



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

August 17, 2025
20th 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
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The Parish Office 701-352-1648

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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

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

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, September 11, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

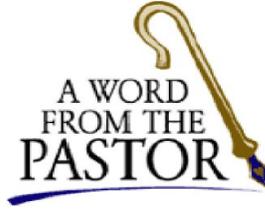
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



All of us are called to a vocation in Christ. Most are called to marriage. Some are called to the single life, religious life or priesthood. This past Tuesday was the memorial of St. Jane Frances de Chantal. She was a wife, mother and founder of the religious order the Order of the Visitation. She is a great witness to living out whatever

vocation a person is called to.

Married life started off difficult for Jane. No sooner had she arrived at her new home then she discovered she might lose it. Her husband, Christophe, had not only inherited the title of baron but enormous debts as well.

But Jane had not come to the marriage empty-handed. She brought with her a deep faith instilled by her father who made daily religious discussion fun, allowing the children to talk about anything — even controversial topics. She also brought a good-hearted way that made a friend comment, “Even stupid jokes were funny when she told them.”

These qualities helped the twenty-year-old French woman take charge by personally organizing and supervising every detail of the estate, a method which not only brought the finances under control but won her employees’ hearts as well.

Despite the early financial worries, she and her husband shared “one heart and one soul.” They were devoted to each other and to their four children.

One way Jane shared her blessings was by giving bread and soup personally to the poor who came to her door. Often people who had just received food from her would pretend to leave, go around the house and get back in line for more. When asked why she let these people get away with this, Jane said, “What if God turned me away when I came back to him again and again with the same request?”

Her happiness was shattered when Christophe was killed in a hunting accident. Before he died, her husband forgave the man who shot him, saying to the man, “Don’t commit the sin of hating yourself when you have done nothing wrong.” The heartbroken Jane, however, had to struggle with forgiveness for a long time. At first, she tried just greeting him on the street. When she was able to do that, she invited him to her house. Finally, she was able to forgive the man so completely that she even became godmother to his child.

These troubles opened her heart to her longing for God and she sought God in prayer and a deepening spiritual life. Her commitment to God impressed Saint Francis de Sales, the bishop who became her director and best friend. Their friendship started before they even met, for they saw each other in dreams, and continued in letters throughout their lives.

Still a devoted mother, she was constantly concerned about the materialistic ways of one of her daughters. Her daughter finally asked her for spiritual direction as did many others, including an ambassador and her brother, an archbishop. Her advice always reflected her very gentle and loving approach to spirituality:

“Should you fall even fifty times a day, never on any account should that surprise or worry you. Instead, ever so gently set your heart back in the right direction and practice the opposite virtue, all the time speaking words of love and trust to our Lord after you have committed a thousand faults, as much as if you had committed only one. Once we have humbled ourselves for the faults God allows us to become aware of in ourselves, we must forget them and go forward.” She died in 1641, at sixty-nine years of age.

Live your vocation well in Christ. Ask Him for help every day. The Lord loves you.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Faith formation will be starting soon and St. John the Evangelist is in need of teachers/substitute 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. There are multiple resources for teachers to utilize throughout the year. Stop by the parish office and see where you can help. Thank you!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, August 16 *St. Stephen of Hungary*

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +

5:00 pm - Forrest Isaacson +

Sunday, August 17 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Robert "Bob" LaHaise +

9:30 am - Linda Babinski +

11:30 am - Spanish Mass Confirmation - Parishioners

Monday, August 18

5:15 pm - Ralph Tucker

OFFICE CLOSED TODAY

Tuesday, August 19 *St. John Eudes, Priest*

5:15 pm - Thanksgiving for all blessings received

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

Wednesday, August 20 *St. Bernard, Abbott and Doctor of the Church*

5:15 pm - Darryl Lutovsky +

Thursday, August 21 *St. Pius X, Pope*

5:15 pm - Jack Desautel +

Friday, August 22 *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

5:15 pm - Jon & Vicky Hills +

Saturday, August 23 *St. Rose of Lima, Virgin*

10:30 am - Funeral Mass for Leonard Novak

5:00 pm - Terry Eppler +

Sunday, August 24 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Orell & JoAnne Sevigny +

9:30 am - Paul Janousek +

11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners



Our sympathy to the family of Leonard Novak

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

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, Patty Mayer, Lori McMahn, Steve Michels, Jack Mihelich, Ruthe Nielson, 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 6,099 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 August 10, 2025 - \$ 5,322.25

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

Given to date: \$ 42,561.90 (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 August 10, 2025 - \$ 1,573.00

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

Given to date: \$ 4,990.00 (56.73%)

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Spanish Mass Confirmation Sun., Aug. 17, 11:30am

OFFICE CLOSED

Mon., Aug. 18

Confession in the church

Tues., Aug. 19, 7:30-9pm

Rosary walk for life

Wed., Aug. 20, 6:30am

Funeral Mass for Leonard Novak

Sat., Aug. 23, 10:30am

Fr. Jeff Gone (8-25 thru 8-29)

Mon., Aug. 25, - Fri., Aug. 29

OFFICE CLOSED - Labor Day

Mon., Sept. 1

Confession in the church

Tues., Sept. 2, 7:30-9pm

Rosary Walk for Life

Wed., Sept. 3, 6:30am

Fall into Faith

Sun., Sept. 7, 10:30am

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 35.00

Sacred Heart, Oakwood Calendar Draw Winners

Aug 8 = Ann Ill

Aug 9 = Wayne Lessard

Aug 11 = Chris Ferguson

Aug 12 = Gary Sevigny

Aug 13 = Elaine Broker

Aug 14 = Ed Sevigny

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 3RD AVE SOUTH & BELMONT ROAD, GRAND FORKS, ND WILL BE SERVING A CHICKEN & MEATBALL DINNER on Sunday, September 28, 2025 from 11:30am - 2:30pm. Adults 12 & older = \$15; Children 5-11 = \$8; and Children 4 and under = FREE, credit cards accepted. Take out meals will be available.

The Walsh County Emergency Food Pantry has a NEW ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER: PO BOX 575, GRAFTON, ND 58237. The Walsh County Emergency Food Pantry is their own entity now. We would appreciate if you would send your contributions to their new address. They are open Monday through Thursday from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. You can call there directly during those hours at 701-352-1608. Thank you!

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." LUKE 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.