

St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

October 1, 2023 26th 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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St. John the Evangelist

Parish Lay Directors: Paul Houdek
Mary (John) Dusek

Pastoral Council: Marta Balderas, Michelle Demester, Tony Dumas, Nancy Miller, Frank Benito Pinta, Brent Riskey.

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.

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

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.



October is the month of the Holy Rosary (the feast day is on October 7) and it is a month full of grace. It is a month, along with May, that is particularly devoted to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother

Should we have a relationship with Our Lady? Of course, we should! It is God's will that all of us have a beautiful relationship of love with her. How do we know it is His will? Because Jesus gave her to us at the foot of the Cross as our Mother: "Woman, behold your son...Behold, your mother" (Jn 19:26-27). It is also the consistent teaching of the Church that Mary has a unique position in God's plan for our salvation. God chose to go through her to bring us Jesus Christ the Savior, hence, we go through her to enter into Him. She is the best path leading straight to the Heart of Jesus. If anyone complains about that, well, they can argue with God.

We also honor our Guardian Angels this month. October 2 is their feast day. Primarily, our guardian angels have the task of being a light upon our path. The days in which we are living are marked with great darkness which is becoming ever more widespread. It is the darkness of sin which obscures the beauty and holiness of the soul and the darkness of impurity which degrades the splendor of our body. Thus, many are living like shadows, submerged in the darkness of error, sin and impurity. Our guardian angels protect us from this great darkness, leading us to walk always in the light of God's truth, holiness, purity, humility, trust and love.

Secondly, the guardian angels have the mission of being a defense for our life. How many are the snares which the enemy sets each day for us. Diabolical activity today has become powerful, because the demons have connected themselves to those who control the mass media. With subtle refinement, evil has been spread under the guise of good; sin, now perceived as an exercise of one's own freedom; and transgression of the Law of God, as a new conquest of humanity. How continuous are the attacks of demons in striking us even in our physical life, by accidents, misfortunes, assaults, sickness, calamities, explosions of violence, wars and evolutions. To the guardian angels is given the duty to defend us against all these evils and keep us in their secure protection.

And lastly, the guardian angels have the duty of *waging* together with us the battle to obtain the victory of our salvation. In the great trial which has now arrived, the fierce struggle between the Woman Clothed with the Sun and the Red Dragon (Rev. 12), between the forces of good and evil, between Christ and Antichrist, is becoming stronger. It is a battle which is being waged above all at the level of the spirits: angels against demons, St. Michael the Archangel against Lucifer.

Thus, during this month of October, draw closer to the Blessed Virgin Mary and pray her Rosary every day, St. Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is the weapon for these times." Call upon your guardian angel daily to intercede for you. The Lord wants us to win the battle for our soul and He has given us tremendous aid to achieve that triumph.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

FALL INTO FAITH KICK OFF

Today, Sunday, October 1st after the 9:30am Mass. There will be muffins & juice, tie dying and meet your teachers. Please join us!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

<u>Saturday, September 30</u> St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

10:30 am - Peggy Gunderson

5:00 pm - Frances Boulduc +

Sunday, October 1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Parishioners

9:30 am - Vivian Collette +

10:30 am - Fall Into Faith After 9:30am Mass

3:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage

Monday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

10:00 am - Daniel Bowman +

Tuesday, October 3

5:15 pm - Robert (Bob) Mlcoch +

Wednesday, October 4 St. Francis of Assisi

5:15 pm - Father Bud Brooks +

<u>Thursday, October 5</u> St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

5:15 pm - Ted Suda +

<u>Friday, October 6</u> St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

5:15 pm - Ronald Carignan +

Saturday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters

5:00 pm - Louis Collette +

Sunday, October 8 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Louise Sevigny +

9:30 am - Parishioners

10:30 am - St. John's Annual Fall Dinner



Please Pray for the Souls in Purgatory

Please Pray for the Sick: Tom Almond, Clifford Bailly, Ernie Bailly, 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, Tom Greenwood, 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, 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, Maury Staffne, Mike Such, Peyton Tomlinson, Carmen Tomlinson, Mark Tomlinson, Julius Wangler, Judy Wolter

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton We have Prayed 6000 Rosaries!

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



Saving souls one bead at a time!

Pre-K and Kindergarten (4/5 year olds) - Will be meeting during 9:30am Mass for their start to Faith Formation. Christine Bjorneby will be leading this group. We have a schedule for the school year as follows:

Sundays in October 15, 29 Sundays in November 5, 19 Sundays in December 3, 10, 17 Sundays in January 7, 14, 21 Sundays in February 4, 11, 18 Sundays in March 3, 10, 24

Sundays in April 7 - Last Day

If your child has not registered yet, please do so. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given September 24, 2023 - \$6,663.50 God's Gift total Given as of September 28, 2023 - \$47,886.75

God's Gift Appeal Goal: \$88,726.79 @ 57.37%

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 September 24, 2023 - \$393.00 God's Gift total Given as of September 28, 2023 - \$3,835.00 God's Gift Appeal Goal: \$8,440.92 @ 45.43%

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

Fall into Faith

Holy Pilgrimage

Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)

High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)

St. John Quilters

Charismatic Prayer Group

Baptismal Prep Class

St .John's Annual Fall Dinner

Youth Committee Meeting

St. John Quilters

Thurs., Oct. 5, 7:00pm Sun., Oct. 8, 11am-2pm

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Tues., Oct. 10, 6:00pm Thurs., Oct. 12, 9:30am

Sun., Oct. 1, After Mass

Wed., Oct. 4, 6:30-7:30pm

Wed., Oct. 4, 7:30-8:30pm

Sun., Oct. 1, 3:00pm

Thurs., Oct. 12, 7:00pm

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.

FALL DINNER DINING ROOM needs ice cream pails for clean up. Please drop off in parish center kitchen.



BIBLE STUDY WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, AT 7PM.

We will begin our study with: Follow Me, Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John. Presented by Edward Sri. Follow Me will conclude December 18th. We will continue our study with: Revelation, The Kingdom Yet to Come presented by Jeff Cavins beginning on Monday, January 8, at 7pm. Revelation will conclude March 18th. Please call the parish office at 352-1648 to sign up for one or both studies. The cost of the Follow Me book is \$24.95 and the cost of the Revelation book is \$29.95. These winter dates are naturally subject to change due to weather conditions.





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. <u>Donations can be sent to St. John's, 344 W. 15th St., Grafton, ND 58237, please write in memo: "Fall Dinner Donation". Thank you!</u>

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

Chicken Broth – 150 32 oz. cartons	Butter – 100 lbs.
Cool Whip – 5 cases	Milk – 8 Gallons
Cream – 2 gallons	Onions – 100 lbs.
Celery – 50 Stalks	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

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	Type of pie

Fall Dinner 2023

Name:	Phone #
Email:	
St. John's Annual Fall Dinner is sche	duled for Sunday, October 8, 2023.
In order to have a successful dinner,	we need help from ALL parishioners.
From the list below please indicate w which shift you would prefer.	hat you would like to do to help, and
DINING ROOM	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
9 a.m 12 p.m. (Setup)	10:30 a.m 12:30 p.m.
I can help either	12:00 p.m 2:00 p.m.
Saturday or Sunday	or until done
KITCHEN	
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
7:15 a.m 1 p.m.	9:00 a.m 11:30 a.m.
Turkey Carvers 1 p.m. &/or 4 p.m.	11:30 p.m 2:00 p.m.
Clean up 3:00 p.m 6:00 p.m.	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7	
8 a.m 1 p.m	I can help either Saturday or Sunday
Serving Line/Assists	Clean Up Crew/Dishwashers
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
10:30 a.m 12:45 p.m.	11:30 a.m 1:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m 2:30 p.m.	1:15 p.m 3:30 p.m.
	3:15 p.m done