



# St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

JANUARY 4, 2026  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

**Business Manager:** Carla Trahan

**Parish Secretary:** Kathy Swanson

**Environmental Services:** David Demester

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**Bulletin - find it at [stjohnsgrafton.com](http://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, January 8, 2026 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

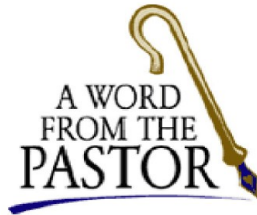
## **Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary:**

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.**

**A HUGE THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus for putting on our St. John's feast day fish fry. You guys did an excellent job. Thank you to the parishioners who participated. All the free will offering from that evening will be donated to the Walsh County Food Pantry.**



Let us join the Magi's adoration of Jesus the Incarnate Word of God! At every Mass, the Eternal Word, the Second Person of the Trinity, becomes flesh upon the altar and is given to us as the Bread of Life. He is the nourishment of our souls and pledges to raise our bodies on the last day. Considering the same Christ Child adored by the Magi 2000 years ago is really present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist, then we should also praise and adore Him!

The Magi offered Jesus gifts of gold for a King, frankincense for a God and myrrh for His burial. During adoration of the Holy Eucharist, we offer Jesus the gold of our love, the frankincense of our worship and the myrrh of our tears and sacrifices. He, in turn, bestows upon us unimaginable graces flowing from His Sacred Heart. St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!"

I can only imagine how even just a moment spent adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament transforms the soul to become more like Him. St. Alphonsus di Ligouri said, "Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." This grace radiates the soul with divine light.

The Magi responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and sought out the newborn King. We should have the same desire in our heart to seek Jesus out spend an hour a week with the King of Love in Eucharistic Adoration. St. John Bosco encourages us to visit Jesus when he said, "Do you want the Lord to give you many graces? Visit Him often. Do you want Him to give you few graces? Visit Him rarely. Do you want the devil to attack you? Visit Jesus rarely in the Blessed Sacrament. Do you want the devil to flee from you? Visit Jesus often!"

I strongly encourage every parishioner to spend one hour a week loving Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. He waits for you day and night to bless you with His love. St. Josemaria Escriva put it wonderfully when he said, "Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you."

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Saturday, January 3** The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
10:30 am - Funeral Mass for Dorothy Koester  
5:00 pm - Betty Machart +

**Sunday, January 4** THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
7:30 am - Mervyn Sandstrom +  
9:30 am - Parishioners  
1:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage

**Monday, January 5** St. John Neumann, Bishop  
**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, January 6** St. André Bessette, Religious  
5:15 pm - Linda Babinski +  
7:30-9:00pm - Confession in the Church

**Wednesday, January 7** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest  
5:15 pm - Cliff Bailly +

**Thursday, January 8**  
5:15 pm - Louis & Alma Collette +

**Friday, January 9**  
**OFFICE CLOSED**  
5:15 pm - Leonard Novak +

**Saturday, January 10**  
10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +  
5:00 pm - Alice Demers +

**Sunday, January 11** THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
7:30 am - Parishioners  
9:30 am - Jessica Diaz +  
3:00 pm - Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics



Our sympathy to  
the family of  
Dorothy Koester

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

### **Please Pray for the Sick:**

Tom Almond, Joan Brien, Vida Carroll, Randy Christinson, Pastor Robin Dill, Heather Dumas, Greg Dusek, Pat Dusek, Kayla Ebach, Faya El Sarraf, Alex Emslander, Nick Emslander, Barbara Foerster-Estad, Lori Fox, Melinda Harder, Cyril Johnson, 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

### **WE DID IT!**

*We have prayed 10,313 rosaries!*

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

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



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

**A BIG THANK YOU to Zachary Swanson** for playing the organ at Sacred Heart in Oakwood on Christmas Eve. It was so nice to have music again!

### **STEWARDSHIP**

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

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

Given December 28, 2025 - Totals Given Next Week  
God's Gift Appeal Goal for 2025 = \$87,229.45  
Given to date: \$ 49,565.04 (57.57 %)

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 December 28, 2025 - Totals Given Next Week  
God's Gift Appeal Goal for 2025 = \$ 9,148.44  
Given to date: \$ 5,290.00 (57.82 %)

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

Funeral Mass for Dorothy Koester	Sat., Jan. 3, 10:30am
Fatima Rosary after morning Mass	Sat., Jan. 3, 11:30am
Holy Pilgrimage	Sun., Jan. 4, 1:00pm
Bible Study	Mon., Jan. 5, 7:00pm
OCIA for Adults	Tues., Jan. 6, 6:30pm
Confession in the Church	Tues., Jan. 6, 7:30-9pm
Rosary walk for life	Wed., Jan. 7, 6:30am
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Jan. 7, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Jan. 7, 7:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Jan. 8, 9:30am
Baptismal Prep Class	Thurs., Jan. 8, 7:00pm
Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics	Sun., Jan. 11, 3:00pm

### **ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE**

Given this week \$ 5,650.00

**Bible Study resumes this Monday, January 5, 2026 at 7:00pm.** We will continue on the Book of Hebrews on January 5. Then we will start the Book of Psalms after that, the cost for this book is \$35.00. You can pay Deacon Mike when you pick up your book. Thank you!

**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 January 11, 18 & 25**

**Sundays in February 8 & 22**

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

**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!**

### **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.