



St. John the Evangelist

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

October 8, 2023
27th 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

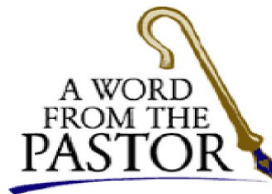
Pastoral/Finance Council: Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Bobby Osowski, Lee Osowski, Susan Suda

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.



This Saturday, October 7, was the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Church celebrates the miraculous intercession of Mary through the praying of the Rosary that won a decisive battle for the Church. Pope Pius V asked for all Catholics to pray the Rosary for victory against the Muslims that were over-running the Mediterranean. The main force left to combat them was from Spain.

The Muslims had a huge fleet and the Spanish, a much smaller one. Everyone prayed the Rosary, and in 1571 A.D., the small Spanish fleet defeated the Muslim armada at the Battle of Lepanto. That victory halted the Muslim advance into the rest of Europe. Our Lady came through for the Church and preserved Catholicism. She was first hailed as Our Lady of Victory, but this celebration was changed to Our Lady of the Rosary.

The Rosary is one of the most beautiful and powerful prayers present to mankind. It contains all the major mysteries of our salvation. Praying the Hail Mary and Our Father comes straight from the Scriptures. The Hail Mary prayer is composed of excerpts from the Gospel of Luke and the Our Father is found in both the Gospel of Matthew and Luke. The mysteries themselves are taken from Scripture and Tradition.

On a very basic level, when we pray the Rosary, we are praying Scripture, which is the revealed Word of God. We allow the action of the Holy Spirit to fill us with this Divine Word, Who is really Christ Himself. All the Scriptures point to Him. With the Rosary, we are immersing ourselves in the Word of God and through the Blessed Virgin Mary, enter into the infinite mystery of God Himself. Our Lady first conceived the Eternal Word of the Father in her heart before He ever became flesh in her womb. Praying the Rosary then, allows the Word of God, Jesus Christ, to enter our hearts through the same Holy Spirit that entered Mary's heart. We become imitators of Mary, who is the Spouse of the Holy Spirit and the perfect disciple of her Son, Jesus.

With our hearts and minds filled with the Word of God as was Our Lady's heart and mind, we can honestly claim victory over the forces bent on destroying us. The Blessed Virgin Mary is a loving Mother who will obtain every help necessary for us to be fruitful and victorious in the battle for our soul. All of us are in the spiritual battle whether we realize it or not. Through the Rosary, our Lady obtains graces for us from her Divine Son and the Holy Spirit so we may be fully equipped to carry out God's will and destroy any effect of the kingdom of the devil in our soul.

Mary was not only conceived without sin, but also never chose to sin at any point in her life. The power and triumph of her Son over sin was seen perfectly in her. She will obtain this grace of complete faithfulness to God's will for each of her children. We simply need to turn regularly to Momma and ask for her help. The Rosary is a marvelous and powerful way of letting her act in our life.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!



Mass Schedule & Intentions

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 - Parishioners
9:30 am - Vivian Collette +
11:00 am - St. John's Annual Fall Dinner
Monday, October 9 St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardo, Priest
No Mass
Tuesday, October 10
5:15 pm - Carol Tucker +
Wednesday, October 11 St. John XXIII, Pope
5:15 pm - Lennae Kosmatka +
Thursday, October 12
5:15 pm - Maurice Lessard +
Friday, October 13
5:15 pm - Duane & Janice Lorenzen +
Saturday, October 14 St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr;
BVM
10:30 am - Ron & Dorothy Koester (50 Year Anniv.)
5:00 pm - Robert "Spike" Desautel +
Sunday, October 15 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am - Parishioners
9:30 am - Kevin Hoenke +



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, Yolanda Pruneda, Hope Reis, Dave Retterath, Donna Retterath, Monica Rudnik, Carol Scholler, David Schnetzer, JoAnne Sevigny, Bonnie Shannon, Maury Staffne, Mike Such, Peyton Tomlinson, Carmen Tomlinson, Mark Tomlinson, Julius Wangler, Judy Wolter

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton
We have Prayed 6510 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 October 1, 2023 - \$9,340.00
God's Gift total Given as of October 5, 2023 - \$47,996.75
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 October 1, 2023 - \$912.00
God's Gift total Given as of October 5, 2023 - \$3,835.00
God's Gift Appeal Goal: \$8,440.92 @ 45.43%

Upcoming Dates at St. John's:

St. John's Annual Fall Dinner	Sun., Oct. 8, 11am-2pm
Youth Committee Meeting	Tues., Oct. 10, 6:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Oct. 11, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Oct. 11, 6:30-7:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Oct. 11, 7:30-8:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Oct. 12, 9:30am
Baptismal Prep Class	Thurs., Oct. 12, 7:00pm
Pastoral Council Meeting	Thurs., Oct. 12, 7:00pm
Fatima Rosary	Sat., Oct. 14, 12:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Oct. 18, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Oct. 18, 6:30-7:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Oct. 18, 6:30-7:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Oct. 19, 9:30am
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., Oct. 19, 7:00pm

St. John Memorials

Stanley Votava	\$ 30.00	Unrestricted
Albert Lopez, Sr.	\$ 50.00	Cemetery Fund

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. The cost of the **Follow Me book is \$24.95**
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. The cost of the **Revelation book is \$29.95.** Please call the parish office at 352-1648 to sign up for one or both studies. These winter dates are naturally subject to change due to weather conditions.

SEARCH for Christian Maturity is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth (ages 16-17) along with young adults (ages 18 and older) to minister to youth and young adults. SEARCH is a way to help you on your journey to discover God, yourself, and a Christian Community. This a time to experience a loving, supportive community of young people who want to learn & experience a closer relationship with God and with others. Upcoming retreat November 3-5 at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. More details & application are at www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm or call Dori at 952-210-2219 with questions. **Applications are due no later than Monday, October 16.**

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE
What: The Holy Rosary
Where: St. Luke's Parish Veseleyville, ND
When: Sat., October 14, 2023 12:00 Noon
For more information contact: Steve 701-248-3669