



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

July 27, 2025
17th 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, August 14, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

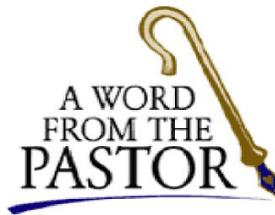
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



As Christians, we should put Christ before everything. Our lives should revolve around Him as does the earth around the sun. St. Benedict (480-543 A.D.) elaborates on this fundamental reality of following Christ in his famous work, *The Rule*:

"Whenever you begin any good work, you should first of all make a most pressing appeal to Christ our Lord to bring it to perfection; that he, who has honored us by counting us among his children, may never be grieved by our evil deeds. For we must always serve him with the good things he has given us in such a way that he may never—as an angry father disinherits his sons or even like a master who inspires fear—grow impatient with our sins and consign us to everlasting punishment, like wicked servants who would not follow him to glory.

So we should at long last rouse ourselves, prompted by the words of Scripture: Now is the time for us to rise from sleep. Our eyes should be open to the God-given light, and we should listen in wonderment to the message of the divine voice as it daily cries out: Today, if you shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts; and again: If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. And what does the Spirit say? Come my sons, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord, Hurry, while you have the light of life, so that death's darkness may not overtake you.

And the Lord as he seeks the one who will do his work among the throng of people to whom he makes that appeal, says again: Which of you wants to live to the full; who loves long life and the enjoyment of prosperity? And, if when you hear this you say, I do, God says to you: If you desire true and everlasting life, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from deceit, turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. And when you have done these things, my eyes will be upon you and before you call upon my name I shall say to you: Behold, I am here. What could be more delightful, dearest brothers, than the voice of our Lord's invitation to us? In his loving kindness he reveals to us the way of life.

And so, girded with faith and the performance of good works, let us follow in his paths by the guidance of the Gospel; then we shall deserve to see him who has called us into his kingdom. If we wish to attain a dwelling-place in his kingdom we shall not reach it unless we hasten there by our good deeds."

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

VBS starts today for Pre-K to 4th grade. Sunday, July 27 through Thursday, July 31 from 6 - 8pm. 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.** There are forms by the bulletins as well, fill one out and bring it along tonight. All faiths are welcome to attend VBS.

Faith formation will be starting soon. St. John the Evangelist is in need of teachers for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Please call parish office at 701-352-1648 or you can email Carla at: carla@stjohnsgrafton.com if you are interested. Thank you!

The Second Collection next Sunday, will be going towards our ongoing maintenance needs.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, July 26 Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +
5:00 pm - Jim & Melissa Young

Sunday, July 27 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Alice Demers +
9:30 am - Hiladore Osowski +
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners
6 - 8 pm - (Gr Pre-K - 4th) Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 28

5:15 pm - Louis & Alma Collette +
6 - 8 pm - (Gr Pre-K - 4th) Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 29 Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

10:30 am - Funeral Mass for Betty Machart
5:15 pm - Orell & JoAnne Sevigny +
6 - 8 pm - Vacation Bible School (Gr Pre-K - 4th)

Wednesday, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:15 pm - Ron Houska +
6 - 8 pm - Vacation Bible School (Gr Pre-K - 4th)

Thursday, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

2:00 pm - Funeral Mass for Patricia Bailly +
5:15 pm - Wayne Welsh +
6 - 8 pm - Vacation Bible School (Gr Pre-K - 4th)

Friday, August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

5:15 pm - Henry Korzcak +

Saturday, August 2

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters
3:30 pm - Wedding for Brock Janikowski & Sara Burns (No Mass)
5:00 pm - Joanie Anderson & Robert "Spike" Desautel +

Sunday, August 3 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Evarist "Evie" Barta +
9:30 am - Charles Wilkes +
11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners
3:00 pm - Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics

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

St. John the Evangelist
Given July 20, 2025 - \$ 5,457.79
God's Gift Appeal Goal for 2025 = \$87,229.45
Given to date: \$ 41,997.52 (52.97 %)

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 20, 2025 - \$ 458.00
God's Gift Appeal Goal for 2025 = \$9,148.44
Given to date: \$ 4,940.00 (56.73 %)

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Vacation Bible School (Gr Pre-K - 4) Sun., July 27, 6 - 8pm
Vacation Bible School (Gr Pre-K - 4) Mon., July 28, 6 - 8pm
Funeral Mass for Betty Machart Tues., July 29, 10:30am
Vacation Bible School (Gr Pre-K - 4) Tues., July 29, 6 - 8pm
Rosary walk for life Wed., July 30, 6:30am
Vacation Bible School (Gr Pre-K - 4) Wed., July 30, 6 - 8pm
Funeral Mass for Patricia Bailly Thurs., July 31, 2:00pm
Vacation Bible School (Gr Pre-K - 4) Thurs., July 31, 6 - 8pm
Wedding for Brock Janikowski & Sara Burns (No Mass) Sat., Aug. 2, 3:30pm
Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics Sun., Aug. 3, 3:00pm

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE
Given this week \$ 150.00



Our sympathy to the families of Patricia Bailly & Betty Machart

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

Please Pray for the Sick:

Tom Almond, Clifford 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, 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 Staffine, Kari Suda, Pat Sweeney, Carmen Tomlinson, Mark Tomlinson, Peyton Tomlinson, Ralph Tucker, Julius Wangler, Kay Wilebski, Judy Wolter

WE WILL START OUR PRAYER LIST OVER IN SEPTEMBER.

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton!

We have prayed 5,482 rosaries!

Keep praying because we need God's grace to convert Grafton & surrounding towns!

Saving souls one bead at a time!



Sacred Heart in Oakwood is having a calendar draw for the month of August. The drawings will be Monday-Friday = \$50; Saturdays = \$100. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in Oakwood after 7:30am Mass on Sunday, July 27. Otherwise, you can purchase them at St. John's parish office 701-352-1648. **Please turn in all money and tickets to St. John's office by Thursday, July 31.** You may put them in the collection basket at Sacred Heart or St. John's. The proceeds will be going towards general maintenance. Thank you!

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.

Don't just drive, pray while you go! Use your drive time to grow closer to Christ. Real Presence Radio is the perfect travel companion, whether you're headed across town or across the state. With Catholic programming, prayer, and reflection, your drive time can become grace-filled time. Listen on the app or online or on the radio at 1370AM or 92.5FM.



St. John Quilters are in need of a sewing machine. They have sewn so much, that they are now down one machine. Used is fine, just operating and donated would be wonderful. Please contact the parish office 701-352-1648 if you know of one. Thank you!

Happy "103" birthday to Anna Seeba!
May God bless you today and always!

