



# St. John the Evangelist

## Sacred Heart - Oakwood

October 29, 2023  
30th 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**  
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The Parish Office 352-1648  
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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

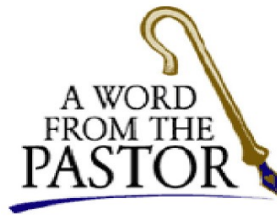
**Pastoral/Finance Council:** Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Bobby Osowski, Lee Osowski, Susan Suda

**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:** 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.



This Tuesday is Halloween, properly called All Hallows Eve. Hallow means "holy." It is the Vigil for All Saints. It is a time of great grace for the people of God. Unfortunately, the Evil One has transformed it into a celebration of wickedness. Even Catholics get caught up in the darkness thinking nothing is wrong with it. Satanic ritual happens during this night, which includes the blood sacrifice of humans, both children and adults. We need to be praying a lot this night. That is why we are having a Holy Hour Against Evil at 7pm on Tuesday. Please come and join in the battle for souls.

Wednesday kicks off the month of November with the beautiful celebration of All Saints, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, followed by All Souls on Thursday. The entire month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. These are our brothers and sisters who are saved but still need to be purified from some effect of sin before they can enter into heaven. God asks us to pray for them.

When we pray for the Souls in Purgatory there is nothing to be lost and only good things to be gained. First of all, it benefits the souls themselves. Whether our prayers bring them into heaven or simply alleviate the suffering they face, the souls are grateful. So grateful, in fact, that they offer prayers for every one of us who helped them!

The second benefit of praying for these souls is it brings more Divine Grace into our life as they offer their sufferings for us and our intentions. Since they cannot help themselves, they help us.

Lastly, and most importantly, it is a great comfort to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus who desires an end to their suffering more than anyone. Venerable Fulton Sheen once said, "As we enter Heaven we will see them, so many of them coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say, 'a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory.'"

During this month of November pray every day for the souls in Purgatory. Special Plenary indulgences can be obtained during this month that can be applied to the deceased. These are as follows:

Visiting a cemetery and praying for the deceased any day during November.

Visiting a Catholic church and praying an Our Father and an Apostles Creed for the deceased on any day in November.

Keep in mind, that to obtain a Plenary indulgence (removal of all punishment in Purgatory from the moment of the act backwards – does not include sins not yet committed) one must have the intention of gaining the indulgence, not be attached to sin, have gone to sacramental Confession within 9 days of the indulgenced act, receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. If any of these conditions are omitted (except for the intention of gaining the indulgence, that has to be present) then the indulgence becomes partial and not plenary. Let's help our brothers in sisters who are suffering in the fires of their purification so they can get to Heaven quickly!

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

**HOLY HOUR AGAINST EVIL:** This Tuesday, October 31, at 7pm in the church. Halloween has become a major satanic feast day in mockery of the Solemnity of All Saints. Witchcraft and satanic ritual abound on this night, which enslaves so many people to the forces of darkness. Human and animal sacrifice takes place which is not only an abomination to God, but brings more demons into our world. Even many Catholics fall prey to the celebration of evil this night and open the door to demonic influence in their lives. We really need to pray a lot against the infernal realities. This holy hour is geared towards spiritual combat. It is not for the weak in faith. Come join us and pray.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Saturday, October 28** Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles  
10:30 am - Fr. Budbrooks & Fr. Joseph Fitzpatrick +  
5:00 pm - Aloys & Gertyee Lutovsky +

**Sunday, October 29** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:30 am - Parishioners  
9:30 am - Arlyn Wohl +

**Monday, October 30**  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday, October 31** Vigil Mass for All Saints Day  
5:15 pm - Frances Boulduc +  
7:00 pm - Holy Hour Against Evil

**Wednesday, November 1** ALL SAINTS DAY (Holy Day)  
6:30 am - Delores (Mrs. Bob) Desautel +  
6:30 pm - Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, November 2** ALL SOULS DAY  
10:30 am - Souls in Purgatory  
5:15 pm - Louise Sevigny +

**Friday, November 3** St Martin De Porres, Religious  
5:15 pm - Frank Suda +

**Saturday, November 4** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop  
10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters  
5:00 pm - Jerome Carriere +

**Sunday, November 5** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:30 am - Ted Suda +  
9:30 am - Parishioners  
1:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage



Please Pray for the  
Souls in Purgatory

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Tom Almond, Clifford Bailly, Ernie Bailly, Joan Brien, 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, 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 8846 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. Christine Bjorneby will be leading this group. We have a schedule for the school year as follows:

- Sunday, October 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 22, 2023 - \$6,371.50  
God's Gift total Given as of October 26, 2023 - \$50,008.00  
God's Gift Appeal Goal: \$88,726.79 @ 58.53%  
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 22, 2023 - \$816.00  
God's Gift total Given as of October 26, 2023 - \$3,835.00  
God's Gift Appeal Goal: \$8,440.92 @ 45.43%

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Holy Hour Against Evil	Tues., Oct. 31, 7:00pm
All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation	Wed., Nov. 1, 6:30am
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Faith Formation & High School (Attend Mass)	Wed., Nov. 1, 6:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Nov. 2, 9:30am
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., Nov. 2, 7:00pm
EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE	Fri., Nov. 3, 6:30pm
Holy Pilgrimage	Sun., Nov. 5, 1:00pm
Bible Study - Gospel of John	Mon., Nov. 6, 7:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Nov. 8, 6:30am

**MEMORY NIGHT** - Suffering the loss of a loved one is heart-breaking. 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 family 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.

**Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus:**  
Next Sunday, Father Jeff and Tony Dumas will be driving through Grafton and Oakwood at 1pm with Jesus in the Monstrance. Keep your eyes peeled for the Lord in the Ford.

**The Second Collection** next week, will be going to our Helping Hands. It supports the poor at our door in Grafton and the surrounding area. Please consider donating to help those in need.