



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

FEBRUARY 22, 2026
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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
Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:00 pm

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, March 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.



The first Sunday of Lent begins with Jesus being tempted by the devil. Jesus is certainly no slouch or weak-willed. He fasted for forty days and forty nights in the harsh environment of the desert. The desert was considered by the Jews to be a place where demons live. The Holy Spirit deliberately sends Him into the desert to do battle with the evil one. God has become man in Jesus Christ in order to reclaim humanity for God.

The devil tempts Jesus in three ways: with the vanity of the world, the pleasure of the senses and the pride of life. Jesus not only resists temptation but shows that the fallen angel has absolutely no power over Him. The devil is the strong man that has bound humanity in the shackles of sin and death since the fall of Adam. Now, however, the stronger man has arrived to plunder the devil's kingdom (ref. Mt 12:29).

Jesus rescues us from the kingdom of darkness and brings us into His marvelous kingdom of light. Although the devil rages against humanity even to this day, as the violence, hatred and lies present in the world attests to his diabolical influence, the absolute and complete victory of Christ over Satan is assured. Our challenge is to live in union with the divine will of God so that the triumph of Christ is seen and experienced in us. We cannot get distracted with the pleasures of this world or the harshness of a godless culture.

Now is the time for heroes of the Faith. It is the time for Saints. We must courageously confront the evil that threatens to destroy souls and call upon our mighty God to save us. A Catholic should not fear to be counter-cultural, to confront the spiritual desert of our degenerate society and proclaim the Good News of salvation.

Jesus responded to the devil's temptations with the Word of God. Are we reading the Scriptures each day? Are we immersing our minds and hearts in the divine Word and spending time in Eucharistic adoration where we can look upon the Word made flesh?

Root out sin and the patterns of sin in your life. Examine the ways you have fallen to the vanity and expectations of world, the opinions of others, and have compromised your faith. Identify the areas you've strived after inordinate pleasure, or become enslaved to a particular sin. Discover to what extent your ego and pride have prevented you from doing God's will and limited your love of others. Let this Lent be a spiritual renewal for you. Strive with all your heart to become holy.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

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

There will be Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics on Sunday, March 1 at 3:00pm. Please come and join us!
There will be no Holy Pilgrimage in March.

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" MATTHEW 4:10

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, February 21 *St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

9:00 am - Noon - 3rd Grade Retreat

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +

5:00 pm - Cliff Bailly +

Sunday, February 22 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 am - Parishioners

9:30 am - Shirley O'Toole

Monday, February 23 *St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*
NO MASS

Tuesday, February 24

5:15 pm - NO MASS

7:30-9:00pm - NO CONFESSION TONIGHT

Wednesday, February 25

5:15 pm - Willard & Marie Hove +

Thursday, February 26

5:15 pm - Cecil Novak +

Friday, February 27 *St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

OFFICE CLOSED

5:15 pm - Clarabell Demers +

5:45 pm - Stations of the Cross

5-7 pm - KC Fish Fry

Saturday, February 28

10:30 am - Chuck Ryder +

5:00 pm - Roy Kringstad +

Sunday, March 1 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 am - Jerry Pletka +

9:30 am - Parishioners

3:00 pm - Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics



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, 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:

Sunday, February 22

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

WE DID IT!

We have prayed 11,590 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 February 15, 2026 - \$ 9,043.00

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 February 15, 2026- \$ 470.00

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Bible Study	Mon., Feb. 23, 7:00pm
No O.C.I.A. for Adults	Tues., Feb. 24
No Confession in the Church	Tues., Feb. 24
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Feb. 25, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Feb. 25, 7:30pm
St. John Quilters	Thurs., Feb. 26, 9:30am
Rosary walk for life	Fri., Feb. 27, 6:30am
KC Fish Fry (\$15/plate dine-in & carry out)	Fri., Feb. 27, 5-7pm
Holy hour for the return of lapsed Catholics	Sun., Mar. 1, 3:00pm

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 20,120.00

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.

St. John quilters are in need of someone who can run a sewing machine. Please come and join them on Thursday mornings at 9:30am in the parish center.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH CALENDAR DRAW FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from the youth committee, at KC Fish Fries or at the parish office.

THE DRAWINGS WILL BE:

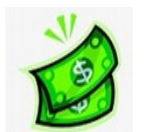
Monday - Saturday = \$ 50 draw

Sunday, April 5 = \$200 draw

Sunday, April 12 = \$200 draw

Sunday, April 19 = \$100 draw

Sunday, April 26 = \$100 draw



Your name will go back in for the entire month. All proceeds will be going to St. John the Evangelist Youth Ministry and Parish Mission. Thank you for your continued support! **Deadline to buy tickets is Monday, March 30th.**



Easter Lilies

St. Johns - Grafton



_____ \$20.00

_____ \$25.00

_____ \$30.00

_____ Other (specify)

My Name is: _____

My gift is made in memory of: _____

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344 W 15th St
Grafton, ND 58237
Please mark envelope: Easter Lilies



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