



# St. John the Evangelist

## Sacred Heart - Oakwood

August 20, 2023  
20th 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**

**Fr. Jeff's Cell Phone 1-314-750-8937**

The Parish Office 352-1648

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, 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.

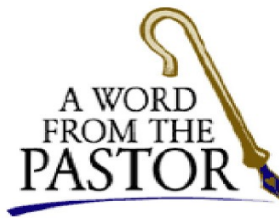
### Eucharistic Adoration

*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.



Kings, and since He sits on His throne at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, and since His mother was assumed into Heaven, body and soul, then the logical conclusion flowing from these truths necessarily leads us to Tuesday's memorial.

Early Church Fathers used what is referred to as "typology" to clearly establish the continuity between the Old and New Testaments. For example, though King Solomon sinned, he is also a prefigurement, or "type" of Christ because he was a peacemaker, filled with wisdom, and built the Temple. Saint Augustine, in his commentary on Psalm 127, states that our Lord is "the true Solomon" and that "Solomon was the figure of this Peacemaker." The true Peacemaker is Christ, and just as Solomon built the Temple, so our Lord built the true Temple of His Body, the Church.

Following this form of typology, the Book of 1 Kings states, "Then Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah, and the king stood up to meet her and paid her homage. Then he sat down upon his throne, and a throne was provided for the king's mother, who sat at his right. She said, 'There is one small favor I would ask of you. Do not refuse me.' The king said to her, 'Ask it, my mother, for I will not refuse you'" (1 Kings 2:19-20). If King Solomon, an Old Testament type of Christ, honored his Queen Mother's requests and sat her on a throne next to his, then so much more does our Lord, the true King of Kings, do so with His mother. Therefore, Tuesday's memorial celebrates the fact that, in Heaven, Jesus' mother is seated on a throne next to His, and like Solomon, Jesus says with certainty to her, "Ask it, my mother, for I will not refuse you."

It is for these reasons, that on October 11, 1954, four years after the proclamation of the Assumption, Pope Pius XII instituted the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary with his encyclical letter, *Ad Caeli Reginam* (The Queen of Heaven). This memorial was first assigned the date May 31, which followed the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. However, in 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the date to August 22, eight days after the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In large part, this was done to create an octave of anticipation and to show that the Assumption necessarily results in the Mother of God being also the Queen Mother of Heaven and Earth.

As Queen, Mother Mary not only intercedes on our behalf, she also acts as her Son's mediator. From her heavenly throne, the Queen Mother of Heaven and Earth is entrusted with the grace of God. She is not the source, but she is privileged to be the instrument of distribution. As a loving mother, nothing pleases her more than to lavish every good thing upon her children on earth. She longs to gather all of her children together in Heaven, with and in her divine Son. Therefore, make it a point to spend time with her every day. Let her be Queen of your heart.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

**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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Saturday, August 19** *St. John Eudes, Priest; BVM*  
10:00 am - Funeral Mass for Jeanne Silewski  
5:00 pm - Aloys & Gertyee 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  
**Monday, August 21** *St. Pius X, Pope*  
5:15 pm - Gary Johnson +  
**Tuesday, August 22** *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
5:15 pm - Frank Suda +  
**Wednesday, August 23** *St. Rose of Lima, Virgin*  
5:15 pm - Daniel Sevigny +  
**Thursday, August 24** *St. Bartholomew, Apostle*  
10:30am - Jennifer Sexsmith +  
**Friday, August 25** *St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest*  
5:15 pm - Frank & Elinor Misialek +

**Saturday, August 26**  
10:30 am - Souls in Purgatory  
5:00 pm - Sr. Rose Therese Sevigny +  
**Sunday, August 27** *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
7:30 am - Chase & Alysia Osowski  
9:30 am - Kevin Hoenke +  
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners



Our Sympathy  
To the Family of  
Jeanne Silewski

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, 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, Mike Such, Ralph Tucker, Julius Wangler, Judy Wolter

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton

We have Prayed 3964 Rosaries!

Keep praying because we need God's  
Grace to convert Grafton  
and our surrounding towns!  
Saving souls one bead at a time!



**Betty Machart turns 90** on September 4! Come have cake and celebrate with Betty on **Saturday, September 2 at 2pm** in the sunroom at Lutheran Sunset Home, Grafton, ND. Please enter through Door #1, Main Dining Room on the East side of the building. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP

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

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Given August 13, 2023 - \$5,541.75  
God's Gift total Given as of August 17, 2023 - \$45,436.00  
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 13, 2023 - \$581.00  
God's Gift total Given as of August 17, 2023 - \$3,835.00  
God's Gift Appeal Goal: \$8,440.92 @ 45.43%

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Funeral Mass for Jeanne Silewski	Sat., Aug. 19, 10:00am
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
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., Sept. 7, 7:00pm
<b>Life in the Spirit Conference</b>	<b>Fri., Sept. 8 - Sun., Sept 10</b>
RCIA for Adults	Tues., Sept. 12, 7:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Sept. 13, 6:30am
RCIA for Adults	Tues., Sept. 19, 7:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Sept. 20, 6:30am

The youth committee is looking for donations for the Fall into Faith Formation Kickoff on Sunday, October 1st after 9:30am Mass. We will need bake sale items, raffle baskets, and muffins/juice donated for the event. Please let Father Jeff or Julie McCann (701-370-2132) know if you are willing to help with donations for our youth.

**Interested in Becoming Catholic?** We will begin the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) on Tuesday, September 12 at 7pm in Classroom 2. This class is for Non-Catholic adults (Age 17 and up) who are interested in becoming Catholic or for those who are already Catholic and need Confirmation, or who just want to learn more about the Faith. Fr. Jeff is the primary teacher for this class.

**Hot Pepper Challenge and Family Game Night:** Next Sunday, August 27 at 5pm in the Parish Center. Fr. Jeff will be providing various hot peppers he grew in his garden. They range in hotness from fairly mild to absolute insanity hot. Come and see how much you can handle. It's an opportunity to offer our voluntary suffering for souls. Also, we will have board and card games available for some family fun. Deacon Mike will be making some of his awesome chili for this event, along with hot dogs and snacks. It's all free! Come and enjoy some fun and fellowship.