



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

MARCH 29, 2026
PALM SUNDAY

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

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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, 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, April 9, 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 is Palm Sunday. We recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem amid great applause and expectation. We also reflect upon His brutal death on the cross. Oh, how fickle is the heart of man! We desire to love Him, while at the same time struggle in betraying Him.

Some Catholics wave their palm branches with praise to God on their lips while at the same time rejecting what He teaches through His Church. The Jews in today's Gospel reading did the same. Our Lord was greeted as a king at the gates of the holy city Jerusalem, and rightly so. Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords.

However, He was also betrayed by His own people, counted as a criminal and murdered not even a week later. He was cast out of the holy city to be crucified on a hill between two thieves. He was mocked by the spiritual leaders of His people and rejected as the Messiah. Jesus did not fit into their idea of what God should be and do. They could not accept Him as the Truth. They could not imagine that God would become man and thus, be so intimate with us in covenantal love.

Jesus chose to be the blood sacrifice itself of the covenant between God and man. Through His suffering and death, Jesus takes upon Himself all that separates us from God and that which breaks the covenant: sin. He willingly undergoes the painful effects of sin and allows the penalty of death to ravage His immaculate body and the darkness of separation to enter His soul while on the cross.

He suffers not for Himself but for us. Jesus is God as well as man, and as God, He has no need of us or any creature. Yet, His divine nature as Love compels Him to want to save us, His children. He genuinely loves you and me. Therefore, He suffers for our transgressions; He dies for the penalty of our sins. Jesus, the Lamb of God, is truly our Victim of Love.

Do not be afraid to give Jesus your life and all that you are. He loves you.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

Thank you to the high school students and teachers for the wonderful viewing of the Living Stations of the Cross. It was well done.

Please come and join us at the Strand Theater in Grafton, this Friday, April 3rd for **The Passion of the Christ Movie at 7:30pm**, free admission for all. This is a R-rated movie so parents or an adult must accompany children.

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name' this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." MATTHEW 27:32

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, March 28

10:30 am - Ray Adams +

5:00 pm - Beatrice Duffy +

Sunday, March 29 PALM SUNDAY

7:30 am - Souls in Purgatory

9:30 am - Parishioners

Monday, March 30

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 31

11:00 am - Chrism Mass in Fargo

5:15 pm - Louis & Alma Collette +

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

Wednesday, April 1

5:15 pm - Aloys, Gertyee & Darryl Lutovsky +

Thursday, April 2 HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 pm - Randy Dusek +

Friday, April 3 GOOD FRIDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

5:30 pm - Good Friday Service

7:30 pm - **The Passion of the Christ Movie**

Saturday, April 4 EASTER VIGIL

10:30 am - No Mass

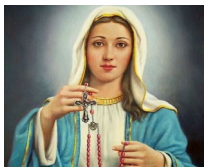
9:00 pm - Donald Burns +

Sunday, April 5 EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 am - Parishioners

9:30 am - Nora Rose +

3:00 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, Rosalie Hagen, Melinda Harder, Cyril Johnson, Michelle Kohler, Mary Ellen LaBaw, Jim LaBine, Daniel LaHaise, Diane Lee, Lori McMahn, Steve Michels, Betty Novak, Nicole Pride, Hope Reis, Maxine Schanilec, Maury Staffne, Imma Torres, Julius Wangler, Kay Wilebski, Judy Wolter

WE DID IT!

*We have prayed **13,420** 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!

"The UND Newman Center is having their 41st annual bike race against NDSU on Saturday, April 25. To register please scan the QR code on the poster on our bulletin boards or go to the following link, undcatholic.org/bikerace. If you have any questions please call the Newman Center at 701-402-3806."

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given March 22, 2026 - \$ 4,806.00

God's Gift Appeal Goal for 2026 = \$ 92,260.10

Given to date = \$ 22,205.49 (29.35%)

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 March 22, 2026 - \$ 760.00

God's Gift Appeal Goal for 2026 = \$ 9,287.91

Given to date = \$ 1,367.23 (14.72%)

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Chrism Mass in Fargo	Tues., Mar. 31, 11:00am
OCIA for Adults	Tues., Mar. 31, 6:30pm
Confession in the Church	Tues., Mar. 31, 7:30-9pm
Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)	Wed., Apr. 1, 6:30pm
High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)	Wed., Apr. 1, 7:30pm
Holy Thursday Mass	Thurs., Apr. 2, 7:00pm
Rosary walk for life	Fri., Apr. 3, 6:30am
Good Friday Service	Fri., Apr. 3, 5:30pm
The Passion of the Christ Movie (Free Admission)	Fri., Apr. 3, 7:30pm
Easter Vigil Mass	Sat., Apr. 4, 9:00pm

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 275.00

ALL MONEY AND TICKETS FOR THE APRIL CALENDAR DRAW MUST BE TURNED INTO THE PARISH OFFICE BY MONDAY, MARCH 30 BEFORE 4PM IN ORDER TO BE ENTERED INTO THE DRAWING. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BOUGHT, SOLD TICKETS AND SUPPORTED THIS FUND RAISER!

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.

HOLY PILGRIMAGE WITH JESUS:

Next Sunday, Fr. Jeff and Tony Dumas will be driving through Grafton and Oakwood at 3:00pm with Jesus in the Monstrance. So keep your eyes peeled for the Lord in the Ford.



ST. JOHN LILIES IN MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES

NAME

John & Mary Dusek
Paul & Sandi Houdek
Greg & Pat Dusek
Tom & Sue Holt
Delores Novak
Patricia Lopez
Steve & Mary Rudnik
Wally DeSautel
Bonnie Novak
Sue Callahan
Len & Janet Wysocki
David & Linda Schumacher
Elaine Isaacson
Jean Clark
Patricia Kasprick
Dean Collette
Steve & Kelly Dokken
Dianne Molde Urbauer
Mark Keeley
Kevin & Jean Jiskra
Ed & Stacie Sevigny
Allan & Susan Szklarski
Denise Vollrath
Paul & Irma Moran
Barb Sobolik
Betty Novak
Luke & Alexa Holt
Danny & Teresa Dusek
Steve & Laurie Johnson
Dean & Kris Molde
Mike Byzewski
Mike Byzewski
Johanna Dusek
Cheryl Burns
Cheryl Burns
Bonnie Desautel & Cheryl Burns
Robert Desautel Family
Bonnie Desautel & Cheryl Burns
Zebbie Hoenke
Lillian Houska
Doris Dahlgren
Shirley Suda
Tom & Mary Dusek
Mila Burns
Sylvia Rivera
Greg & Leanne Campbell
Ryan Hills Family
Cordell Rose
Kay Wilebski & Carol Bina
Scott & Barb Hills
Janice Elshaug

IN MEMORY OF

Ben & Louise Dusek; Stanley & Veronica Schuster; Susie Huey, Kris Dusek
Alphonse & Olivine Houdek; Paul & Grace Brodeur; Charlie Tweten & Al Brodeur
Randy Dusek; Gabe & Rose Dusek; James & Emma Janousek
Ted, Eva Mae & Helina Suda
Cyril M. Novak; Clair M. Novak & Leonard Novak
Alberto Lopez, Sr.
Monica Rudnik
Ione DeSautel; Ernest & Clara DeSautel; Carl & Emma Olson
Bernard & Margie Novak; James & Mary Houska
Mike Callahan; John Gaustad; Jim & Sally Gaustad
Sonny & Janice Wysocki; Fred & Clarabell Demers; Joseph A. & Mary Suda
Al & Olivine Houdek; Buster & Helen Schumacher
Forrest Isaacson; Joseph & Valerie Houska
Fred Clark & David Clark
Daniel Kasprick; deceased Freschette & Kasprick families
Louis & Alma Collette
Ray & Bertha Campbell; Linda Hoselton
Billy Molde
Raymond & Nancy Keeley; Dereck Szklarski
John & Judy Jiskra; Paul Suda; Ida Feltman; Lola Houdek
Orell & JoAnne Sevigny
Derek Szklarski
Dalyn Vollrath; Joseph & Lillian Kliniske
Joyce Moran; Alberto Lopez, Sr.; Patricia Bailly
Vic Sobolik
Cecil Novak; Roman, Dorothy & Doris Rudnik
Poor Souls in Purgatory
Troy McDonald; Stacy (McDonald) Braton
Frances Schuster
Kelly Andrews; Billy Molde
Frank & Mary Byzewski
Jay Byzewski
Cy Dusek
Donald Burns
Leslie & Donna Burns
Robert & Delores Desautel
Robert "Spike" Desautel
Vernon & Joanie Anderson
Jack & Rae Desautel; John Desautel
Jim Houska; James & Mary Houska; Bill & Angela Suda
Myron, Theresa & Karl Dahlgren; Doreen Drinkyard
Paul Suda; Simeon & Clara Sevigny
Frank & Aurelia Dusek; Frank & Mary Dusek; Joseph & Victoria Rolczynski
Lon Burns
Alfredo "Freddy" Flores
Mary Alexandra Campbell; Paul & Marietta Campbell; Joseph & Mary Suda
Jon & Vicky Hills; Frances Boulduc
Alice Rose
Archie & Ruth Bina; Frank & Marion Bina; Joe & Nellie Cihlar
Jon & Vicky Hills
Richard & Simone Grundstrom; Roy & Irene Elshaug; Earlene Lasch; Michael Ryan

SACRED HEART LILIES IN MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES

NAME

Len & Janet Wysocki
Tryon & Rachel Denault
Blane Swanson Family
Elaine Collette
Alt Family
Guy & Susie Demers
Greg & Leanne Campbell
Renee Kringstad & Family

IN MEMORY OF

Alice Demers, Chad Demers & Kathy Demers
All of our deceased loved ones
All of our deceased loved ones
Roland Collette
Patty Durand
Chad Demers; Alice Demers & Kathy Demers
Alice Demers; Chad Demers; Kathy Demers; Fred & Clarabell Demers
Roy Kringstad