



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

November 23, 2025

1515 Western Ave.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 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

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Deacon: Deacon Michael Grzadzielewski

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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, December 11, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

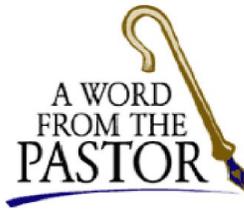
In the Church: Tuesday from 6pm - 10pm
In the Chapel: Wednesday from Noon - 10pm
Thursday from 6pm - 10pm
Friday from 7am - 9am

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 weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism. Secularism is a way of thinking in which a person organizes their life as if God did not exist. The purpose of the feast is to proclaim Christ as Creator, Redeemer, Shepherd, and Judge. As King of the Universe, His kingdom extends to all nations and places, is eternal, and is not of this world.

The following is from a homily on Christ the King given by Pope Benedict XVI on November 21, 2010 and is based on this weekend's Gospel reading:

"In the Gospel we see that everyone asks Jesus to come down from the Cross. They mock him, but this is also a way of excusing themselves from blame as if to say: it is not our fault that you are hanging on the Cross; it is solely your fault because if you really were the Son of God, the King of the Jews, you would not stay there but would save yourself by coming down from that infamous scaffold.

Therefore, if you remain there it means that you are wrong and we are right. The tragedy that is played out beneath the Cross of Jesus is a universal tragedy; it concerns all people before God who reveals himself for what he is, namely, Love.

In the crucified Jesus the divinity is disfigured, stripped of all visible glory and yet is present and real. Faith alone can recognize it: the faith of Mary, who places in her heart too this last scene in the mosaic of her Son's life. She does not yet see the whole, but continues to trust in God, repeating once again with the same abandonment: 'Behold, the handmaid of the Lord' (see Lk 1:38).

Then there is the faith of the Good Thief: a faith barely outlined but sufficient to assure him salvation: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise'. This 'with me' is crucial. Yes, it is this that saves him. Of course, the good thief is on the cross *like* Jesus, but above all he is on the Cross *with* Jesus. And, unlike the other evildoer and all those who taunt him, he does not ask Jesus to come down from the Cross nor to make him come down. Instead, he says: 'remember me when you come into your kingdom'.

The Good Thief sees Jesus on the Cross, disfigured and unrecognizable and yet he entrusts himself to him as to a king, indeed as to the King. The good thief believes what was written on the tablet over Jesus' head: 'The King of the Jews'. He believed and entrusted himself. For this reason, he was already, immediately, in the 'today' of God, in Paradise, because Paradise is this: being *with* Jesus, being *with* God."

Brothers and sisters, entrust yourself entirely to Jesus like the Good Thief did and seriously consider spending an hour a week with Him in Eucharistic adoration. Let Paradise begin in your heart.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!



The Christmas Extravaganza is coming soon. It will be on Sunday, December 7 from 10:30am - 2:00pm. We need donations of NEW items, canned and baked goods for St. Nick's Sweet Shop, the Silent Auction, Mini Raffle items or monetary donations. You can drop off the items at the parish office Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 4:00pm or on Fridays until 11:00am. If you have any questions please call Mickey at (701)331-3874. Thank you!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, November 22 St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +

5:00 pm - Jodean Collette +

Sunday, November 23 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30 am - Evarist "Evie" Barta +

9:30 am - Parishioners

Monday, November 24
NO MASS

Tuesday, November 25

5:15 pm - Margie Novak +

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

Wednesday, November 26

5:15 pm - Frances Schuster +

Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day
OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 am - Greg Rose +

Friday, November 28

OFFICE CLOSED

5:15 pm - Paul & Grace Brodeur +

Saturday, November 29

10:30 am - Terry Eppler & Chuck Ryder +

5:00 pm - Bob & Delores Desautel +

Sunday, November 30 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 am - Parishioners

9:30 am - Danny & Teresa Dusek - Happy 40th Anniversary



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, 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 23

Sundays in December 7 & 14

Sundays in January 11, 18 & 25

Sundays in February 8 & 22

10,000 Rosaries for Grafton!

We have prayed **9,422** rosaries!

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



Saving souls one bead at a time!

St. John's Parish Advent Penance Service will be on Sunday, December 14 at 4:00pm.

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given November 16, 2025 - 7,189.00

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

Given to date: \$ 45,520.04 (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 16, 2025 - \$ 285.00

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

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

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Bible Study	Mon., Nov. 24, 7:00pm
OCIA for Adults	Tues., Nov. 25, 6:30pm
Confession in the Church	Tues., Nov. 25, 7:30-9pm
Rosary walk for life	Wed., Nov. 26, 6:30am
NO FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK	Wed., Nov. 26
Thanksgiving Day Mass	Thurs., Nov. 27, 9:00am
OFFICE CLOSED	Thurs., Nov. 27
OFFICE CLOSED	Fri., Nov. 28
Rosary walk for life	Wed., Dec. 3, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Dec. 3, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Dec. 3, 7:30pm

ROOF DONATION

Given this week \$ 2,230.00

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!**

St. John's Youth Committee Christmas Celebration will take place on **Sunday, December 14th** after the 9:30am Mass.

"... giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." COLOSSIANS 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own need first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!



Christmas Extravaganza

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

1515 Western Ave, Grafton, ND

Sunday, December 7, 2025

From: 10:30am To: 2:00pm

Lunch: (Free Will Donation)

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

French Fries

St. Nick's Sweet Shop (Bake Sale)

Silent Auction

Mini Raffle

Ice Cream Sundaes

Ornament Making

Cookie Decorating

Goody Gum Drop Walk

50/50 Drawing @ 2pm - \$1.00/ticket

Santa Claus will be here

For more information contact Mickey (701)331-3874

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Proceeds will be going to St. John the Evangelist Ministries

