



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

August 3, 2025
18th 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.

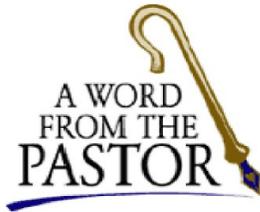
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



A.D.) writes about this when explaining Psalm 43:

"Why do you turn away your face? We think that God is turning his face away from us when we find ourselves in such distress that our senses are clouded in darkness and we cannot see the glory of him who is truth. We are convinced that if God would pay attention to our condition and be pleased to visit our souls, nothing could plunge us in gloom. If a person's face is more enlightening than other parts of his body - so that when we look at someone we either see him as a stranger or recognize him as someone we know, whom our glance will not allow to pass unrecognized - how much more does the face of God enlighten those on whom he directs his gaze.

In his usual way Saint Paul has something striking to say on this subject. He employs his gift for making Christ better understood to bring him closer to us through the use of appropriate ideas and expressions. He tells us: *God, who commanded light to shine out of darkness, has caused light to shine in our hearts, so that we might receive the revelation of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.* We know, then, the place where Christ is shining within us. He is the eternal splendor enlightening our minds and hearts. He was sent by the Father to shine on us in the glory of his face, and so enable us to see what is eternal and heavenly, where before we were imprisoned in the darkness of this world.

There should be no need for me to speak of Christ when even Peter the apostle said to the man born lame: *Look at us.* He looked at Peter and was enlightened by the grace of faith. He would not have received healing had he not believed with faith.

Such was the glory possessed by the apostles. Yet Zacchaeus, hearing the Lord Jesus was passing by, climbed a tree, for he was small in stature and could not see him because of the crowd. He saw Christ and discovered the light. He saw Christ and gave up what was his own, though he was a man who took what belonged to others.

Why do you turn away your face? We may say it in another way. Even if, Lord, you turn your face away from us, yet we are sealed with the glory of your face. Your glory is in our hearts and shines in the deep places of our spirit. Indeed, no one can live if you should turn away your face."

May God be praised and may you be blessed!



A huge THANK YOU to the Youth Committee and those who helped put on our VBS! It was a faith-filled and fun-filled experience for our kids!

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, August 2 *St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;*

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

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

Monday, August 4 *St. John Vianney, Priest*

No Mass

Tuesday, August 5 *The Dedication of the Basilica of*

St. Mary Major

5:15 pm - Jaymes Almond +

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

Wednesday, August 6 *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

5:15 pm - Edith Gierszewski +

Thursday, August 7 *St. Sixtus, II, Pope & Companions,*

Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

9:00 am - Richard Lafromboise +

Friday, August 8 *St. Dominic, Priest*

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

5:15 pm - No Mass

Saturday, August 9 *St. Teresa Benedicta of the*

Cross, Virgin & Martyr

10:30 am - No Mass

5:00 pm - Aloys, Gertyee & Darryl Lutovsky +

Sunday, August 10 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Chad Demers +

9:30 am - Dorothy Armstrong +

11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners

3:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage



Please pray for the
souls in Purgatory

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 5,680 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 27, 2025 - 4,877.00

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

Given to date: \$ 42,047.52 (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 27, 2025 - \$ 348.00

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

Given to date: \$ 4,999.00 (56.73 %)

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Wedding for Brock Janikowski & Sara Burns	Sat., Aug. 2, 3:30pm
Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics	Sun., Aug. 3, 3:00pm
Confession in church	Tues., Aug. 5, 7:30-9pm
Rosary walk for life	Wed., Aug. 6, 6:30am
Holy Pilgrimage	Sun., Aug. 10, 3:00pm
Confession in church	Tues., Aug. 12, 7:30-9pm
Rosary walk for life	Wed., Aug. 13, 6:30am
Baptismal prep class	Thurs., Aug. 14, 7:00pm

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week: \$ 22,810.39.

The loan balance is: \$ 232,294.46.

This does NOT include interest.

HOLY PILGRIMAGE WITH JESUS:

Next Sunday, 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 still looking for a chairperson for our Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 12th. The previous chair people are available for assistance. Please contact the parish office if you are interested at 701-352-1648.

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

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." LUKE 12:15