



St. John the Evangelist

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

October 15, 2023
28th 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

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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 Sevigny, Lori Cyr

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

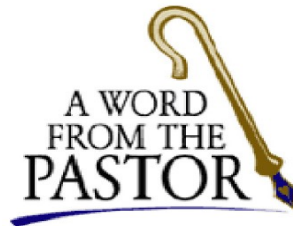
Baptism Prep Classes: - The 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

Eucharistic Adoration

In the Church: Tuesday 6pm - 10pm
In the Chapel: Wednesday from Noon - 10pm
Thursday from 6pm - 10pm
Friday from 7am - 9am

Need a ride to church:
Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730
Bulletin deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

A huge THANK YOU for all who helped make our St. John the Evangelist Fall Dinner a success. It went very well. We sold 929 plates, 667 which were carry out. Raffle tickets took in \$1,885.00 and Country Store took in \$1,850.50. And after all the generous donations and expenses accounted for, our preliminary total is \$17,092.21. Awesome work everyone and praise the Lord!



This Monday, October 16, is the memorial of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a nun of the Visitation order from France. On December 27, 1673, while praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus began a series of revelations to her that were to continue over the next year and a half. In them, Jesus informed her that she was His chosen instrument to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart. She writes the following in a letter to one of her confreres:

It seems to me that our Lord's earnest desire to have his Sacred Heart honored in a special way is directed toward renewing the effects of redemption in our souls. For the sacred heart is an inexhaustible fountain and its sole desire is to pour itself out into the hearts of the humble so as to free them and prepare them to lead lives according to his good pleasure.

From this divine heart three streams flow endlessly. The first is the stream of mercy for sinners; it pours into their hearts sentiments of contrition and repentance. The second is the stream of charity which helps all in need and especially aids those seeking perfection to find the means of surmounting their difficulties. From the third stream flow love and light for the benefit of his friends who have attained perfection; these he wishes to unite to himself so that they may share his knowledge and commandments and, in their individual ways, devote themselves wholly to advancing his glory.

This divine heart is an abyss of all blessings, and into it the poor should submerge all their needs. It is an abyss of joy in which all of us can immerse our sorrows. It is an abyss of lowliness to counteract our foolishness, an abyss of mercy for the wretched, an abyss of love to meet our every need.

Therefore, you must unite yourselves to the heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, both at the beginning of your conversion in order to obtain proper dispositions, and at its end in order to make reparation. Are you making no progress in prayer? Then you need only offer God the prayers which the Savior has poured out for us in the sacrament of the altar. Offer God his fervent love in reparation for your sluggishness. In the course of every activity pray as follows: "My God, I do this or I endure that in the heart of your Son and according to his holy counsels. I offer it to you in reparation for anything blameworthy or imperfect in my actions." Continue to do this in every circumstance of life. And every time that some punishment, affliction or injustice comes your way, say to yourself: "Accept this as sent to you by the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ in order to unite yourself to him."

Brothers and sisters, consecrate yourself daily to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Adore His Heart in the Holy Eucharist.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions
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 +
Monday, October 16 St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
10:30 am - Funeral Mass for Bonnie Shannon +
Tuesday, October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
5:15 pm - Lois Eisenrich +
Wednesday, October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist
5:15 pm - Albert Van Bruggen +
Thursday, October 19 St. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
5:15 pm - Tom Almond
Friday, October 20 St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
10:30 am - Frank & Elinor Misialek +
Saturday, October 21
10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +
5:00 pm - Bill & Angela Suda +
Sunday, October 22 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am - Fred Ganssle, Jr. +
9:30 am - Parishioners
3:00 pm - Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics
7:00 pm - Parish Healing Service



Our Sympathy
to the Family of
Bonnie Shannon

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, Maury Staffne, Mike Such, Peyton Tomlinson, Carmen Tomlinson, Mark Tomlinson, Julius Wangler, Judy Wolter

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton
We have Prayed 8330 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 8, 2023 - \$6,123.50
God's Gift total Given as of October 12, 2023 - \$48,300.50
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 8, 2023 - \$788.00
God's Gift total Given as of October 12, 2023 - \$3,835.00
God's Gift Appeal Goal: \$8,440.92 @ 45.43%

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:	
Funeral Mass for Bonnie Shannon	Mon., Oct. 16, 10:30am
Pastoral Council Meeting	Tues., Oct. 17, 7:00pm
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
Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics	Sun., Oct. 22, 3:00pm
Parish Healing Service	Sun., Oct. 22, 7:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC SEMINAR: This Sunday, October 15, at St. Brigid's Catholic Church in Cavalier from 3:00-5:30pm. Speakers include Fr. Jeff on Eucharistic Devotion (3pm), Fr. Robert Wapenski on St. Teresa of Avila (3:30pm) and Dawn Holm on the Power of Adoration (4pm), followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 4:30-5:30pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome, free of cost.

St. John's Living Rosary: A few years ago, we started this devotion in our parish where a parishioner was assigned a specific mystery of the Rosary to pray every day, for the intention of the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and in honor of St. John the Evangelist. If you would like to participate in this, please contact Fr. Jeff and he will assign you a mystery. The goal of this devotion is to have many Rosaries being prayed each day by the parish, with parishioners in union with one another spiritually. For those who already have a mystery, please keep praying it! Thanks!

HEALING SERVICE: Next Sunday, October 22 at 7pm here at St. John. Come and experience the healing love of Jesus in the Eucharist. We will be praying for healing of the mind, memories, emotions, body and soul. The sacraments of anointing of the sick and confession will also be offered.

MEMORY NIGHT - Suffering the loss of a loved one is heartbreaking. We at St. John's would like to help enlighten the sorrow by spending an evening of prayer and fellowship with those who are grieving. If you have lost a loved one between November 1, 2022 and October, 2023, **please join us for an EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE on Friday, November 3rd.** We will begin with a dinner at 6:30pm. This is an RSVP event. Please contact the parish office at 701-352-1648 by Monday, October 30 to make your reservation and let us know how many members plan on attending. Thank you!

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 will begin on Monday, January 8, at 7pm. Revelation will conclude March 18th. The cost of the **Revelation** book is **\$29.95** These winter dates are naturally subject to change due to weather conditions. Please call the parish office at 352-1648 to sign up for one or both studies.