



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

October 26, 2025
30th 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

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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

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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.

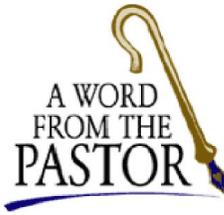
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



This Friday is Halloween, properly called All Hallows Eve. Hallow means "holy." It is the Vigil for All Saints. It is a time of great grace for the people of God. Unfortunately, the Evil One has transformed it into a celebration of wickedness. Even Catholics get caught up in the darkness thinking nothing is wrong with it. I have noticed that more homes each year have displays of evil. Satanic ritual also happens during this night, which includes the blood sacrifice of humans, both children and adults. We need to be praying a lot this night. That is why we are having a Holy Hour Against Evil at 7pm on Friday. Please come and join in the battle for souls.

Next Saturday kicks off the month of November with the beautiful celebration of All Saints, which is normally a holy day of obligation, but not this year. It is followed by All Souls Sunday. The entire month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. These are our brothers and sisters who are saved but still need to be purified from some effect of sin before they can enter into heaven. God asks us to pray for them.

When we pray for the Souls in Purgatory there is nothing to be lost and only good things to be gained. First of all, it benefits the souls themselves. Whether our prayers bring them into heaven or simply alleviate the suffering they face, the souls are grateful. So grateful, in fact, that they offer prayers for every one of us who helped them!

The second benefit of praying for these souls is it brings more Divine Grace into our life as they offer their sufferings for us and our intentions. Since they cannot help themselves, they help us.

Lastly, and most importantly, it is a great comfort to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus who desires an end to their suffering more than anyone. Venerable Fulton Sheen once said, "As we enter Heaven we will see them, so many of them coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say, 'a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory.'"

During this month of November pray every day for the souls in Purgatory. Special Plenary indulgences can be obtained during this month that can be applied to the deceased. These are as follows:

Visiting a cemetery and praying for the deceased any day during November.

Visiting a Catholic church and praying an Our Father and an Apostles Creed for the deceased on any day in November.

Keep in mind, that to obtain a Plenary indulgence (removal of all punishment in Purgatory from the moment of the act backwards – does not include sins not yet committed) one must have the intention of gaining the indulgence, not be attached to sin, have gone to sacramental Confession within 9 days of the indulgenced act, receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. If any of these conditions are omitted (except for the intention of gaining the indulgence, that has to be present) then the indulgence becomes partial and not plenary. Let's help our brothers in sisters who are suffering in the fires of their purification so they can get to Heaven quickly!

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

In celebration of **All Saints' Day**, please join us for supper on **Wednesday, October 29 at 6pm in the parish center**. There will be a free will offering. Dress as your favorite Saint. Faith formation class to follow at 6:30pm.

1ST GRADE FAMILIES! Would you please donate 1 dozen bars or cookies for our All Saints' Day faith formation supper? Please bring your donation to the parish center on Wednesday, October 29 by 5:50pm. Thank you! St. John's Youth Committee

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, October 25

10:30 am - Chuck Ryder & Richard LaFromboise +

5:00 pm - Frances Schuster +

Sunday, October 26 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Ray & Bertha Campbell +

9:30 am - Parishioners

Monday, October 27

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 28 Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

5:15 pm - Wendy Daninger

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

Wednesday, October 29

5:15 pm - Evarist "Evie" Barta +

6:00 pm - All Saints Day supper for faith formation

Thursday, October 30

5:15 pm - Elizabeth "Betty" Stark +

Friday, October 31

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

5:15 pm - Taylor Ternes & Brendan Schniebel

7:00 pm - Holy hour against evil

Saturday, November 1 All Saints Day

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters

5:00 pm - Robert & Jean Collette +

Sunday, November 2 ALL SOULS' DAY

7:30 am - Parishioners

9:30 am - Dennis Donelan +

1:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage



Our sympathy to the family of John Gaustad

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

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, Alex Emslander, Nick Emslander, Barbara Foerster-Estad, Lori Fox, Melinda Harder, Cyril Johnson, Dorothy Koester, Mary Ellen LaBaw, Jim LaBine, Daniel LaHaise, Diane Lee, Lori McMahn, Patty Mayer, Steve Michels, Betty Novak, Nicole Pride, Hope Reis, Monica Rudnik, Maxine Schanilec, Maury Staffne, 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 26

Sundays in November 2, 16 & 23

Sundays in December 7 & 14

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton!

We have prayed 8,708 rosaries!

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

Saving souls one bead at a time!



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

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given October 19, 2025 - \$ 6,783.00

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

Given to date: \$ 44,800.60 (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 19, 2025 - \$ 423.00

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

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

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Bible Study	Mon., Oct. 27, 7:00pm
OCIA for Adults	Tues., Oct. 28, 6:30pm
Confession in the Church	Tues., Oct. 28, 7:30-9pm
Rosary walk for life	Wed., Oct. 29, 6:30am
All Saints Day supper for faith formation	Wed., Oct. 29, 6:00pm
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Oct. 29, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Oct. 29, 6:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Oct. 30, 9:30am
Holy hour against evil	Fri., Oct. 31, 7:00pm
Holy Pilgrimage	Sun., Nov. 2, 1:00pm

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 100.00

St. John the Evangelist Fall Dinner Report:

We sold 631 meals, the gross income was \$20,356.00, total expenses were \$8,803.04 and preliminary net income was \$11,552.96.

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.

HOLY PILGRIMAGE WITH JESUS:

Next Sunday, Fr. Jeff and Tony Dumas will be driving through Grafton and Oakwood at 1:00pm with Jesus in the Monstrance. So keep your eyes peeled for the Lord in the Ford.

"... for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." LUKE 18:14

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.