



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

October 12, 2025
28th 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

The Parish Office: 701-352-1648

Pastor: Fr. Jeff Eppler

Fr. Jeff's Cell Phone 1-314-750-8937

Deacon: Deacon Michael Grzadzielewski

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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

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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, November 13, 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:

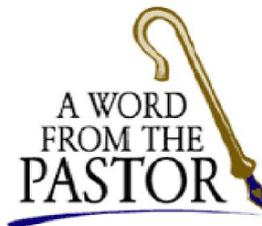
8:30pm Tuesdays in Church
6:00pm Fridays after Mass

Need a ride to church on Sunday:
Call Frank Janousek at 520-1730

Bulletin deadline is noon on Wednesdays.



St. John's Annual Fall Dinner is today, Sunday, October 12, 2025 from 10:30am to 1:30pm, roast pork dinner. Dine in and take out available \$16/plate. Starting at 10:30am you can call for to go or delivery meals at 701-352-1648. There is the Country Store and raffle ticket drawings 5) \$100 prizes, need not be present to win. Come and join us for some fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



This Thursday, October 16, is the memorial of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a nun of the Visitation order from France. On December 27, 1673, while praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus began a series of revelations to her about His Sacred Heart that were to continue over the next year and a half. In them, Jesus informed her that she was His chosen instrument to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart. She writes the following in a letter to one of her friends:

It seems to me that our Lord's earnest desire to have his Sacred Heart honored in a special way is directed toward renewing the effects of redemption in our souls. For the sacred heart is an inexhaustible fountain and its sole desire is to pour itself out into the hearts of the humble so as to free them and prepare them to lead lives according to his good pleasure.

From this divine heart three streams flow endlessly. The first is the stream of mercy for sinners; it pours into their hearts sentiments of contrition and repentance. The second is the stream of charity which helps all in need and especially aids those seeking perfection to find the means of surmounting their difficulties. From the third stream flow love and light for the benefit of his friends who have attained perfection; these he wishes to unite to himself so that they may share his knowledge and commandments and, in their individual ways, devote themselves wholly to advancing his glory.

This divine heart is an abyss of all blessings, and into it the poor should submerge all their needs. It is an abyss of joy in which all of us can immerse our sorrows. It is an abyss of lowliness to counteract our foolishness, an abyss of mercy for the wretched, an abyss of love to meet our every need.

Therefore, you must unite yourselves to the heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, both at the beginning of your conversion in order to obtain proper dispositions, and at its end in order to make reparation. Are you making no progress in prayer? Then you need only offer God the prayers which the Savior has poured out for us in the sacrament of the altar. Offer God his fervent love in reparation for your sluggishness. In the course of every activity pray as follows: "My God, I do this or I endure that in the heart of your Son and according to his holy counsels. I offer it to you in reparation for anything blameworthy or imperfect in my actions." Continue to do this in every circumstance of life. And every time that some punishment, affliction or injustice comes your way, say to yourself: "Accept this as sent to you by the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ in order to unite yourself to him."

Brothers and sisters, consecrate yourself daily to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Adore His Heart in the Holy Eucharist. May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, October 11 St. John XXIII, Pope

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters

5:00 pm - Ron Houska +

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7:30 am - Alice Demers +

9:30 am - Parishioners

10:30 am - 1:30pm ST. JOHN'S FALL DINNER

Monday, October 13

10:30 am - Funeral Mass for Delores Burianek

Tuesday, October 14 St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

5:15 pm - James & Mary Collette +

7:30-9:00pm - Confession in the Church

Wednesday, October 15 St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

5:15 pm - Edith Gierszewski +

Thursday, October 16 St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

5:15 pm - Robert O'Toole +

Friday, October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

5:15 pm - Elizabeth "Betty" Stark +

Saturday, October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +

5:00 pm - Orell & JoAnne Sevigny +

Sunday, October 19 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Parishioners

9:30 am - Linda Babinski +

3:00 pm - Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics



Our sympathy to the family of Delores Burianek

"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, Harriet Dosmann, 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, Lori McMahn, Patty Mayer, Steve Michels, Hope Reis, Monica Rudnik, Maxine Schanilec, Julius Wangler, Kay Wilebski, Judy Wolter

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 October 12, 19 & 26

Sundays in November 2, 16 & 23

Sundays in December 7 & 14

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton!

We have prayed 8,279 rosaries!

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

Saving souls one bead at a time!



Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Minto Fall Dinner at the Community Center (114 Harvey Ave), on Sunday, November 2 from 11am-2pm. Menu: ham & meatballs, potatoes & gravy, sauerkraut & pork, carrots, dinner rolls, pies and desserts. Adults = \$15, Ages 6-12 = \$5, Under 5 = Free.

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given October 5, 2025 - \$ 9,002.00

Second Collection on 10-5-2025 = \$1,071.00

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

Given to date: \$ 44,220.66 (53.54%)

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 October 5, 2025 - \$ 1,817.00

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

Given to date: \$ 5,090.00 (56.73%)

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

St. John's Roast Pork Fall Dinner	Sun., Oct. 12, 10:30am-1:30pm
Funeral Mass for Delores Burianek	Mon., Oct. 13, 10:30am
OCIA for Adults	Tues., Oct. 14, 6:30pm
Confession in the Church	Tues., Oct. 14, 7:30-9pm
Rosary walk for life	Wed., Oct. 15, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Oct. 15, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Oct. 15, 7:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Oct. 16, 9:30am
Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics	Sun., Oct. 19, 3:00pm
Bible Study - Book of Hebrews	Mon., Oct. 20, 7:00pm
OCIA for Adults	Tues., Oct. 21, 6:30pm

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 100.00

Interested in Becoming Catholic? We will begin the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) this **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.

Bible study will begin on Monday, October 20 at 7:00pm.

The book of Hebrews is like a little Catechism. It is steeped in rich truths that are foundational to our Catholic Faith, and it is considered by many to be the "Holy of Holies" of biblical theology. Presented by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins. **Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant** draws out the riches of this sublime book in a way that makes them easier to understand. You can register and make your payment online at stjohnsgraffton.com or you can call the parish office to sign up as well at 701-352-1648. The cost of the book is \$35.00. Thank you!

October Day of Reflection: You are invited to join us on Saturday, October 18th for a Day of Reflection (**in-person or online**). This month's theme, as we continue our Franciscan Spiritual Pilgrimage, will be "The Leper Hospital." The event lasts from 10am-3pm. Register online at <https://forms.office.com/r/qvVtezHnt9> or contact Sr. Mary Ruth with questions at 701-242-7195/smaryruth@sfcpretreats.org.