



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

July 6, 2025
14th 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
Fr. Jeff's Cell Phone 1-314-750-8937
The Parish Office 701-352-1648

Deacon: Deacon Michael Grzadzielewski
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Bulletin - find it at 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

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Parish Lay Directors: Brian LeClerc, Lori Cyr

Pastoral/Finance Council: Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Brian LeClerc, 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.

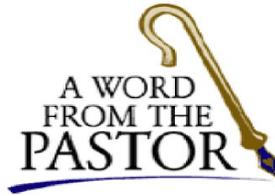
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 on Sunday:
Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730

Bulletin deadline is noon on Wednesdays.



This Sunday, July 6, is normally the feast day of St. Maria Goretti. She is a Patron Saint of youth, young women, purity and victims of rape. She was born on October 16, 1890 in the Ancona Province in Italy. When her farmworker father died of malaria, Maria's mother had to struggle to feed her children.

Maria's mother, brothers, and sisters worked in the fields while she cooked, sewed, kept the house clean, and watched her youngest sister. Though the family's circumstances were extremely difficult, they were very close and loved God.

On July 5, 1902, Maria was sitting outside the steps of her home sewing a shirt when Alessandro, her 18-year old neighbor, surprised her and grabbed her and tried to rape her. Maria cried that it was a mortal sin and warned he would go to hell.

When Alessandro persisted, she fought him and screamed, "No! It is a sin! God does not want it!" At her words, Alessandro began to choke her and she said she would rather die than submit. Upon hearing her words, Alexander pulled out a knife and stabbed her eleven times. When she attempted to reach the door, he stabbed her three more times then fled.

Maria's family returned home and found her bleeding on the floor. They quickly took her to the nearest hospital in Nettuno, where she underwent surgery without anesthesia. Unfortunately, her wounds were beyond the surgeon's ability to help. Halfway through the surgery, the doctor asked her, "Maria, think of me in Paradise."

As she lay on the table, she looked up at him and said, "Well, who knows which of us is going to be there first?" She did not realize how terrible her situation was, and the surgeon replied, "You, Maria." She said, "Then I will think gladly of you."

The next day, the priest arrived to give her the last sacraments. He asked her if she forgave her attacker. She said, "I forgive Alessandro Serenelli ... and I want him with me in heaven forever." She died that day while looking upon an image of the Virgin Mary and holding a cross to her chest. Maria was 11 years old.

Alessandro was captured and questioned. He admitted Maria was a physical virgin as he was unable to assault her and he was sentenced to 30 years. He also admitted he had attempted to persuade her to accompany him to bed on several occasions in the past and had attempted to rape her before.

Alessandro remained unrepentant for his actions until he had a dream that he was in a garden. Maria was there and gave him lilies, which immediately burned in his hands. When he woke, he was a changed man. He repented of his crime and lived a reformed life. When he was released 27 years later, he went directly to Maria's mother and begged her forgiveness, which she gave, saying, "If my daughter can forgive him, who am I to withhold forgiveness?"

Maria Goretti was beatified by Pope Pius XII in a ceremony at Saint Peter's Basilica on April 27, 1947. Three years later, on June 24, 1950, Maria was declared a saint and Alessandro was present in the St. Peter's crowd to celebrate her canonization. He later became a lay brother of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, where he lived in a monastery and worked as its receptionist and gardener until his death.

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! All faiths are welcome to attend. You can register at the parish office or online at stjohnsgrafton.com.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, July 5 St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest,
USA: St. Elizabeth of Portugal;

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters

5:00 pm - Joanie Anderson +

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7:30 am - Clarabell Demers +

9:30 am - Frank Rose +

11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners

3:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage

Monday, July 7

5:15pm - LeRoy Dolney +

Tuesday, July 8

5:15 pm - Harriet Scharmer +

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

Wednesday, July 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong,
Priest & Companions, Martyrs

5:15 pm - Dcn. Chuck Ryder & Richard Lafromboise +

Thursday, July 10

5:15 pm - Frances Schuster +

Friday, July 11 St. Benedict Abbot

OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 am - Chad Demers +

Saturday, July 12

10:30 am - Souls in purgatory

3:00 pm - Joshua Keeley & Sharon Hatloy Wedding (no Mass)

5:00 pm - Matthew Houska +

Sunday, July 13 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Parishioners

9:30 am - Josephine "Jo" Deitz +

11:30 am - Spanish Mass

3:00 pm - Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics



Our sympathy to the families of
Richard LaHaise & LeRoy Dolney
"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, Vida Carroll, Leticia Chavez, Ray Cluchie, Dean Cudmore, Hope Dahlgren, Auristel Delangel, Mary Dill, Pastor Robin Dill, Heather Dumas, Greg Dusek, Pat Dusek, Caroline Dvorak, Faya El Sarraf, 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 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, Leonard Novak, 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, Ralph Tucker, Dave Votava, Helen Votava, Julius Wangler, Kay Wilebski, Judy Wolter

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton!

We have prayed 2,359 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 29, 2025 - \$ 5,708.00

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

Given to date: \$ 38,378.14 (49.47 %)

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 29, 2025 - \$ 1,083.00

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

Given to date: \$ 4,940.56.73 %

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

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| Holy Pilgrimage | Sun., July 6, 3:00pm |
| Confession in the church | Tues., July 8, 7:30-9pm |
| Rosary walk for life | Wed., July 9, 6:30am |
| Baptismal Prep Class | Thurs., July 10, 7:00pm |
| Joshua Keeley & Sharon Hatloy Wedding (no Mass) | Sat., July 12, 3:00pm |
| Holy hour for return of lapsed Catholics | Sun., July 13, 3:00pm |
| Confession in the church | Tues., July 15, 7:30-9pm |
| Rosary walk for life | Wed., July 16, 6:30am |
| Charismatic prayer group | Thurs., July 17, 7:00pm |

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 100.00

Today, **the Second Collection** will be going towards our ongoing maintenance needs.

HOLY PILGRIMAGE WITH JESUS:

Today, Fr. Jeff and Tony Dumas will be driving through Grafton and Oakwood at 3:00pm with Jesus in the Monstrance. So keep your eyes peeled for the Lord in the Ford.

St. John the Evangelist Church is looking for a chairperson for our Sunday, October 12th Fall Dinner. Previous chair people are available for assistance. Please contact the parish office if you are interested at 701-352-1648.

VBS is soon approaching for Pre-K to 4th grade from Sunday, July 27 through Thursday, July 31 from 6-8:00pm. To register online, please go to our website @ stjohnsgraffton.com. Please make sure that when you are done filling out the registration form, that you go back and also fill out the liability waiver form. You may come to the parish office to register also. There are envelopes by the bulletins that say VBS that are for donations to help defray the costs for this program. Simply fill one out and either put them in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office. All faiths are welcome to attend VBS. Thank you for your continued support!

