



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

August 24, 2025
21st 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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Custodian: Deanna Priley

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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.

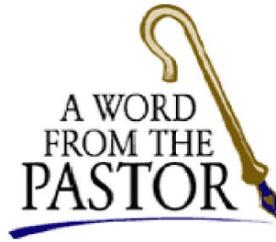
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



When we are repentant of our sins, God is extremely merciful to us. He expects us to offer each other the same mercy we have received from Him. This mercy must extend even to our enemies. It is not easy to love and forgive those who harm us. Yet, when we offend the Lord by our sins, He is eager to forgive the penitent heart. Our hearts should also be moved with compassion for our brothers and sisters in need. St. Caesarius of Arles (542 A.D.) spoke about mercy as follows:

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. My brothers and sisters, sweet is the thought of mercy, but even more so is mercy itself. It is what all men hope for, but unfortunately, not what all men deserve. For while all men wish to receive it, only a few are willing to give it.

How can a man ask for himself what he refuses to give to another? If he expects to receive any mercy in heaven, he should give mercy on earth. Do we all desire to receive mercy? Let us make mercy our patroness now, and she will free us in the world to come. Yes, there is mercy in heaven, but the road to it is paved by our merciful acts on earth. As Scripture says: *Lord, your mercy is in heaven.*

There is, therefore, an earthly as well as heavenly mercy, that is to say, a human and a divine mercy. Human mercy has compassion on the miseries of the poor. Divine mercy grants forgiveness of sins. Whatever human mercy bestows here on earth, divine mercy will return to us in our homeland. In this life God feels cold and hunger in all who are stricken with poverty; for, remember, he once said: *What you have done to the least of my brothers you have done to me.* Yes, God who sees fit to give his mercy in heaven wishes it to be a reality here on earth.

What kind of people are we? When God gives, we wish to receive, but when he begs, we refuse to give. Remember, it was Christ who said: *I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat.* When the poor are starving, Christ too hungers. Do not neglect to improve the unhappy conditions of the poor, if you wish to ensure that your own sins be forgiven you. Christ hungers now, my brethren; it is he who deigns to hunger and thirst in the persons of the poor. And what he will return in heaven tomorrow is what he receives here on earth today.

What do you wish for, what do you pray for, my dear brothers and sisters, when you come to church? Is it mercy? How can it be anything else? Show mercy, then, while you are on earth, and mercy will be shown to you in heaven. A poor person asks you for something; you ask God for something. He begs for a morsel of food; you beg for eternal life. Give to the beggar so that you may merit to receive from Christ. For he it is who says: *Give and it will be given to you.* It baffles me that you have the impudence to ask for what you do not want to give. Give when you come to church. Give to the poor. Give them whatever your resources will allow."

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 3 ring binders with teaching materials to help you along the way. Stop by the office and see where you can help. Thank you!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, August 23 St. Rose of Lima

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

Monday, August 25 St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

10:00 am - Funeral Mass for Clifford Bailly +

Tuesday, August 26

5:15 pm - Carol Tucker +

Wednesday, August 27 Saint Monica

5:15 pm - Clarabell Demers +

Thursday, August 28 St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

10:30 am - Don Schuster +

Friday, August 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

NO MASS

Saturday, August 30

10:30 am - **NO MASS**

5:00 pm - Frank Suda +

Sunday, August 31 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Alice Demers +

9:30 am - Eugene Keeley +

11:30 am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners

Monday, September 1

OFFICE CLOSED



Our sympathy to the families of Shirley O'Toole and Clifford Bailly

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

Please Pray for the Sick:

Tom Almond, 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, Jim LaBine, 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 6,354 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 17, 2025 - \$ 5,254.00

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

Given to date: \$ 42,666.90 (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 17, 2025 - \$ 412.00

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

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

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Funeral Mass for Leonard Novak Sat., Aug., 23, 10:30am

Funeral Mass for Clifford Bailly Mon., Aug. 25, 10:00am

Rosary walk for life Wed., Aug. 27, 6:30am

OFFICE CLOSED Mon., Sept. 1

Confession in Church Tues., Sept. 2, 7:30-9pm

Fall into Faith Sun., Sept. 7, after Mass

Holy Pilgrimage Sun., Sept. 7, 3:00pm

Confession in the Church Tues., Sept. 9, 7:30-9pm

Faith Formation registration in gathering space Wed., Sept 10, 6:30-7:30pm

Baptismal Prep Class Thurs., Sept. 11, 7:00pm

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 130.00

Sacred Heart, Oakwood Calendar Draw Winners

Aug. 15 = Jayce Schumacher Aug. 16 = Gary Sevigny

Aug. 18 = Brett Van Camp Aug. 19 = Renee Kringstad

Aug. 20 = Jaxon Wilson Aug. 21 = Stacy Rudnik

Aug. 22 = Mike Hills Aug. 23 = Allison Smith

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.

Zion English Lutheran Church Annual Salad Luncheon is on Thursday, September 11 from 11:00am - 1:30pm. \$10 suggested donation, take out and delivery available, call (701)520-9640.

Funeral Workers at St. John's receive a phone call between one and four days before a funeral. They rearrange their lives so they can work under our funeral teams (who are the ones who organize the funeral luncheons). These are pretty special people and I need more of them. Since we have a leadership team in charge of each funeral, anyone willing can volunteer. You do not have to know what to do. The team leaders will help you. If you would like to be on St. John's Funeral Workers List (or think you are and did not get a call from me last week) please call or message me at 331-9617. Susan Kerian