blood to God with this prayer: *Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, in satisfaction for my sins, in supplication for the holy souls in Purgatory and for the needs of Holy Church [especially for the soul of (Name)]. Amen.*

You can offer the Precious Blood to God through Mary as follows: *Immaculate Heart of Mary, please offer to the Eternal Father the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, for the conversion of sinners, especially [Name]. Amen.*

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

A huge **THANK YOU** to our Youth Committee and all the volunteers that helped support and put on our Vacation Bible School last week. It was a big success. God bless you for all you do here at St. John the Evangelist!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, July 22 Saint Mary Magdalene

10:30 am - Jane Zidon +
5:00 pm - Ted Suda +

Sunday, July 23 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Louise Sevigny +
9:30 am - Ronald Carignan +
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners
3:00 pm - Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics

Monday, July 24 Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

OFFICE CLOSED
8:30am - Steve & Ida Feltman +

Tuesday, July 25 Saint James, Apostle
NO MASS

Wednesday, July 26 Sts Joachim & Anne,
parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NO MASS

Thursday, July 27

NO MASS

Friday, July 28

NO MASS

Saturday, July 29 Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

10:30 am - NO MASS
5:00 pm - Edward French, Jr.

Sunday, July 30 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Hiladore Osowski +
9:30 am - Michael F. Misialek +
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners
3:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage



Our Sympathy to
the Family of
Verna Aasand

Please Pray for the Sick:

Tom Almond, Clifford Bailly, Ernie Bailly, Daniel Bowman, Joan Brien, Jean Clark, Roland Collette, Chad Demers, Patty Durand, Caroline Dvorak, Alex Emslander, Nicholas Emslander, Roger Feltman, Alice Foerster, Barbara Foerster-Estad, Brennan Foerster, Jonathan Foerster, Lori Fox, LeRoy French, Marvin French, Benjamin Galle, Edith Gierszewski, Shawn Gray, Ron Houska, Adly Jaehning, Mary Ann Jelinek, Judy Jiskra, Gary Johnson, Tina Schanilec Johnson, Michelle Kohler, Roy Kringstad, Jim LaBaw, Mary LaBaw, Daniel LaHaise, Diane Lee, Roman Lessard, Albert Lopez, Chris Loveless, Jennifer Lynch, LeRoy McCann, Jack Mihelich, Ruthe Nielson, Ron Nowacki, Tom Olson, Benedict Pinta, Danny Pokrzywinski, Dylan Pride, Hope Reis, Dave Retterath, Donna Retterath, Monica Rudnik, David Schnetzer, JoAnne Sevigny, Jeanne Silewski, Mike Such, Ralph Tucker, Julius Wangler, Judy Wolter

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton
We have Prayed 3073 Rosaries!
Keep praying because we need God's Grace to
convert Grafton
and our surrounding towns!
Saving souls one bead at a time!



STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given July 16, 2023 - \$4,494.50
God's Gift total Given as of July 20, 2023 - \$44,198.25
God's Gift Appeal Goal: \$88,726.79 @ 56.35%
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 July 16, 2023 - \$531.00
God's Gift total Given as of July 20, 2023 - \$3,835.00
God's Gift Appeal Goal: \$8,440.92 @ 45.43%

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics	Sun., July 23, 3:00pm
Mass at St. John's	Mon., July 24, 8:30am
OFFICE CLOSED	Mon., July 24
NO DAILY MASS	Tues., 7-25 thru Fri., 7-28
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., July 26, 6:30am
Holy Pilgrimage (For August)	Sun., July 30, 3:00pm
Art Night with Fr. Jeff in Parish Center	Tues., Aug. 1, 6:30-8:30pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Aug. 2, 6:30am
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., Aug. 3, 7:00pm
Finance Council Meeting	Thurs., Aug. 3, 7:00pm

Father Jeff will be gone from Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28 on vacation. There will be no daily Masses while he is away.

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field... He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

Art Night: We will have an Art Night in our Parish Center on Tuesday, August 1 from 6:30-8:30pm. Come and enjoy an evening of creativity. You don't have to be good at painting to enjoy a little fun and fellowship. Paints and snacks will be provided. All are welcome!

Summer Salad & Deli Luncheon !!! BAKE SALE TOO !!!
Wednesday, August 2, 11am - 1pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 505 Park St E, Park River, ND. Free-will offering, all ages are welcome!

Classical Desserts – Dr. Jay Hershberger is back at St Edward in Drayton, ND for a piano recital. On Sunday, August 20 at 3PM Jay will perform Schubert's Klavierstucke, No. 1, Beethoven's "Waldenstein" sonata, and Schumann's Carnival. Following the performance everyone is welcome to the Dessert Buffet in the parish center. Please bring a free-will offering.

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 the Lord in the Ford.