



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

September 21, 2025  
25th 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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Parish Secretary: Kathy Swanson  
Environmental Services: David Demester  
Custodian: Deanna Priley

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**Bulletin - find it at [stjohnsgrafton.com](http://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, October 9, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

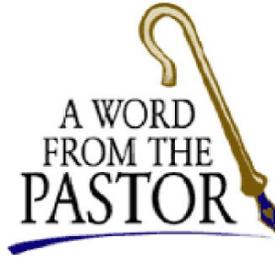
## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**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.**



The month of September has three special days devoted to Our Lady. September 8 is the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 12 is the Holy Name of Mary and this past Monday, September 15, was Our Lady of Sorrows. Our Lady plays a vital role in the mystery of our salvation and should be a very real part of our lives. We can and should call upon her for help. The following is taken from a homily given by St. Bernard of Clairvaux on the glories of the Virgin Mother.

*"And the Virgin's name was Mary.* Let us speak a little about this name, which is said to mean "star of the sea," and which so well befits the Virgin Mother. Rightly is she likened to a star. As a star emits a ray without being dimmed, so the Virgin brought forth her Son without receiving any injury. The ray takes naught from the brightness of the star, nor the Son from His Mother's virginal integrity. This is the noble star risen out of Jacob, whose ray illumines the whole world, whose splendor shines in the heavens, penetrates the abyss, and, traversing the whole earth, gives warmth rather to souls than to bodies, cherishing virtues, withering vices. Mary is that bright and incomparable star, whom we need to see raised above this vast sea, shining by her merits, and giving us light by her example.

All of you, who see yourselves amid the tides of the world, tossed by storms and tempests rather than walking on the land, do not turn your eyes away from this shining star, unless you want to be overwhelmed by the hurricane. If temptation storms, or you fall upon the rocks of tribulation, look to the star: call upon Mary! If you are tossed by the waves of pride or ambition, detraction or envy, look to the star, call upon Mary. If anger or avarice or the desires of the flesh dash against the ship of your soul, turn your eyes to Mary. If troubled by the enormity of your crimes, ashamed of your guilty conscience, terrified by dread of the judgement, you begin to sink into the gulf of sadness or the abyss of despair, think of Mary.

In dangers, in anguish, in doubt, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let her name be ever on your lips, ever in your heart; and the better to obtain the help of her prayers, imitate the example of her life. Following her, you do not stray; invoking her, you do not despair; thinking of her, you do not wander; upheld by her, you do not fall; shielded by her, you do not fear; guided by her, you do not grow weary; favored by her, you reach the goal. And thus you experience in yourself how good is that saying: *And the Virgin's name was Mary.*"

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

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

Interested in Becoming Catholic? We will begin the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30pm in Classroom 2. This class is for Non-Catholic adults (Age 17 and up) who are interested in becoming Catholic or for those who are already Catholic and need Confirmation, or who just want to learn more about the Faith. Fr. Jeff is the primary teacher for this class.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Saturday, September 20** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Pal Chong Ha-sang & Companions & Martyrs  
10:30 am - Funeral Mass for Helen Schumacher

5:00 pm - Matthew Houska +

**Sunday, September 21** 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Parishioners

9:30 am - Marlys Moberg +

**1:00 pm** - Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics

**Monday, September 22**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, September 23** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

5:15 pm - Chad Demers +

**Wednesday, September 24**

5:15 pm - Frank Suda +

**Thursday, September 25**

10:30 am - John & Alice Sevigny +

**Friday, September 26** Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

**OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON**

**NO MASS TODAY**

**Saturday, September 27** St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

**10:30 am - NO MASS TODAY**

5:00 pm - Josephine "Jo" Deitz +

**Sunday, September 28** 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Alma Collette +

9:30 am - Parishioners



Our sympathy to  
the Family of  
Helen Schumacher

*"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, Heather Dumas, Greg Dusek, Pat Dusek, Faya El Sarraf, Barbara Foerster-Estad, Melinda Harder, Cyril Johnson, Mary Ellen LaBaw, Dorothy Koester, Jim LaBine, Daniel LaHaise, Patty Mayer, Steve Michels, Hope Reis, Monica Rudnik, Maxine Schanilec, Julius Wangler, Kay Wilebski, Judy Wolter

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

**Pre-K and Kindergarten (4/5 year olds)** - Will be meeting during 9:30am Mass. We have a schedule of the following Sundays:

**Sundays in September 21 & 28**

**Sundays in October 12, 19 & 26**

**Sundays in November 2, 16 & 23**

**Sundays in December 7 & 14**

**10,000 Rosaries for Grafton!**

**We have prayed 7,358 rosaries!**

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

**Saving souls one bead at a time!**



**Grafton Lutheran Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 5 from 11:00am to 1:30pm** will be serving: turkey dinner, mashed potatoes, dressing/gravy and dessert, each dinner comes with homemade lefsa. It is \$15/plate there is dining room, drive-through and walk-through carry out available.

## STEWARDSHIP

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

**St. John the Evangelist**

Given September 14, 2025 - \$ 6,777.00

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

Given to date: \$ 43,931.28 (53.43%)

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 September 14, 2025 - \$ 659.00

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

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

## UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Funeral Mass for Helen Schumacher	Sat., Sept. 20, 10:30am
Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics	Sun., Sept. 21, <b>1:00pm</b>
Confession in the church	Tues., Sept. 23, 7:30-9pm
Rosary walk for life	Wed., Sept. 24, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Sept. 24, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Sept. 24, 7:30pm

## ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 75.00

**INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA AT ST. JOHN'S!** The Lord is blessing our parish with something very special. Tuesday, October 7, is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and the international pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in our parish that entire day. This is the statue blessed by the Pope that has been traveling the world for decades.

The statue will be arriving with its custodian around 8pm on Monday, October 6. Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to be present when it arrives. We will process with the statue into the church. We will place it in the sanctuary by the ambo (podium) and it will be present all day on the 7th. On Tuesday evening, Oct. 7, we will have Mass at 5:15pm followed by a 20-minute presentation by the Statue Custodian. We will have Eucharistic Adoration in the church as we normally do. We will also pray the Rosary after the presentation, as well as an Act of Consecration to Our Lady and Litany of Our Lady. Adoration will continue until 10pm. Parishioners are welcome to approach the statue. You are also welcome to place flowers with Our Lady.

Please seriously consider participating in this beautiful evening of grace with Jesus and Mary. The international pilgrim statue has never been in our parish before. Our Lord wants to lavish His graces upon our parish through the hands of the Blessed Virgin.

**St. John's Fall Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025** This year we have streamlined our process of needing monetary donations and the church will do the purchasing of food and supplies needed. *Please* send your monetary donations to: St. John's, 344 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St., Grafton, ND 58237. For any questions, please notify Vonda Collette call/text (701-360-2880). **To volunteer in the kitchen**, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday call/text Vonda Collette (701-360-2880). **To volunteer for the dining room**, call/text Alissa Parsons (701-360-1180). **To donate to the Country Store**, call/text Diane Maes (701-360-0928) or call/text Sandy Rose (701-360-1676). **To volunteer for the delivery and take out**, call Jean Jiskra (701-360-0128). Donated pies will be sold at the Country Store. Thank you!