



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

JANUARY 25, 2026
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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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

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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 5, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

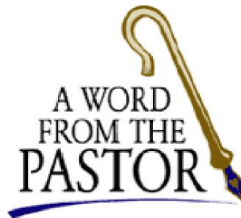
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



He has given us a most precious gift: His Mother.

It is His divine will that we entrust ourselves to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the woman to whom God Himself was entrusted when the Word of God became flesh in her womb. He willed that His sacred humanity be formed from, by and within her, and that after He was born, Jesus would be taught and raised by her. She loves more profoundly than any other woman or any other mother.

At the Cross, Jesus placed us into her arms to be her children and she became our mother. She dotes upon her children and always seeks to draw us to the goodness of her Son and seeks what is best for us. She is extremely attentive to our every need and is inexplicably active in each of our lives.

Sometimes, however, it is hard to see her busied about with the work of our salvation, obtaining for us graces and helps necessary for the blessing of God to reside within us. In hidden ways Our Lady orchestrates things and events in our lives that are meant to bring about great spiritual fruit within us, fruit that will last. She always acts in accordance with the Divine Will and disperses His grace with her mother's touch.

Our Lady is keenly aware of God's plan for each of our lives. She cooperates perfectly with the Most Holy Trinity in bringing about the fulfillment of that plan. She is the great encourager to all those to whom God has entrusted with the message and mission of salvation. The Lord Jesus has placed into her care the salvation of all her children and the task of bringing about His victory over the kingdom of Satan. Our heavenly Mother desires that we unite our wills to her own so that the Holy Will of God be lived out in every human being as it is lived out in her.

This may seem like a daunting reality to us who have weakened wills and dimmed intellects because of sin. However, Blessed Mary has the same compassion upon us as does her divine Son and is not disheartened by our littleness and ineptitude. When she appeared to St. Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she said to him, **"Hear me, my son. It is true that I do not lack servants or ambassadors to whom I could entrust my message so that my will could be fulfilled. But it is important that you speak for me in this matter, tired as you are... Hear and let it penetrate your heart, my dear little son: let nothing discourage you, nothing depress you. Let nothing alter your heart or your countenance. Also do not fear any illness or trouble, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the fold of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do not be troubled... Is there anything else you need?"**—December 12th, 1531.

Let us not hesitate to run to our heavenly Momma. Speak to her often throughout the day. Pray the Rosary daily and place everything into her hands. She will carry us through all the miseries and difficulties of this life and place us firmly in the Heart of her Son through her own Immaculate Heart.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

HOLY PILGRIMAGE WITH JESUS:

Next Sunday, 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.

Second Collection next Sunday will be going towards our ongoing maintenance needs.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, January 24 St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church
10:30 am - NO MASS

5:00 pm - Patricia "Pat" Bailly +

Sunday, January 25 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Parishioners

9:30 am - Marian "Judy" Hildebrandt +

Monday, January 26 St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops
NO MASS

Tuesday, January 27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious
Founder

NO MASS

NO CONFESSIONS TONIGHT

Wednesday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest
and Doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Thursday, January 29

NO MASS

Friday, January 30

OFFICE CLOSED

NO MASS

Saturday, January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest
10:30 am - NO MASS

5:00 pm - Diana Dominguez +

Sunday, February 1 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am - Mary E. Suda +

9:30 am - Parishioners

1:00 pm - Holy Pilgrimage



Please pray for the
Souls in Purgatory

Please Pray for the Sick:

Tom Almond, Ed Boura, Joan Brien, Vida Carroll,
Randy Christinson, 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 25

Sundays in February 8 & 22

Sundays in March 1, 8, 15, 22 last day

WE DID IT!

We have prayed 10,842 rosaries!

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

Saving souls one bead at a time!

*"He called them, and immediately they left
their boat and their father and followed
Him." MATTHEW 4:22*

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given January 18, 2026 - \$ 5,756.00

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

Given to date: \$ 52,020.04 (60.04 %)

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 January 18, 2026 - **No Mass 1-18-2026**

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

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

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Fr. Jeff gone this week	Sun., Jan. 25 - Fri. Jan. 30
Bible Study - The Book of Psalms	Mon., Jan. 26, 7:00pm
OCIA for Adults	NONE THIS WEEK
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Jan. 28, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Jan. 28, 7:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Jan. 29, 9:30am
Rosary walk for life	Fri., Jan. 30, 6:30am
Holy Pilgrimage	Sun., Feb. 1, 1:00pm

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 1,285.00

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

3rd Grade Parents: Remember we need your child's
Saint name and sponsor soon. **The retreat is on
Saturday, February 21 from 9am - Noon.** Please
have a parent or sponsor accompany your child to the
retreat. Thank you!

**St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, in Pisek,
ND** is having a pork & dumpling dinner on Sunday,
February 15th: 10:30am drive through, 11:00am dine
in and Mass is at 10:30am. Free will offering.

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us
to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their
business or family behind, but we are expected to put God
first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our
first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer,
our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and
our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish
mission.