



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

September 7, 2025
23rd 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
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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, September 18, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

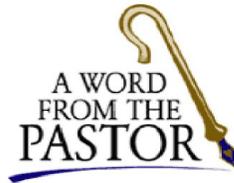
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



This coming Monday the Church celebrates the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the Catholic tradition, the birthday of Mary is a precious opportunity to reflect on her virtues and embrace her loving presence. Consider this day as a special chance to deepen your faith, to renew your commitment to prayer, and to cherish the beauty of the Church. Consider doing any or all of the following this Monday:

Begin with a prayer: Start your day with a quiet moment of prayer, asking Mary to intercede for you and your loved ones. Recite the Rosary or a Marian prayer, allowing her gentle example of humility and love to guide your heart.

Attend Mass: Participate in the special Mass dedicated to Mary. Listen carefully to the readings and homily, taking time to meditate on her role in the mystery of salvation and her example of faith.

Create a Marian altar: Decorate a small area in your home with a picture of Mary, candles, and flowers. This serves as a focal point for your prayers and devotion during the day.

Read and reflect: Read passages from the Bible, writings of the Church Fathers, or stories about Mary. Let her life inspire you to trust in God's plan and nurture a deeper love for Jesus.

Share with others: Organize a gathering or join with fellow parishioners to pray the Rosary. Share experiences of faith, discuss the significance of Mary's life, and celebrate her birthday together in unity.

Perform acts of charity: Honor Mary by serving those in need. Consider donating to a charity, volunteering somewhere, or simply offering kind words and support to someone going through hard times.

Reflect in solitude: End your day with quiet reflection. Write in a journal what Mary's example means to you, or spend time in silent prayer, thanking her for being a guiding light in your spiritual journey.

Mary's birthday is not only a celebration of her birth but also a call to live with her virtues every day. By embracing her humility, compassion, and unwavering faith in God, you can find renewed strength and inspiration to walk the path of Christian life.

Contemplate her virtues: Let her trust in God and her readiness to serve be a model for your everyday actions.

Encourage spiritual growth: Use this special day as a reminder to nurture your relationship with God, seeking guidance and comfort in prayer, Scripture, and the sacraments.

Live with gratitude: Emulate Mary's grateful heart, expressing thanks in both joyful and challenging moments.

May your celebration of Mary's birthday fill you with deep peace, devoted love, and renewed commitment to the teachings of our beloved Church. Allow her example to inspire your journey of faith and to strengthen your resolve in following the path of Christ.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

FALL INTO FAITH TODAY after the 9:30am Mass. Please come and join the Youth Committee for a light breakfast, fun and fellowship, as well as register for faith formation.

I want to offer my deepest gratitude to all those who have been praying for my health. God has heard your prayers. Although I had a couple of stents put into my arteries, there was no heart damage. After experiencing the effects of a heart attack for over 24 hours before receiving treatment, that is a miracle. I am forever grateful for your prayers. Thank you! May God bless you all. - Fr. Jeff

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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 (last one) - Parishioners

3:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage

Monday, September 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 am - George & Georgette LaHaise +

Tuesday, September 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest

NO MASS

Wednesday, September 10

NO MASS

Thursday, September 11

NO MASS

Friday, September 12 St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

NO MASS

Saturday, September 13

10:30 am - NO MASS

5:00 pm - Odette Young

Sunday, September 14 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

7:30 am - Alice Demers+

9:30 am - Parishioners



Our sympathy to the family of Nora Rose

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

Please Pray for the Sick:

Tom Almond, Joan Brien, Angie Carriere, Vida Carroll, Pastor Robin Dill, Greg Dusek, Pat Dusek, Faya El Sarraf, Barbara Foerster-Estad, Melinda Harder, Cyril Johnson, Mary Ellen Johnson, Dorothy Koester, Daniel LaHaise, Patty Mayer, Steve Michels, Monica Rudnik, Maxine Schanilec, Ralph Tucker, Julius Wangler, Kay Wilebski

We have started the prayer list over. Please call to add a loved one back on. Thank you!

Holy Family Catholic Church Fall Potluck:

Sunday, September 21st from 12pm – 2pm, (1018 18th Ave. S., Grand Forks, ND). Menu: pulled pork made by Jon Dorner and Gregg Ehreth will be provided - you bring the sides!

Classical Desserts - Dr. Jay Hershberger presents an all-Schubert piano performance on Sunday, September 21 at 3pm at St. Edwards Catholic Church, 211 N. Main St. A dessert buffet will follow the performance at about 4pm. It is really an enjoyable afternoon gathering for family and friends. Free-will offering.

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton!

We have prayed 7,009 rosaries!

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

Saving souls one bead at a time!



St. John quilters will be back on Thursday, September 18 at 9:30am. Please come and join them. They are in need of helpers of all talents. They will show what they need done if you are unsure how you can help. They are a lovely bunch of ladies and would enjoy your company.

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given August 31, 2025 - \$ 7,353.00

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 31, 2025 - \$ 458.00

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

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

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

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	
Rosary walk for life	Wed., Sept. 10, 6:30am
Faith Formation Registration	Wed., Sept. 10, 6:30-7:30pm
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Sept. 17, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Sept. 17, 7:30pm
St. John Quilters Begin	Thurs., Sept. 18, 9:30am
Baptismal Prep Class	Thurs., Sept. 18, 7:00pm
Holy hour for return of lapsed Catholics	Sun., Sept. 21, 1:00pm

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 25.00

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

HOLY PILGRIMAGE WITH JESUS:

Today, 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'S FALL DINNER IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. IT IS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 10:30AM - 1:30PM. This year we have streamlined the process of needing monetary donations and the church will do the purchasing of the food and supplies. Please drop off donations at the parish office or put them in the collection basket. For questions please call Vonda Collette 701-360-2880. The fall dinner also needs country store items, baked goods, jellies, etc. please contact Diane Maes to let her know what you have available at 701-360-0928. Lastly, please sign up and help out where you are able. Thank you!

The 5th Annual Angel of Hope Remembrance Ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 27th at 5:00pm in Lestikow Park at the Angel of Hope site. All are welcome to attend this ceremony. We recommend bringing your own chairs for this event.