



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

November 9, 2025

1515 Western Ave.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA 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

Business Manager: Carla Trahan

Parish Secretary: Kathy Swanson

Environmental Services: David Demester

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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

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, November 13, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

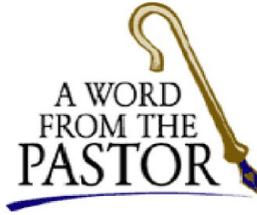
In the Church: Tuesday from 6pm - 10pm
In the Chapel: Wednesday from Noon - 10pm
Thursday from 6pm - 10pm
Friday from 7am - 9am

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.



the means to assist them with our prayers and sacrifices.

One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. Although we are to do this always, we remember the souls in Purgatory in a special way during the month of November. The Church teaches that since they did not avail themselves of all the helps and graces God gave them during their life on earth, they are not able to help themselves now. However, God has given us

Many of the Saints are said to have had experiences that confirmed the Church's teaching on Purgatory. For instance, St. Louis Bertrand, a seventeenth-century priest, offered Masses, prayers, and sacrifices for his deceased father until finally he was granted a vision of his entry into Heaven. This happened only after eight years of prayer on his part.

In the twelfth century, the famous Irish bishop St. Malachy learned that his sister was destined to suffer a long time in Purgatory, for she had lived a very sinful life before repenting; his prayers eased her sufferings, but did not significantly lessen her time there. In the fifteenth century, the sister of St. Vincent Ferrer appeared to him as she was about to enter Heaven and revealed that had it not been for the many Masses he offered on her behalf, her time in Purgatory would have been much longer.

A story is told about St. Teresa of Avila in this regard. A priest she knew had just died, and God revealed to her that he would remain in Purgatory until a Mass was said for him in the chapel of a new Carmelite house that was to be built. Teresa hurried to the site and had the workmen begin raising the walls of the chapel immediately, but as this would still take too long, she obtained permission from the bishop for a temporary chapel to be erected. Once this was done, Mass was celebrated there, and while receiving communion, Teresa saw a vision of the priest thanking her most graciously before entering God's kingdom.

Showing concern for the dead and the dying is a great sign of love. Bl. Raymond of Capua, the biographer of St. Catherine of Siena, wrote that she attended her father, Jacomo, during his final hours. Learning in a revelation that this holy man nonetheless would require some purification in Purgatory, Catherine begged God to let her suffer pains of expiation on his behalf so that he might enter Heaven immediately. God agreed; Jacomo, who had been suffering greatly, thereupon experienced a happy and peaceful death, while Catherine was seized with violent pains that remained with her for the rest of her life. Raymond witnessed her suffering, but he also took note of her incredible forbearance and patience, along with her great joy on her father's behalf.

An incident from the life of the Italian priest St. Padre Pio indicates that souls in Purgatory may request our prayers. One day in the 1920s, he was praying in the choir loft when he heard a strange sound coming from the side altars of the chapel. Then there was a crash as a candelabra fell from the main altar. Padre Pio saw a figure he assumed to be a young friar. But the figure told him, "I am doing my Purgatory here. I was a student in this friary, so now I have to make amends for the errors I committed while I was here, for my lack of diligence in doing my duty in this church." The figure said that he had been in Purgatory for sixty years, and after requesting Padre Pio's prayers, he vanished. Many other souls in purgatory are said to have asked for his assistance, including four deceased friars sitting around the fireplace in a state of great suffering; Padre Pio spent the night in prayer, securing their release.

Please continue to pray every day for the souls in Purgatory. May God be praised and may you be blessed!



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE. THE CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA will be on Sunday, December 7 from 10:30am - 2:00pm. We will need donations of NEW items, canned and baked goods for St. Nick's Sweet Shop, the Silent Auction, and for the Mini Raffle You can drop items off at the office Mon. - Thurs. from 8:30am - 4:00pm or Fridays until 11:00am. If you have any questions please call Mickey at (701)331-3874. Thank you!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, November 8

10:30 am - NO MASS

5:00 pm - Leon & Clara Sevigny +

Sunday, November 9 THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

7:30 am - Orell & JoAnne Sevigny +

9:30 am - Parishioners

2:00 pm - Day of Remembrance

Monday, November 10 St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Tuesday, November 11 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

5:15 pm - Edith Gierszewski +

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

Wednesday, November 12 St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

5:15 pm - Elizabeth "Betty" Stark +

Thursday, November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

5:15 pm - Wayne Welsh +

Friday, November 14

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

9:00 am - Marvin Scholler +

Saturday, November 15

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +

5:00 pm - Chad Demers +

Sunday, November 16 St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30 am - Parishioners

9:30 am - Hiladore Osowski +

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



Our sympathy to the family of Harriet Dosmann
"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, 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, 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 November 16 & 23

Sundays in December 7 & 14

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton!

We have prayed 9,061 rosaries!

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



Saving souls one bead at a time!

Attention Parents: Your child must be registered in our faith formation program to attend. If you have NOT yet completed registration, please do so online at: <https://stjohnsgraffton.com/faith-formation>. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given November 2, 2025 - \$ 5,481.00

Second Collection 11-2-2025 = \$1,215.00

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

Given to date: \$ \$45,005.66 (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 November 2, 2025 - \$ 651.00

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

Given to date: \$ 5,140.00 (56.73 %)

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Day of Remembrance	Sun., Nov. 9, 2:00pm
Bible Study	Mon., Nov. 10, 7:00pm
OCIA for Adults	Tues., Nov. 11, 6:30pm
Confession in the Church	Tues., Nov. 11, 7:30-9pm
Rosary walk for life	Wed., Nov. 12, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Nov. 12, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Nov. 12, 7:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Nov. 13, 9:30am
Baptismal Prep Class	Thurs., Nov. 13, 7:00pm
Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics	Sun., Nov. 16, 3:00pm
Bible Study	Mon., Nov. 17, 7:00pm
OCIA for Adults	Tues., Nov. 18, 6:30pm

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 125.00

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?" 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

Undone Women's Retreat

Ladies, do you sometimes feel weighed down by the burdens of life? Do you desire to feel the love of God the Father in a new way and experience the full flowering of your feminine genius? Jesus declared, "I have come that they might have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10) He wants to bring liberation and fullness to your life, firmly planting you in the conviction that not only are you good, you're His.

Blending teaching, prayer, and experiences deeper than words the **Undone Women's Retreat** has powerfully enabled thousands of women to be soaked in and transformed by this life-changing truth. Will you be next?

The retreat will take place on **November 20-22, 2025** and can be attended **in-person** at Sts. Anne and Joachim Church in Fargo, via **livestream**, or even a **hybrid** of the two. Check out the details and reserve your spot today by visiting www.fargodiocese.org/undone. You will not regret it.

The Walsh County Emergency Food Pantry - address and phone number: PO BOX 575, Grafton, ND 58237, 701-352-1608. They are open Monday through Thursday from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. You can call there during those hours with any questions. **The Walsh County Emergency Food Pantry is their own entity now. Please send your contributions to their new address. Thank you!**