



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

July 13, 2025
15th 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
Business Manager: Carla Trahan
Parish Secretary: Kathy Swanson
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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, August 14, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

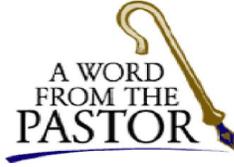
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



Nyssa states:

"In our human life bodily health is a good thing, but this blessing consists not merely in knowing the causes of good health but in actually enjoying it. If a man eulogizes good health and then eats food that has unhealthy effects, what good is his praise of health when he finds himself on a sickbed? Similarly, from the Lord's saying: *Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God*, we are to learn that blessedness does not lie in knowing something about God, but rather in possessing God within oneself.

I do not think these words mean that God will be seen face to face by the man who purifies the eye of his soul. Their sublime import is brought out more clearly perhaps in that other saying of the Lord's: *The kingdom of God is within you*. This teaches us that the man who cleanses his heart of every created thing and every evil desire will see the image of the divine nature in the beauty of his own soul. I believe the lesson summed up by the Word in that short sentence was this: You men have within you a desire to behold the supreme good. Now when you are told that the majesty of God is exalted above the heavens, that his glory is inexpressible, his beauty indescribable, and his nature transcendent, do not despair because you cannot behold the object of your desire. If by a diligent life of virtue you wash away the film of dirt that covers your heart, then the divine beauty will shine forth in you.

Take a piece of iron as an illustration. Although it might have been black before, once the rust has been scraped off with a whetstone, it will begin to shine brilliantly and to reflect the rays of the sun. So it is with the interior man, which is what the Lord means by the heart. Once a man removes from his soul the coating of filth that has formed on it through his sinful neglect, he will regain his likeness to his Archetype, and be good. For what resembles the supreme Good is itself good. If he then looks into himself, he will see the vision he has longed for. This is the blessedness of the pure in heart: in seeing their own purity they see the divine Archetype mirrored in themselves.

Those who look at the sun in a mirror, even if they do not look directly at the sky, see its radiance in the reflection just as truly as do those who look directly at the sun's orb. It is the same, says the Lord, with you. Even though you are unable to contemplate and see the inaccessible light, you will find what you seek within yourself, provided you return to the beauty and grace of that image which was originally placed in you. For God is purity; he is free from sin and a stranger to all evil. If this can be said of you, then God will surely be within you. If your mind is untainted by any evil, free from sin, and purified from all stain, then indeed are you blessed, because your sight is keen and clear. Once purified, you see things that others cannot see. When the mists of sin no longer cloud the eye of your soul, you see that blessed vision clearly in the peace and purity of your own heart. That vision is nothing else than the holiness, the purity, the simplicity and all the other glorious reflections of God's nature, through which God himself is seen."

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, July 12

10:30 am - Funeral Mass for Auristel DelAngel
 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

Monday, July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin NO MASS

Tuesday, July 15 St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

5:15 pm - Frank & Elinor Misialek +
 7:30-9:00 pm - Confession in the church

Wednesday, July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

5:15 pm - Daniel Bowman +

Thursday, July 17

5:15 pm - Monica Aguilar +

Friday, July 18 St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

5:15 pm - Linda Babinski +

Saturday, July 19

10:30 am - No Mass
 5:00 pm - Steven Bowman +

Sunday, July 20 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - JoAnne Sevigny +
 9:30 am - Jack Desautel +
 11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners



Our sympathy to the family of Auristel DelAngel

"Eternal rest grant unto him O' Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him."

Please Pray for the Sick:

Tom Almond, Clifford Bailly, Pat Bailly, Clarence Belaire Jr., Joan Brien, Florine Burke, Angie Carriere, Vida Carroll, Leticia Chavez, Ray Cluchie, Dean Cudmore, Hope Dahlgren, 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 4,847 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 July 6, 2025 - \$ 10,369.50

Second Collection Given 7-6-2025 = \$ 1,063.77

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

Given to date: \$ 38,462.50 (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 July 6, 2025 - \$ 1,720.00

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

Given to date: \$4,940.00 (56.73 %)

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Funeral Mass for Auristel DelAngel	Sat., July 12, 10:30am
Joshua Keeley & Sharon Hatloy Wedding (No Mass)	Sat., July 12, 3:00pm
Holy hour for the 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 \$ 175.00

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to Frank Janousek for spraying the church yard for weeds! It is greatly appreciated.

St. John the Evangelist Church is looking for a chairperson for our Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 12th. 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 6:00pm -8:00pm. To register online, please go to our website @ stjohnsgrafton.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!

