



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

JANUARY 11, 2026
THE BAPTISM 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

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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, February 12, 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.



Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Jesus submitted Himself to John's baptism, which was a baptism of repentance. Jesus has no sin and didn't need to repent. So, why does He do this? To identify with sinners. He said, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance" (Lk 5:32). We all have a deep need of repentance; failure to recognize this stark truth is to live an illusion.

By identifying with sinners, Jesus begins to place upon Himself the weight of our sins, which will lead Him to a horrific death on the cross. His death is our death to sin. His resurrection is our birth to the new life of divine grace. To live fully this new life in Christ we need to repent daily, go to Confession often, and amend our lives. Quite frankly, we need to submit our wills to the will of God in everything. Jesus is the model of this submission; He did the Father's will perfectly.

What is the Father's will? That we be saved. Saved from what? From the fires of hell. Hell is not a popular notion for most people nowadays. That's because most have no concept of sin. However, hell is real indeed and, unfortunately, many go there. Our Lady showed the children of Fatima a glimpse of hell. It frightened them so badly they began to do penance for sinners. Jesus showed St. Faustina the reality of hell. The following is an excerpt (n.741) from her diary about her experience:

Today, I was led by an angel to the chasm of hell. It is a place of great torture; how awesomely large and extensive it is! The kinds of tortures that I saw; the first torture that constitutes hell is the loss of God; the second is perpetual remorse of conscience; the third is that one's condition will never change; the fourth is the fire that will penetrate the soul without destroying it - a terrible suffering, since it is a purely spiritual fire, lit by God's anger; the fifth torture is continual darkness, and a terrible, suffocating smell, and despite the darkness, the devil and the souls of the damned see each other and all the evil, both of others and of their own; the sixth torture is the constant company of Satan; the seventh torture is horrible despair, hatred of God, vile words, curses and blasphemies. These are the tortures suffered by all the damned together, but that is not the end of their sufferings. There are special tortures destined for particular souls. These are the torments of the senses. Each soul undergoes terrible and indescribable sufferings, related to the manner in which it has sinned. There are caverns and pits of torture where one form of agony differs from another. I would have died at the very sight of these tortures if the omnipotence of God had not supported me. Let the sinner know that he will be tortured throughout all eternity, in those senses which he made use of to sin. I am writing this at the command of God, so that no soul may find an excuse by saying there is no hell, or that nobody has ever been there, and so no one can say what it is like.

My brothers and sisters, let this new year 2026 be one of tremendous grace and blessing for you. Go to Confession often and immerse yourself in the mercy of God, Who loves you with an infinite love. Seek to be holy and grow in love. Do not be discouraged by your sins or weaknesses. In His Baptism, Jesus has untied Himself to your weakness. Rely always on His strength.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, January 10

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +
5:00 pm - Alice Demers +

Sunday, January 11 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:30 am - Parishioners
9:30 am - Jessica Diaz +
3:00 pm - Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics

Monday, January 12

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 13 St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

5:15 pm - Charles Wilkes +
7:30-9:00pm - Confession in the Church

Wednesday, January 14

5:15 pm - T. Dennis & Beatrice Duffy +

Thursday, January 15

5:15 pm - Fr. Jeffrey Eppler

Friday, January 16

OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 am - Edith Gierszewski +

Saturday, January 17 St. Anthony, Abbot

10:30 am - NO MASS

5:00 pm - Clarabell Demers +

Sunday, January 18 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Todd Mattson +
9:30 am - Parishioners



Please pray for the
Souls in Purgatory

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

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

We did it!

We have prayed 10,463 rosaries!

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



Saving souls one bead at a time!

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!

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given Christmas, Dec. 28, 2025 & January 4, 2026 - \$18,566.00

Second Collection 1-4-2026 - \$808.00

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

Given to date: \$ 50,715.04 (58.89 %)

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 Christmas, Dec. 28, 2025 & January 4, 2026 - \$ 5,706.00

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

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

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics	Sun., Jan. 11, 3:00pm
Bible Study - The Book of Psalms	Mon., Jan. 12, 7:00pm
OCIA for Adults	Tues., Jan. 13, 6:30pm
Confession in the Church	Tues., Jan. 13, 7:30-9pm
2nd Grade Parent Meeting in Church	Wed., Jan. 14, 6:30pm
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Jan. 14, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Jan. 14, 7:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Jan. 15, 9:30am
Rosary walk for life	Fri., Jan. 16, 6:30am

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 8,125.00

Monday, January 12, 2026 at 7:00pm, we will start The Book of Psalms. The cost of the book is \$35.00. You can pay Deacon Mike when you pick up your book. Thank you!

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 or let Father Jeff know to arrange the week Our Lady will be in your home

"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?"
MATTHEW 3:14

Happy Birthday!

Happy 90th Birthday to Gladys Misialek! We hope you have a wonderful day. God bless you!