



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

DECEMBER 7, 2025  
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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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

### 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, 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.**



**THE CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA IS TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 FROM 10:30AM - 2:00PM.** Come & join us for lots of fun, food, fellowship. There is a mini raffle, silent auction, 50/50 drawing, baked and canned goods sales. Bring your family and friends, all are welcome to attend!



Advent is a time to prepare our souls to embrace Jesus with great love, particularly in the Eucharist. The obstacle to this love is sin. Repentance is essential to receive the forgiveness that flows from the merciful Heart of Jesus. Rejecting His mercy, that is, refusing to repent of our sins, is to set oneself firmly upon the path of divine justice.

Is Jesus mercy or justice? The truth is that He is both a Merciful Savior and a Just Judge, because everyone has the choice as to how they live their life. We can seek mercy, or we can reject God and refuse mercy. We can say 'no' to God, refusing His offer of mercy in order to remain in darkness or we can embrace His gift of mercy. This is the amazing mystery of human freedom and the choice is always ours.

Jesus encourages us to choose His gift of mercy and never be afraid to approach Him. He desires that we trust Him. He said to St. Faustina, "*The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is - trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Souls that trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me, because I pour all the treasures of My graces into them. I rejoice that they ask for much, because it is My desire to give much, very much. On the other hand, I am sad when souls ask for little, when they narrow their hearts.*"

To help us prepare to receive within us the actual Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our merciful Savior in the Eucharist, our Lord left us another "miracle of mercy," the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here, too, Jesus is present for us - for all of us, no matter how great our sins - as the merciful Savior, the fountain of mercy that cleanses, comforts, forgives, and restores to life. Jesus said to St. Faustina, as recorded in her *Diary*: "*When you go to confession, to this fountain of mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul.*"

I encourage all parishioners to go to Confession during this season of Advent. We have a Parish Advent Penance Service next Sunday, December 14 at 4:00pm. Confession helps prepare us to enter into the mystery of Christ's sacrifice at the Mass and partake worthily Him in Holy Communion. Jesus longs to be welcomed into souls that are without sin and have made themselves a fitting temple for His Presence. Don't be afraid to plunge into the ocean of His Divine Mercy.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** This Monday, December 8, is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.** This is when we celebrate Mary being conceived without original sin. Masses here at St. John are at 6:30am and 5:15pm. Other Masses locally are at Sacred Heart in Minto on Sunday evening, Dec. 7, at 7pm and on Monday, Dec. 8 at 7:30am in Minto and at 7pm in Warsaw.

**HEALING SERVICE:** This Friday, December 12, is the *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.* We have Mass at the normal time at 5:15pm. We will have a Healing Service at 7pm. Come and experience the healing love that flows from the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. Anointing of the Sick and Confession will be offered along with some healing prayers and Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcomed!

**Advent Penance Service next Sunday, Dec. 14, at 4pm.**

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Saturday, December 6** St. Nicholas, Bishop

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters

5:00 pm - Wayne Welsh +

**Sunday, December 7** 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 am - Alice Demers +

9:30 am - Parishioners

**10:30 am - 2:00 pm Christmas Extravaganza**

1:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage

**Monday, December 8** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

6:30 am - Parishioners

5:15 pm - Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, December 9** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

5:15 pm - Mary Ann Sevigny +

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

**Wednesday, December 10** Our Lady of Loreto

5:15 pm - Rick LaHaise +

**Thursday, December 11** St. Damasus I, Pope

5:15 pm - Dorothy Rudnik & Doris Rudnik +

**Friday, December 12** Our Lady of Guadalupe

**OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON**

5:15 pm - Ruth Kliniske +

7:00 pm - Parish Healing Service

**Saturday, December 13** St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

10:30 am - All deceased priests of the Fargo Diocese

5:00 pm - Edith Gierszewski +

**Sunday, December 14** 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 am - Parishioners

9:30 am - John & Rose Brosius +

4:00 pm - Parish Advent Penance Service



Our sympathy to the families of Kathy Demers & Flora Pilon

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

**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 Staffine, 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 December 7 & 14**

**Sundays in January 11, 18 & 25**

**Sundays in February 8 & 22**

**Sunday in March 1, 8, 15, 22 last day**

**10,000 Rosaries for Grafton!**

*We have prayed 9,767 rosaries!*

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

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

**Second Collection today** will be going towards our ongoing maintenance needs.

### **HOLY PILGRIMAGE WITH JESUS:**

Today 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.

## STEWARDSHIP

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

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

Given November 30, 2025 - \$5,738.00

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

Given to date: \$ 45,825.04 (53.86%)

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 30, 2025 - \$ 560.00

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

Given to date: \$5,290.00 (57.82%)

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

Fatima Rosary - after AM Mass	Sat., Dec. 6 After AM Mass
<b>CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA</b>	<b>Sun., Dec. 7, 10:30-2pm</b>
Holy Pilgrimage	Sun., Dec. 7, 1:00pm
Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>Mon., Dec. 8, 6:30am</b>
Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>Mon., Dec. 8, 5:15pm</b>
OCIA for Adults	Tues., Dec. 9, 6:30pm
Confession in the Church	Tues., Dec. 9, 7:30-9pm
Rosary walk for life	Wed., Dec. 10, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Dec. 10, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Dec. 10, 7:30pm
<b>ST. JOHN QUILTERS</b>	<b>Thurs., Dec. 11, 9:30am</b>
<b>Parish Healing Service</b>	<b>Fri., Dec. 12, 7:00pm</b>
Youth Committee Christmas Celebration	Sun., Dec. 14, after Mass
<b>Parish Advent Penance Service</b>	<b>Sun., Dec. 14, 4:00pm</b>

## **ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE**

Given this week \$ 25,175.00

## **ROOF PROJECT UPDATE**

**Total Project Cost:** \$703,150.50

**Amount Paid to Date:** \$503,113.27

**Current Balance:** \$200,037.23 (This does not include interest)

We kindly ask for your continued support to help us pay off the remaining balance. Every contribution - large or small - brings us closer to completing this project without burdening our parish finances. If you are able, please prayerfully consider making a donation toward the Roof Project.

**Dear OSV Users (online giving):** Due to the recent transition from Bremer Bank to Old National Bank, the routing number has been changed. This update is causing payment rejections for accounts that still have the old routing number. To ensure uninterrupted processing of your transactions, we kindly request that you update your banking information. For assistance, please visit the OSV portal.

**St. John's Youth Committee Christmas Celebration is next Sunday, December 14th after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome!**

**Parish Traveling Statue of Mary:** Our parish has a small statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary that will be a traveling statue. The goal with the statue is to increase family prayer time. A family may keep the statue for a week at a time, with the understanding that the family will pray the Rosary together near the statue each day. This is a powerful opportunity of grace. If you would like the statue for a week, please contact the parish office to arrange the week Our Lady will be in your home. The statue will be blessed at the 5:15pm Mass of the Immaculate Conception this Monday evening.



# **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

**BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Proceeds will be going to St. John the Evangelist Ministries

