



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

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 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.

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

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.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

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

Sunday, December 3, 10:30am – 2:00pm

Lunch: pulled pork, french fries, beans (Free Will Donation)
french fries donated & cooked by the Knights of Columbus

St. Nick's Sweet Shop
Silent Auction

Mini Raffle
Ornament Decorating
Ice Cream Sundaes

Goody Gum Drop Walk

50/50 Drawing @ 2pm - \$1.00/ticket (Need not be present to win)

Santa Claus will be here

Story of St. Nicholas

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Proceeds will be going to St. John the Evangelist Ministries



Advent has begun! We now prepare for the birth of Christ. Even though Our Lord Jesus was already born into the world, we still glorify Him in His first coming, but we eagerly await His second. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (386 A.D.) mentions the following regarding the two arrivals of Christ.

“We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

In general, whatever relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.

At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels. We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*. At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*.

His first coming was to fulfill his plan of love, to teach men by gentle persuasion. This time, whether men like it or not, they will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity. Malachi the prophet speaks of the two comings. *And the Lord whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple*: that is one coming.

Again he says of another coming: *Look, the Lord almighty will come, and who will endure the day of his entry, or who will stand in his sight? Because he comes like a refiner's fire, a fuller's herb, and he will sit refining and cleansing*.

These two comings are also referred to by Paul in writing to Titus: *The grace of God the Savior has appeared to all men, instructing us to put aside impiety and worldly desires and live temperately, uprightly, and religiously in this present age, waiting for the joyful hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ*. Notice how he speaks of a first coming for which he gives thanks, and a second, the one we still await.

Our Lord Jesus Christ will therefore come from heaven. He will come at the end of the world, in glory, at the last day. For there will be an end to this world, and the created world will be made new.”

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

Monday, December 4 St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor

5:15 pm - Jerry Dumas & Family

Tuesday, December 5

5:15 pm - Harry Misialek +

Wednesday, December 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop

5:15 pm - Cleophas Novak +

Thursday, December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

5:15 pm - Frank Suda +

Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - (Holy Day of Obligation)

6:30am - Parishioners
5:15 pm - Jerome Carriere +

Saturday, December 9 St. Juan Diego, Cuauhtlatoatzin

10:30 am - Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm - Gene & Suzanne Burns +

Sunday, December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - Parishioners
9:30 am - Lennae Kosmatka +
4:00 pm - Parish Penance Service



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 HAVE SURPASSED OUR GOAL!
10,000 Rosaries for Grafton
We have Prayed 10,537 Rosaries!
Keep praying because we need God's
Grace to convert Grafton
and our surrounding towns!
Saving souls one bead at a time!



Girls Night Out!

WHAT: An evening out for women to hear an inspirational speaker & enjoy Christmas sweets & treats.
WHO: Dawn Holm from Hallock, MN will give a 45 minute presentation “The Power of Adoration”
WHEN: Tuesday, December 5th @ 7:30pm
WHERE: Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Minto in the dining room
MORE INFO: Call Joan Schanilec @ 701-360-2499
ALL women are welcome to attend! Bring a friend!
Dawn Holm, of Hallock, MN, is a wife & mother of six children & is a member of St. Brigid of Ireland Catholic Church in Cavalier. She served 32 years in the military & earned two master's degrees, one in Catholic Studies from the University of St. Thomas & another in Applied Catholic Theology from University of Mary.

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given November 26, 2023 - \$8,317.25
God's Gift total Given as of November 30, 2023 - \$51,412.25
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 26, 2023 - \$815.00
God's Gift total Given as of November 30, 2023 - \$4,535.00
God's Gift Appeal Goal: \$8,440.92 @ 53.73%

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

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
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Thurs., Dec. 7, 5:15pm
Charismatic Prayer Group	Thurs., Dec. 7, 7:00pm
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Fri., Dec. 8, 6:30am
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Fri., Dec. 8, 5:15pm
Fatima Rosary	Sat., Dec. 9, Noon
Parish Penance Service	Sun., Dec. 10, 4:00pm
Bible Study - Gospel of John	Mon., Dec. 11, 7:00pm

Holy Pilgrimage with Jesus:

Today, 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 today, will be going to our Helping Hands Fund. 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 ALTAR SOCIETY IS IN NEED OF A FEW MEN TO HELP WITH DISHWASHING AT FUNERALS. If you are able to help, please call the parish office at 701-352-1648 and let them know. Thank you!



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.



Poinsettias
St. John's - Grafton



_____ \$15.00

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_____ Other (specify)

My Name is: _____

My gift is made in memory of: _____

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Grafton, ND 58237

Please mark envelope: "Poinsettia Donation"



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