



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

September 28, 2025  
26th 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, October 9, 2025 at 7:00pm** in the Gathering Space. Call 701-352-1648 to register.

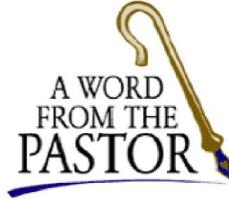
## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**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 Monday is the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. All three have played a pivotal role in the Church's mission on earth, but especially St. Michael in his defense of the Church against Satan.

The St. Michael prayer is relatively new in the history of the Church. It was composed by Pope Leo XIII and included in the 1886 "Prayers After Mass" which were added and required to be said after all Low Masses in the Latin Rite.

What inspired this prayer? There are various versions of a story that explain it.

The basic account is that Pope Leo XIII had a terrible vision one day, shortly after saying his morning Mass. Some accounts say he collapsed; others say he was in a trance and was seen gazing in horror. Some accounts say he overheard a conversation between God and the devil; others say he simply saw a horrific vision of the works of Satan that would occur in the 20th century.

The story seems credible, though we do not have absolute evidence. For example, we have the word of a contemporary of Pope Leo XIII "who was a cardinal and knew his personal secretary," and an unnamed man who had a short audience with the Pope and wrote about it in a German publication in 1891. After making its way to Germany, the account seems to have spread around the world.

Here is the compelling version published in 1891:

*A rather peculiar circumstance induced Pope Leo XIII to compose this powerful prayer. After celebrating Mass one day he was in conference with the Cardinals. Suddenly he sank to the floor. Several doctors were summoned at once but found no pulse - the very life seemed to have ebbed away from the fragile and aging body. Suddenly he recovered and said: "What a horrible vision I have been shown!" He saw the ages to come, the seductive powers and ravings of the devils against the Church in every land. But St. Michael appeared in the moment of greatest distress and cast Satan and his cohorts back into the abyss of hell. Such was the occasion that caused Pope Leo XIII to prescribe this prayer for the universal Church.*

Here is the text of the prayer commonly known today, as taken from Pope Leo XIII's first composition. It is easy to memorize and important to do so. Many Catholics recite it after saying the Rosary:

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

Starting in 1886, this prayer was said by priest and parishioners after every Low Mass in the Latin Rite. In the aftermath of various changes that came about after the Second Vatican Council, Low Mass was ended, and the St. Michael Prayer was, unfortunately, no longer said starting around 1965. In 1994, however, Pope St. John Paul II urged Catholics to recite this prayer frequently. That is why we are currently praying it at the end of Mass. We all need the protection that St. Michael can give us against the forces of evil.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!



**St. John's Fall Dinner 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!

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Saturday, September 27** St. Vincent de Paul, Priest  
10:30 am - NO MASS

5:00 pm - Josephine "Jo" Deitz +

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

7:30 am - Alma Collette +

9:30 am - Parishioners

**Monday, September 29** Sts. Michael, Gabriel and  
Raphael, Archangels

NO MASS

**Tuesday, September 30** St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor  
of the Church

5:15 pm - NO MASS

**Wednesday, October 1** St. Therese of the Child  
Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

5:15 pm - Matthew Houska +

6:30 pm - 3rd Grade Parent Meeting

**Thursday, October 2** The Holy Guardian Angels

5:15 pm - Mavis Bradbury +

**Friday, October 3**

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

5:15 pm - Don Schuster +

**Saturday, October 4**

12:00 pm - Wedding Mass for Eugene Kliniske & Joan Schieffer

2:30 pm - Wedding (no Mass) Erik Aanderud & Alyssa Gourde  
in Oakwood

5:00 pm - Jodean Collette +

**Sunday, October 5** 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME

7:30 am - Parishioners

9:30 am - Dennis Donelan +

3:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage

**Monday, October 6** St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie  
Rose Durocher, Virgin

8:00 pm - Our Lady of Fatima Statue Arriving



Please pray for the  
souls in Purgatory

### **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, Dorothy Koester, Mary Ellen LaBaw, Jim  
LaBine, Daniel LaHaise, Diane Lee, 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:

**Sunday, September 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 7,861 rosaries!**

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

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



**Interested in Becoming Catholic? You are  
Catholic and need to be Confirmed?** We will  
begin the Order of Christian Initiation for 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.

## STEWARDSHIP

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

### **St. John the Evangelist**

Given September 21, 2025 - \$ 2,985.00

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

Given to date: \$ 44,036.28 (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 21, 2025 - \$ 352.00

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

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

## **UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:**

**Fr. Jeff gone 9-29 to 9-30**

**No Mass, Tues., Sept. 30**

Rosary walk for life

Wed., Oct. 1, 6:30am

**3rd Grade Parent Meeting in Church Wed., Oct. 1, 6:30pm**

Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)

Wed., Oct. 1, 6:30pm

High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12) Wed., Oct. 1, 7:30pm

St. John's Quilters

Thurs., Oct. 2, 9:30am

Wedding Mass for Eugene Kliniske & Joan Schieffer Sat., Oct. 4, 12:00pm

Wedding (No Mass) for Erik Aanderud & Alyssa Gourde Sat., Oct. 4, 2:30pm in Oakwood

Holy Pilgrimage

Sun., Oct. 5, 3:00pm

**Our Lady of Fatima Statue to arrive Mon., Oct. 6, 8pm**

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Wed., Oct. 8, 6:30pm

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## ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 190.00

**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.

## 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.

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