



St. John the Evangelist

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

September 3, 2023
22nd 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:
Rev. Mr. Michael Grzadzielewski
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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

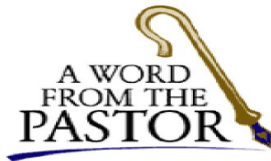
Pastoral/Finance Council: Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Bobby Osowski, Lee Osowski, Susan Suda

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.



In Catholic tradition, September is the month of Our Lady of Sorrows, and is an ideal time to strengthen our connection to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Here are 10 ways you can honor Our Lady of Sorrows this month:

GO TO DAILY MASS. Nothing consoles the Heart of Mary more than when we receive her Son in Holy Communion with deep love and affection, as well as being in the state of grace (no mortal sin). Ask Our Lady to receive Jesus through her Heart.

SPEND AN HOUR A WEEK IN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. It gladdens Our Lady when we spend time in front of Jesus adoring and loving Him.

DON'T RUN FROM THE SORROWS OF OTHERS. Be fully present to them, even when their difficulty is hard for you to think about. Really listen when someone wants to talk about a worry, a grief, a pain, or a loneliness and offer time and empathy.

PUT EMPATHY INTO ACTION. Offer to help ease the suffering of another, carrying their cross for a bit, like Simon of Cyrene. Offer to drive a friend to the doctor, visit someone in the hospital, pray a Rosary for a friend's special intention, babysit for an overwhelmed mom or spend time with an elderly relative while their caretaker has some time to themselves.

BRING AN IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS TO SOMEONE WHO'S SUFFERING. It could be a painting, a prayer card, a statue, or even a computer printout. In this way you can offer them the companionship of her compassion and the opportunity to offer their sorrows up, giving their pain a greater purpose.

PRAY THE POWERFUL SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY OR THE SEVEN SORROWS DEVOTION. The Seven Sorrows devotion involves praying seven Hail Marys a day, each one while meditating on one of Our Lady's seven sorrows, which are:

- The prophecy of Simeon.
- The flight into Egypt.
- The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple.
- The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.
- The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus.
- The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross and preparation for burial.
- The burial of Jesus.

And the Seven Sorrows Rosary involves dwelling upon each of the seven sorrows as you would one of the mysteries of the Rosary. Every Tuesday at 8:30pm and Fridays at 6pm, we pray this Rosary in the church. Come and join us.

DONATE SOMETHING.

PRAY DAILY FOR SOMEONE WHO'S SUFFERING AND LET THEM KNOW.

LIGHT A CANDLE IN THE CHURCH BEFORE A STATUE OF OUR LADY.

MAKE AN ALTAR TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS IN YOUR HOME.

Choose an image of the Sorrowful Virgin and adorn it with flowers that you'll keep refreshing all month as a little act of tenderness, and candles that you light during prayer. Place a small box near the image and ask each member of the family to write one act of love or mercy they promise to do to console Our Sorrowful Lady this month. Place that resolution in the box as a gift of love.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR Next Weekend! 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! ***The schedule for the weekend begins on Friday, Sept. 8 from 7pm-9:30pm, Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9am-9:30pm and Sunday, Sept. 10 from 9am-3pm.*** The weekend is free of charge. Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday lunch will be provided. Please register for this seminar by contacting the parish office at 701-352-1648.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
Saturday, September 2

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters
5:00 pm - Ray & Lola Houdek +
Sunday, September 3 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am - Fr. James Lauerman +
9:30 am - Merlyn & Vivian Collette +
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners - Last One
3:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage

Monday, September 4

10:00 am - End to War
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 5

5:15 pm - Robert "Bob" Mlcoch +

Wednesday, September 6

5:15 pm - Jessica Diaz +

Thursday, September 7

5:15pm - Frank Suda +

Friday, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:15 pm - Joan Kieley +

Saturday, September 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest

10:30 am - Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm - Rosanna Credit +

Sunday, September 10 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Robert "Spike" Desautel +
9:30 am - Parishioners



Please Pray for the
Souls in Purgatory

Please Pray for the Sick:

Tom Almond, Clifford Bailly, Ernie Bailly, Daniel Bowman, Joan Brien, 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, Peyton Tomlinson, Carmen Tomlinson & Mark Tomlinson; Julius Wangler, Judy Wolter

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton
We have Prayed 4481 Rosaries!
Keep praying because we need God's Grace
to convert Grafton
and our surrounding towns!
Saving souls one bead at a time!



Table with 3 columns: Donor Name, Amount, and Recipient. Rows include Helen Sieben (\$510.00 to Youth Ministry) and Anonymous (\$100.00 to Youth Ministry).

Fall Dinners

St. Brigid's, Cavalier, ND - Sun., Sept. 17, 11:30 - 2pm, turkey dinner; Adults/\$15; Children/\$7; PreK FREE. 701-265-4636 dine in, take out and delivery available.
St. Mary's, Grand Forks, ND - Sun., Sept. 24, 11:30 - 2:30pm, chicken & meatball dinner; Adults 11 & Older /\$15; Children 5-10/\$8; Children 4 & under/FREE.
St., Mary's, Park River, ND - Sun., Oct. 1, 11am - 1:00pm, meatballs, real mashed potatoes, veggie, roll, St. Mary's homemade pie! Gluten-free options available; Ages 13 & up/\$15; ages 6-12/\$10; age 5 and under/FREE.
St. John's, Grafton, ND - Sun., Oct. 8, 11am - 2:00pm, turkey dinner, all meals \$15, dine in, carry out or delivery.

STEWARDSHIP

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

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Given August 27, 2023 - \$2,740.50
God's Gift total Given as of August 31, 2023 - \$45,902.50
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 27, 2023 - \$714.00
God's Gift total Given as of August 31, 2023 - \$3,835.00
God's Gift Appeal Goal: \$8,440.92 @ 45.43%

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Table with 2 columns: Event Name and Date/Time. Rows include Holy Pilgrimage (Sun., Sept. 3, 3:00pm), Office Closed (Mon., Sept. 4), Rosary Walk for Life (Wed., Sept. 6, 6:30am), Baptismal Prep Class (Thurs., Sept. 7, 7:00pm), Charismatic Prayer Group (Thurs., Sept. 7, 7:00pm), Life in the Spirit Conference (Fri., Sept. 8 - Sun., Sept 10), 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), Faith Formation Registration (Wed., Sept. 20, 6:30-7:30pm), St. John Quilters (Thurs., Sept. 21, 9:30am), Charismatic Prayer Group (Thurs., Sept. 21, 7:00pm), Faith Formation Registration (Sun., Sept. 24, after Mass), and Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics (Sun., Sept. 24, 1:00pm).

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.

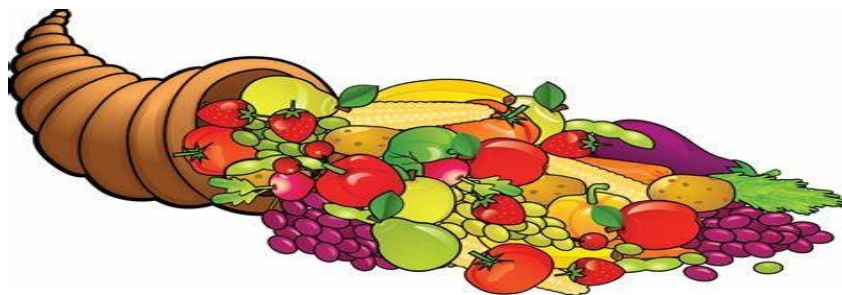
Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus:

Today, 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.

The Second Collection today, will be going to our Youth Ministry (Faith Formation/Youth Committee). It helps pay for the youth activities and faith formation supplies needed. Please consider donating to help out our youth at St. Johns.

Faith Formation Registration is soon approaching, it will be on Wednesday, September 20 & 27 from 6:30-7:30pm as well as after 9:30am Mass on Sunday, September 24.

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.



Donations Needed for the Fall Dinner- Oct. 8, 2023

Donations Needed to purchase Food for the Dinner

Cash Donations are needed to defray the costs of turkeys, buns, and other food supplies needed. The cost of items we purchase averages about \$4,000.00 each year for the Fall Dinner. We are planning food for 1,200 people this year. Donations can be sent to St. John's, 344 W. 15th St., Grafton, ND 58237, please write in memo: "Fall Dinner Donation". Thank you!

Here is a list of food you can purchase and donate if you prefer:

Chicken Broth – 150 32 oz. cartons
Cool Whip – 5 cases
Cream – 2 gallons
Celery – 50 Stalks

Butter – 100 lbs.
Milk – 8 Gallons
Onions – 100 lbs.
Flour – 20 lbs.

For food item questions, please notify Kelly Dokken by text/call (701-360-7024) or Sandi Houdek (701-360-1221). All food donations must be at the church no later than Tuesday, October 3, at 5:00 p.m.

To volunteer in the kitchen, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday call/text Kelly Dokken (701-360-7024), Mary (John) Dusek (701-520-0163), or Sandi Houdek (701-360-1221).

To volunteer for the dining room, call Alissa Parsons (701-360-1180) or Sheila Slominski (701-360-1891).

To donate pies – call Colleen Lykken (701-352-1701) or Vicki Midgarden (701-520-8137). Drop pies off in the pie room (classroom 8) beginning on Friday, October 6.

To donate to Country Store – Contact Mickey Demester (701)331-3874

I will donate _____ pie/s. Name _____

Type of pie _____

Fall Dinner 2023

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____

St. John's Annual Fall Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2023.

In order to have a successful dinner, we need help from ALL parishioners.

From the list below please indicate what you would like to do to help, and which shift you would prefer.

DINING ROOM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

_____ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Setup)

_____ I can help either
Saturday or Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

_____ 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

_____ 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
or until done

KITCHEN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

_____ 7:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.

_____ Turkey Carvers 1 p.m. &/or 4 p.m.

_____ Clean up 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

_____ 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

_____ 11:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

_____ 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

_____ I can help either Saturday or Sunday

Serving Line/Assists

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

_____ 10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

_____ 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Clean Up Crew/Dishwashers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

_____ 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

_____ 1:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

_____ 3:15 p.m. - done