



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

August 31, 2025
22nd 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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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 18, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

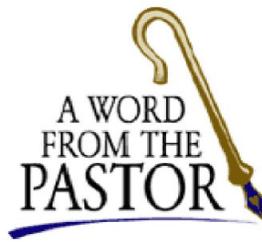
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



God wants to shower His grace upon our souls and make us holy. Sin prevents this. Therefore, He calls us to repentance. St. John Chrysostom (407 A.D.) points out for us five paths of repentance:

"Would you like me to list also the paths of repentance? They are numerous and quite varied, and all lead to heaven.

A first path of repentance is the condemnation of your own sins: *Be the first to admit your sins and you will be justified.* For this reason, too, the prophet wrote: *I said: I will accuse myself of my sins to the Lord, and you forgave the wickedness of my heart.* Therefore, you too should condemn your own sins; that will be enough reason for the Lord to forgive you, for a man who condemns his own sins is slower to commit them again. Rouse your conscience to accuse you within your own house, lest it become your accuser before the judgment seat of the Lord.

That, then, is one very good path of repentance. Another and no less valuable one is to put out of our minds the harm done us by our enemies, in order to master our anger, and to forgive our fellow servants' sins against us. Then our own sins against the Lord will be forgiven us. Thus, you have another way to atone for sin: *For if you forgive your debtors, your heavenly Father will forgive you.*

Do you want to know of a third path? It consists of prayer that is fervent, careful and comes from the heart.

If you want to hear of a fourth, I will mention almsgiving, whose power is great and far-reaching. If, moreover, a man lives a modest, humble life, that, no less than the other things I have mentioned, takes sin away. Proof of this is the tax-collector who had no good deeds to mention, but offered his humility instead and was relieved of a heavy burden of sins.

Thus, I have shown you five paths of repentance: condemnation of your sins, forgiveness of our neighbor's sins against us, prayer, almsgiving and humility.

Do not be idle, then, but walk daily in all these paths; they are easy, and you cannot plead your poverty. For, though you live out your life amid great need, you can always set aside your wrath, be humble, pray diligently and condemn your own sins; poverty is no hindrance. Poverty is not an obstacle to our carrying out the Lord's bidding, even when it comes to that path of repentance which involves giving money (almsgiving, I mean). The widow proved that when she put her two mites into the box!

Now that we have learned how to heal these wounds of ours, let us apply the cures. Then, when we have regained genuine health, we can approach the holy table with confidence, go gloriously to meet Christ, the king of glory, and attain the eternal blessings through the grace, mercy and kindness of Jesus Christ, our Lord."

May God be praised and may you be blessed!



The Youth Committee is in need of donations for Fall into Faith next Sunday, September 7 after the 9:30am Mass. They are in need of monetary donations, muffins and raffle baskets. Please drop the baskets off at the parish office and the muffins in the kitchen and mark them for Fall into Faith. Thank you!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Labor Day

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 2

5:15 pm - LaVern & Dorothy Scholler +

7:30-9pm - Confession in the Church

Wednesday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

5:15 pm - Ron Janousek +

Thursday, September 4

5:15 pm - BC & Anna Houdek +

Friday, September 5 St. Terese of Calcutta

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

5:15 pm - Clarabell Demers +

Saturday, September 6

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters

5:00 pm - Ron Houska +

Sunday, September 7 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Hiladore Osowski +

9:30 am - Steve Kliniske, Sr. +

10:30 am - Fall into Faith

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, 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 Staffne, Kari Suda, Pat Sweeney, Carmen Tomlinson, Mark Tomlinson, Peyton Tomlinson, Ralph Tucker, Julius Wangler, Kay Wilebski, Judy Wolter

NEXT WEEK WE START OUR PRAYER LIST OVER.

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton!

We have prayed 6,485 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 24, 2025 - \$ 3,630.00

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

Given to date: \$42,941.90 (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 24, 2025 - \$ 540.00

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

Given to date: \$ 5,040.00 (56.73 %)

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

OFFICE CLOSED

Mon., Sept. 1

Confession in the Church

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

Fr. Jeff's hot pepper challenge

Wed., Sept. 3, 6:15pm

Fatima rosary

Sat., Sept. 6, after Mass

Fall into Faith

Sun., Sept. 7, after Mass

Holy Pilgrimage

Sun., Sept. 7, 3:00pm

Fr. Jeff Gone 9-8 to 9-17 No daily Masses while he's away

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

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 0.00

Sacred Heart, Oakwood Calendar Draw Winners

Aug. 25 = Mariah LeClerc

Aug. 26 = Florence French

Aug. 27 = Caden Papenfuss

Aug. 28 = Wayne Gerszewski

Aug. 29 = John LeClerc

Aug. 30 = Sophia LeClerc

HOT PEPPER CONTEST: This **Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 6:15pm** in the Parish Center, there will be a hot pepper challenge to see who can handle the hottest peppers grown in Fr. Jeff's garden. We will have hotdogs and ice cream available. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy some food and fun. If you don't want to try some peppers, you can certainly watch those who will. Also, if you would like to bring a dish you're certainly welcomed to! Look forward to seeing you there.

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!

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION is available online starting September 1, go to stjohnsgrafton.com. There is also an opportunity to register at Fall into Faith, Sunday, September 7 after the 9:30am Mass, as well as Wednesday, September 10 from 6:30-7:30pm in the gathering space.

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

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.