



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

June 15, 2025

1515 Western Ave.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

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

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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

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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, July 10, 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.

THE TRINITY



We celebrate today the greatest of all mysteries: the Most Holy Trinity. Everything that exists comes from the superabundant love of the Holy Trinity, Who is One God. Jesus reveals to us that God is Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This inner life of God is something we could never have known on our own, but had to be revealed to us. God is so much greater than our human nature; our minds and souls cannot grasp the enormity of Who He is. Therefore, God in His great mercy reveals Himself to us, His children, through Jesus Christ.

Jesus shows us that there is a perfect intimacy of love within God Himself. The Father loves the Son and they live in one another. Jesus Himself speaks of this living "in" the other when in the Gospel of John, He says, "*The father and I are one. He is in me and I in Him.*" Our minds cannot fully understand this. Our concept of love is often limited to being "with" the beloved, not "in" the beloved. We exist in time and space and have physical bodies, therefore our notion of being "in" the other is often reduced to sexual union. Even sexual union is limited as it is a temporary experience and in no way able to provide a complete union of our entire being with the other. God's entire divine being is penetrated by Himself: the Father lives in the Son and the Son in the Father, and the Holy Spirit in both of them. This is a great mystery.

Yet, as great a mystery it may be, Jesus desires that we enter into it. His deep longing is that we be one in Him as He and the Father are one. He sends us the Holy Spirit, who is Their bond of unity, to bring us into the relationship of love found within God Himself. Jesus wants us to live "in" Him and "in" the Father as He experiences it. He wants us to abide in Him. There is no human relationship that can compare to the union and intimacy that Christ offers to each of us in God.

All of us are created in the love of God. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit willed for us to exist, not because He needed us, but simply because He *wanted* us. We could honestly say that when God conceived us in His Divine Mind, because of His nature as Love, He fell so madly in love with each of us that He generously caused us to exist. He desires to share Himself with His children. Since He didn't actually have to create us, but wanted to, each of us then are shining manifestations of His Divine Mercy.

Let us not be afraid to respond to Jesus' invitation to abide in Him and through Him in the Most Holy Trinity.

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 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

Monday, June 16

NO MASS

Tuesday, June 17

5:15 pm - Jack Desautel +

7:30-9:00 pm - Confession in the church

Wednesday, June 18

5:15 pm - William "Billy" Molde +

Thursday, June 19 *St. Romuald, Abbot*

5:15 pm - Gary Rud +

Friday, June 20

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

9:00 am - Carol Tucker +

Saturday, June 21 *St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious*

10:30 am - NO MASS

5:00 pm - Paul Wilkes +

Sunday, June 22 THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

7:30 am - Robert "Bob" LaHaise +

9:30 am - Linda Babinski +

10:30 am - Corpus Christi Procession

11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners



Please pray for the
souls in purgatory

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 Jaehning, 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 1842 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 8, 2025 - \$ 7,362.00

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

Given to date: \$ 37,298.14 (50.88 %)

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 8, 2025 - \$ 1,523.00

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

Given to date: \$ 4,355.00 (48.67 %)

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

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
Corpus Christi Procession	Sun., June 22 after Mass
Confession in the church	Tues., June 24, 7:30-9pm
Rosary walk for life	Wed., June 25, 6:30am
Multi-Parish Healing Service	Fri., June 27, after 6pm Mass

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 1,100.00

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth..." (JOHN 16:13)

It has been said that the best gift we can give someone is to teach them how to pray. If you don't talk and more importantly, listen, to God every day, how else will you know what He is calling you to do? Just as you talk to family and friends every day, get in the habit of talking with God every day. Develop a daily prayer routine. Keep your prayers simple and sincere. This is best done in silence, when you can hear God's response.

The Healing Power of God Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion – no matter how much time has passed – please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into hope for the future. You are not alone.

Join us from August 8-10, 2025, for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy. This retreat is sponsored by the Diocese of Fargo. To register or get information, contact: Sherry at 701-520-1229 or Tim at 701-799-2051 or email: rvregister@yahoo.com.