



St. John the Evangelist

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

August 13, 2023
19th 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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The Parish Office 352-1648
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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 Seigny, Lori Cyr

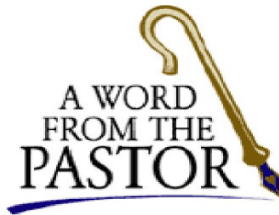
Pastoral/Finance Council: Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Bobby Osowski, Lee Osowski, Susan Suda

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 Tuesday, we celebrate the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God. The following is taken from an article by Catholic News Agency:

“Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, ‘that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.’

His Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* (Most Bountiful God), which defined the dogma, contained the Pontiff's accounts of many longstanding traditions by which the Church has celebrated the Assumption throughout its history.

The constitution also cited testimonies from the early Church fathers on the subject, and described the history of theological reflection on many Biblical passages which are seen as indicating that Mary was assumed into heaven following her death.

Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the ‘woman clothed with the sun’ who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation.

The passage calls that woman's appearance ‘a great sign’ which ‘appeared in heaven,’ indicating that she is the mother of the Jewish Messiah and has ‘the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.’ Accordingly, Catholic iconography of the Western tradition often depicts the Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven in this manner.

Eastern Christians have also traditionally held Mary's assumption into heaven as an essential component of their faith. Pius XII cited several early Byzantine liturgical texts, as well as the eighth-century Arab Christian theologian St. John of Damascus, in his own authoritative definition of her assumption.

‘It was fitting,’ St. John of Damascus wrote in a sermon on the assumption, ‘that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death,’ and ‘that she, who had carried the creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles.’

In Eastern Christian tradition, the same feast is celebrated on the same calendar date, although typically known as the Dormition (falling asleep) of Mary. Eastern Catholic celebration of the Dormition is preceded by a two-week period of fasting which is similar to Lent. Pius XII, in *Munificentissimus Deus*, mentioned this same fasting period as belonging to the traditional patrimony of Western Christians as well.

The feast of the Assumption is always a Holy Day of Obligation for both Roman and Eastern-rite Catholics, on which they are obliged to attend Mass.”

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Tuesday, August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times here at St. John's are: 6:30am & 5:15pm. Mass times in Minto are as follows: Monday, August 14 at 7:00pm; Tuesday, August 15 at 7:30am in Minto & 7:00pm in Warsaw.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, August 12 *St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious; BVM*

10:30 am - Terry Eppler & Ed Desloge +
5:00 pm - Tom Almond

Sunday, August 13 **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am - Thomas Hermann +
9:30 am - Jessica Diaz +
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Confirmation - Parishioners
3:00 pm - Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics

Monday, August 14 *St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr*

NO MASS

Tuesday, August 15 **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holy Day of Obligation)**

6:30 am - Roger Amiot +
5:15 pm - Parishioners

Wednesday, August 16 *St. Stephen of Hungary*

5:15 pm - William "Billy" Rivard +

Thursday, August 17

5:15pm - Louis & Alma Collette +

Friday, August 18

11:00 am - Funeral Mass for Helen Sieben
5:15 pm - Duane & Janice Lorenzen +

Saturday, August 19 *St. John Eudes, Priest; BVM*

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +
5:00 pm - Aloys & Gertye Lutovsky +

Sunday, August 20 **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am - Ted Suda +
9:30 am - Jerome Carriere +
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners



Our Sympathy to
The Family of
Helen Sieben

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, Alice Foerster, Barbara Foerster-Estad, Roger Feltman, 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, Tom Olson, Benedict Pinta, 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 3733 Rosaries!

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

Saving souls one bead at a time!



The Walsh County Food Pantry is in need of white rice, 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!

STEWARDSHIP

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

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Given August 6, 2023 - \$5,284.23

God's Gift total Given as of August 10, 2023 - \$44,998.50

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 August 6, 2023 - \$1,000.00

God's Gift total Given as of August 10, 2023 - \$3,835.00

God's Gift Appeal Goal: \$8,440.92 @ 45.43%

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Confirmation for Hispanic Ministry	Sun., Aug. 13, 11:30am
Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics	Sun., Aug. 13, 3:00pm
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)	Tues., Aug. 15, 6:30am
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)	Tues., Aug. 15, 5:15pm
Youth Committee Meeting	Tues., Aug. 15, 6:30pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Aug. 16, 6:30am
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., Aug. 17, 7:00pm
Funeral Mass for Helen Sieben	Fri., Aug. 18, 11:00am
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Aug. 23, 6:30am
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Aug. 30, 6:30am
Holy Pilgrimage	Sun., Sept. 3, 3:00pm

Please join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving and Family picnic! On Saturday, August 19th, a Mass of Thanksgiving will mark the beginning of the 20-year anniversary year of Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla Maternity Home. This will begin a year of gratitude, prayer, evangelization and celebration. Mass will be at 11AM at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Warsaw, ND, followed by a cookout and a special performance from the Polish National Alliance Dancers at about 1:45pm. This will be the first of several events during this special anniversary year. Check out our website for more information and details as we get closer to each event: sgpmollahome.com. All are invited to attend!

ATTENTION NDSU STUDENTS AND PARENTS - St. Paul's Newman Center and bisonCatholic invites all students, parents, and families to come and celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass with us at the Newman Center on welcome weekend (August 19th and 20th). Our Mass Schedule for the school year is; Saturday (vigil) 4:30 PM. Sunday, August 20th @ 9:30 am (followed by coffee and rolls), and 5 pm (followed by Buckluck meal). See our weekly mass schedule and register online at www.bisoncatholic.org, and click register! We look forward to seeing you on campus!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: September 8-10, here at St. John. Throughout this special weekend we will be spending time exploring different parts of our Catholic faith, growing together in fellowship, and opening ourselves to whatever the Holy Spirit has in store for us! This is a great opportunity to be introduced to a deeper relationship with the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. The weekend begins on Friday evening, Sept. 8 and goes until the mid-afternoon on Sunday, Sept. 10. The weekend is free of charge although you may give a donation if you choose. Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday lunch will be provided. The parish does not provide lodging for out-of-town participants. Please register for this seminar by contacting the parish office at 701-352-1648.