



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

June 8, 2025  
PENTECOST SUNDAY

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 701-352-1648

**Deacon:** Deacon Michael Grzadzielewski  
Business Manager: Carla Trahan  
Parish Secretary: Kathy Swanson  
Environmental Services: David Demester  
Custodian: Deanna Priley

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Carla - carla@stjohnsgrafton.com  
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**Bulletin - find it at [stjohnsgrafton.com](http://stjohnsgrafton.com)**

## **St. John the Evangelist**

**Parish Lay Directors:** Carol Bina  
Paul Dusek

**Pastoral Council:** Marta Balderas, Michelle Demester, Tony Dumas, Nancy Miller, Frank Benito Pinta, Brent Risky

**Finance Council:** Matt Beneda, Carol Bina Paul Dusek, Frank Janousek, Ron Koester

**Youth Committee:** Marta Balderas, Kendall Groves, Julie McCann, Jackie Osowski, Jessica Pankow

## **Sacred Heart - Oakwood**

**Parish Lay Directors:** Brian LeClerc, Lori Cyr

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

**Baptism Prep Class:** - The next class is on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

**Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary:**  
8:30pm Tuesdays in Church  
6:00pm Fridays after Mass

Need a ride to church:  
Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730

**Bulletin deadline is noon on Wednesdays.**



Today we celebrate the joyful occasion of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon Our Lady, the apostles and the other disciples in the Upper Room. He first manifested as a strong driving wind and then as tongues of fire that rested upon everyone's head.

He compelled the disciples to go out into the streets of Jerusalem and proclaim the Gospel. Jews from all over the Mediterranean area had converged upon Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost, which was one of the major Jewish holy days. The Holy Spirit manifested the gift of tongues through the disciples so the Jews could understand the Gospel in their own various languages.

The miraculous manifestations of the Holy Spirit were not just for the apostles two thousand years ago. He still acts in similar ways today. The world is in desperate need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and so, the Holy Spirit acts profoundly in the Church in this age. He desires to reveal Himself to and through every baptized Christian.

When we were baptized, the Holy Spirit came to live in our soul. He works to form us to be like Christ. He comes with three particular gifts of grace that enable us to grow in our relationship with God. These graces are called theological (*theos* means "God" in Greek) virtues. These virtues are Faith, Hope and Love. Without these three graces, we could not enter into a deep relationship with God. That is why He gives them to us in baptism.

Now, when we get Confirmed, the Holy Spirit overshadows us in a way similar to what He did with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Annunciation. When He does this, He imparts to our soul two types of gifts: *interior* and *charismatic*.

The seven interior gifts of the Spirit are fear of the Lord, piety, fortitude, knowledge, wisdom, understanding and counsel. These gifts build the individual up in Christ. However, the charismatic gifts are given to build the Body of Christ up, not the individual.

The word "charismatic" comes from the Greek *charismata*, which means "gift." Some charismatic gifts are prophecy, healing, tongues, interpretation of tongues, discernment of spirits, miracles, prayer, faith, teaching and preaching. This is not an exhaustive list. The Spirit is not limited in any way. The manifestation of these gifts was the normal experience of one who received the sacrament of Confirmation. However, over the centuries these manifestations lessened largely due to the increase of emphasis on the intellectual development of the Faith. However, there is great evidence to show that these gifts were active in the lives of many Saints.

Over the last century, the Holy Spirit has willed that these charismatic gifts re-emerge in the Church. We are in a time of world-wide loss of faith in Jesus Christ and, as with the early Catholic Church witnessed in the Book of Acts, displays of power should once again accompany the preaching of the Divine Word. Let us be open to these gifts.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

**Please help support our Vacation Bible School (VBS) - Dates: Sunday, July 27 to Thursday, July 31 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.** We are excited to host another amazing VBS, and we need your help to make it a special and nourishing week for our kids and volunteers! We are currently seeking donations and meal sponsors to help provide dinner throughout the week.

**Here's how you can get involved:** donate the cost of a meal for one day, cook or serve - join us on-site to prepare or serve the food or just give a monetary donation in any amount, and we will take care of the cooking.

Your support helps us feed both body and soul, and we'd love to partner with you in creating a joyful, Christ-centered experience for all. To donate, volunteer or learn more, please contact: Julie McCann at 701-370-2132. Let's work together to make this a week to remember!

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Saturday, June 7

10:00 am - Graveside Service for Wayne Welsh  
2:00 pm - Arik Kleen & Sarah Anderson Wedding Mass  
5:00 pm - Ron & Matthew Houska +

### Sunday, June 8 PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:30 am - Clarabell Demers +  
9:30 am - Ray & Bertha Campbell +  
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners  
3:00 pm - Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics

### Monday, June 9 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

NO MASS

### Tuesday, June 10

5:15 pm - Richard Lafromboise +  
7:30-9:00 pm - Confession in the church

### Wednesday, June 11 St. Barnabas, Apostle

5:15 pm - Jaymes Almond +

### Thursday, June 12

5:15 pm - Mary Ann Sevigny +

### Friday, June 13 St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church

**OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON**

9:00 am - Paul Wilkes +

### Saturday, June 14

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters  
5:00 pm - Bernard Novak +

### Sunday, June 15 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

7:30 am - Alice Demers +  
9:30 am - Jim & Melissa Young  
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners



Our sympathies to the families of Wayne Welsh & Linda Hoselton  
"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon them."

#### **Please Pray for the Sick:**

Tom Almond, Clifford Bailly, Pat Bailly, Joan Brien, Florine Burke, Leticia Chavez, Ray Cluchie, Dean Cudmore, Hope Dahlgren, Auristel Delangel, Mary Dill, LeRoy Dolney, Heather Dumas, Greg Dusek, Pat Dusek, Caroline Dvorak, Alex Emslander, Nicholas Emslander, Evan Feltman, Alice Foerster, Barbara Foerster-Estad, Brennan Foerster, Jonathan Foerster, Lori Fox, Marvin French, Benjamin Galle, Dina Garza, Quirino Garza Jr., Jeanan Glenn & Family, Tom Greenwood, Melinda Harder, Daisy Jo Hardy, Hilda Martinez Hernandez, Dcn. Jim Hunt, Adly Jaehnig, Mary Ann Jelinek, Cyril Johnson, Shawn Johnson, Tina Schanilec Johnson, Dorothy Koester, Michelle Kohler, Tom Kutz, Mary Ellen Kutz, Mary LaBaw, Daniel LaHaise, Diane Lee, Janice Lee, Tom Lee, Roman Lessard, Rudy Lopez, Chris Loveless, Jennifer Lynch, Lori McMahn, Betty Machart, Steve Michels, Jack Mihelich, Ruthe Nielson, Caroline Pierce, Benedict Pinta, Dylan Pride, Nicole Pride, Hope Reis, Monica Rudnik, Maxine Schanilec, Carol Scholler, Maury Staffne, Kari Suda, Pat Sweeney, Carmen Tomlinson, Mark Tomlinson, Peyton Tomlinson, Dave Votava, Helen Votava, Julius Wangler, Kay Wilebski, Judy Wolter

**WE WILL START OUR PRAYER LIST OVER IN SEPTEMBER.**

**10,000 Rosaries for Grafton!**

**We have prayed 1424 rosaries!**

Keep praying because we need  
God's Grace to convert Grafton &  
Surrounding towns!

**Saving souls one bead at a time!**



## STEWARDSHIP

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

### **St. John the Evangelist**

Given June 1, 2025 - \$ 8,756.50

**Second Collection June 1, 2025: \$ 1,054.00**

God's Gift Appeal Goal for 2025 = \$87,229.45

Given to date: \$ 36,928.76 (47.98 %)

St. John's - **\$34,500** Average expenses per month  
(salaries, utilities, regular monthly bills)

This does **not** include maintenance projects or ministries.

### **Sacred Heart - Oakwood**

Given June 1, 2025 - \$ 737.00

God's Gift Appeal Goal for 2025 = \$9,148.44

Given to date: \$ 3,855.00 (45.42 %)

## UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

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| Graveside service for Wayne Welsh            | Sat., June 7, 10:00am    |
| Arik Kleen & Sarah Anderson Wedding Mass     | Sat., June 7, 2:00pm     |
| Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics | Sun., June 8, 3:00pm     |
| Confession in the church                     | Tues., June 10, 7:30-9pm |
| Rosary walk for life                         | Wed., June 11, 6:30am    |
| Baptismal prep class                         | Thurs., June 12, 7:00pm  |
| Confession in the church                     | Tues., June 17, 7:30-9pm |
| Rosary walk for life                         | Wed., June 18, 6:30am    |
| Charismatic prayer group                     | Thurs., June 19, 7:00pm  |

## **ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE**

Given this week \$ 325.00

*"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (JOHN 14:26)*

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your mind, heart and soul affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

**First Care Health Center Auxiliary Rhubarb Fest**, American Legion, 108 5th St E, Park River, ND will be held on Wednesday, June 11th serving 11am to 1:30pm. Free will lunch includes BBQ or egg salad sandwich, salads, chips, dessert and beverage. Bake sale, RADA cutlery & embroidered dish towels will be available for purchase. Your continued support to First Care is so greatly appreciated.

**The Walsh County Emergency Food Pantry has a NEW ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER: PO BOX 575, GRAFTON, ND 58237. The Walsh County Emergency Food Pantry is their own entity now. We would appreciate if you would send your donations to their new address. They are open Monday through Thursday from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. You can call there directly during those hours at 701-352-1608. Thank you!**