



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

November 26, 2023

1515 Western Ave

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 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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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 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

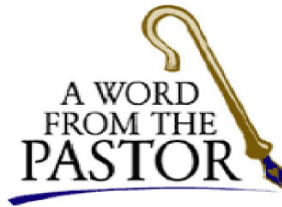
Pastoral/Finance Council: Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Bobby Osowski, Lee Osowski, Susan Suda

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 weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. We have to honestly ask ourselves how often do we pray about the kingship of Christ and ask him to reign in the world, in the Church and in our hearts? The following are excerpts are taken from an article written by Susanna Spencer on Christ the King:

If we were to be honest with ourselves, we would notice that we often prefer our will to that of our King. If we look at the Church, we could point out many flaws among the members and the leaders that do not further the kingdom of heaven on earth. If we look at the world, we cannot help but notice the lack of Christian nations and leaders. Yet, our King still reigns over the whole earth. "Behold, he comes, on a donkey, on a colt, on a cloud" (Daniel 7:13), and we honor him particularly as King every year on the feast of the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ on the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

The history of the feast of the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ goes back to 1925 with Pope Pius XI's encyclical, *Quas Primas*, to refocus the Church on the reality that Christ is the king of all creation, whether humans acknowledge him or not.

In the spiritual tradition we talk about Christ, as the King of our hearts, the one whom we follow, and Scripture points to the ideal of Christ as the King and ruler of all peoples. Yet, Pius XI explained that this "kingdom is spiritual and concerned with spiritual things," and Christ in Scripture tells us that it is "not of this world" (John 18:36).

It is clear in Scripture that Jesus did not intend to reign on a physical throne on earth. Instead, he suffered and died for us with the words "King of the Jews" inscribed above him. He modeled a life of servitude and suffering so that we could share in his divine life. His death and resurrection made it possible for his grace to transform each and every one of us to be like him. It is only when we are open to his grace and live our lives in imitation of him that his kingdom of peace and love becomes visible on earth.

What would it look like to have all of the world in our private and public lives truly recognize Christ as King? Could we truly have a time in this world or peace, justice and harmony among all nations and peoples?

It would be possible if all humanity were to turn to the Lord with all of their hearts and acknowledge the threefold power of Christ's lordship. First, he is the lawgiver to whom we owe obedience and show him our love in doing so. Second, he is the judge of our actions with the power to reward and punish, but also the right to show mercy. Third, he is the executive whom all must obey, for he rules over all creation.

Now is the time to examine our individual lives and pray about how we are called to further the kingdom of God. Pius XI wrote: "He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God."

We must allow Christ to reign in our own lives, but we must also strive for his reign over all humans to be acknowledged by the whole world. First, we must pray for a radical conversion of all peoples. And second, we must live out our belief in his reign in our public lives.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!



EXTRAVAGANZA IS NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD FROM 10:30AM - 2PM. Please BRING your donations to the office as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have already donated your time and items. Without you, the Extravaganza would not be a success. **We are still in need of new items, baked/canned goods for Santa's Sweet Shop, the Silent Auction and Mini Raffle items.**

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, November 25 *St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr; BVM*

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +
5:00 pm - Robert & Delores Desautel +

Sunday, November 26 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30 am - Parishioners
9:30 am - Roger Amiot +
3:00 pm - Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics

Monday, November 27

No Mass

Tuesday, November 28

5:15 pm - Michael F. Misialek +

Wednesday, November 29

5:15 pm - Duane & Janice Lorenzen +

Thursday, November 30 *St. Andrew, Apostle*

5:15 pm - Monica Aguilar +

Friday, December 1

5:15 pm - Arlyn Wohl +

Saturday, December 2 *BVM*

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters
5:00 pm - William “Billy” Rivard +

Sunday, December 3 1st Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - Roland Collette +
9:30 am - Parishioners
10:30 am - 2:00pm **CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**
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, Aaron Jelinek, Mary Ann Jelinek, Judy Jiskra, Cyril Johnson, Tina Schanilec Johnson, Dorothy Koester, Michelle Kohler, Roy Kringstad, Mary LaBaw, Daniel LaHaise, Diane Lee, Roman Lessard, Chris Loveless, Jennifer Lynch, LeRoy McCann, Jack Mihelich, Sharon Mlcoch, 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, Mary Thiel, Peyton Tomlinson, Carmen Tomlinson, Mark Tomlinson, Julius Wangler, Judy Wolter

WE MADE OVER OUR GOAL!!
10,000 Rosaries for Grafton
We have Prayed 10216 Rosaries!
Keep praying because we need
God’s Grace to convert Grafton
and our surrounding towns!
Saving souls one bead at a time!



St. John Memorials		
Rolland Collette	\$100.00	Unrestricted

Sacred Heart Memorials		
Rolland Collette	\$ 90.00	Cemetery Fund

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given November 19, 2023 - \$6,415.00
God’s Gift total Given as of November 23, 2023 - \$51,189.75
God’s Gift Appeal Goal: \$88,726.79 @ 59.18%
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 November 19, 2023 - \$630.00
God’s Gift total Given as of November 23, 2023 - \$4,435.00
God’s Gift Appeal Goal: \$8,440.92 @ 52.54%

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN’S:

Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics	Sun., Nov. 26, 3:00pm
Fatima Rosary	Mon., Nov. 27, 9:00am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Nov. 29, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Nov. 29, 7:30pm
Christmas Extravaganza	Sun., Dec. 3, 10:30am-2pm
Holy Pilgrimage	Sun., Dec. 3, 1:00pm
Bible Study - Gospel of John	Mon., Dec. 4, 7:00pm
Rosary Walk for Life	Wed., Dec. 6, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Dec. 6, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Dec. 6, 7:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Dec. 7, 9:30am
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., Dec. 7, 7:00pm
Bible Study - Gospel of John	Mon., Dec. 11, 7:00pm

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 Sunday, 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.

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:

- 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



THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY IS SOON APPROACHING - please let the office know if you are able to help with this event. It will be on Sunday, December 24, from 5pm- 6:30pm. The holiday season is not always a happy time for everyone, come and be a light for someone today.



CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

**St. John The Evangelist
Catholic Church, Grafton
1515 Western Ave.**

Sunday, December 3, 10:30am – 2:00pm

Lunch: (Free Will Donation)

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

French fries (cooked & donated by the Knight of Columbus)

St. Nick's Sweet Shop

Silent Auction

Mini Raffle

Ornament Decorating

Ice Cream Sundaes

Goody Gum Drop Walk

50/50 Drawing @ 2pm (Need not be present to win)

Santa Claus will be here

Story of St. Nicholas

For more information contact Mickey at 701-331-3874

Or call the parish office at 701-352-1648

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Proceeds will be going to St. John the Evangelist Ministries