



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

APRIL 12, 2026
DIVINE MERCY 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.



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and it's a time of tremendous grace for the People of God! Today's Feast of Mercy is the deep desire of the Heart of Jesus, to glorify the magnitude of His infinite mercy for sinners. In His revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Jesus made mention of His desires concerning this Feast of Mercy on 14 different occasions. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in entry 699 of the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy."

Every one of us has the opportunity to respond to Jesus' invitation to plunge into the ocean of His mercy. It is this gift of Christ that converts souls from godlessness to holiness. It is this mercy that restores what is lost in a person and makes them redeemable. Only the soul that does not repent of its sins cannot be saved. To cling to sin is to reject forgiveness. Jesus wants to forgive us more than we want to be forgiven. He wants to heal and elevate us because He loves us.

The three great expressions of His mercy are the sacraments of Baptism, Confession and Eucharist. We see red and white rays of light bursting from Christ's Heart in the Image of Divine Mercy: the white ray represents the water of Baptism and the red ray the gift of the Eucharist (in reference to the water and blood that poured out of His Heart at the time of His death).

The Church teaches that all Catholics must go to Confession at least once a year. We find the Resurrected Jesus raising souls from spiritual death to a new life of love and grace in Confession. Confession brings us back to the purity and holiness of our Baptism. In St. Faustina's diary, Jesus calls the Confessional the Tribunal of His Mercy, where the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. We should not be afraid to approach Him in this sacrament. Only the arrogant refuse this new life. Let us humble ourselves and drink deeply from the Fount of Divine Mercy.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!

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

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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

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, May 14, 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.

Divine Mercy is flowing today! Confessions are available today from 1pm - 4pm. We have a special Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 3 - 4pm, which includes Nancy Miller leading us in singing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and reflections on Divine Mercy taken from St. Faustina's diary.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, April 11

10am - Noon - Reconciliation Retreat (2nd Gr)

10:30 am - Carmelite Sisters

5:00 pm - Helen Schumacher +

Sunday, April 12 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:30 am - Roy Kringstad +

9:30 am - Parishioners

1-4 pm - Confession

3-4 pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Monday, April 13

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 14

5:15 pm - John Gaustad +

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

Wednesday, April 15

5:15 pm - Carolyn Orleans Gray +

Thursday, April 16

5:15 pm - Linda Babinski +

Friday, April 17

OFFICE CLOSED

5:15 pm - Mary Ann Sevigny +

Saturday, April 18

10:30 am - Lynn Ebert +

5:00 pm - Edith Gierszewski +

Sunday, April 19 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 am - Parishioners

9:30 am - Ralph Tucker +



Please pray for the
Souls in Purgatory

Please Pray for the Sick:

Tom Almond, Ed Boura, Marie Boura, Joan Brien, Vida Carroll, Randy Christinson, Steve Demers, 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 Staffine, Irma Torres, Julius Wangler, Kay Wilebski, Judy Wolter

WE DID IT!

We have prayed 13,838 rosaries!

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



Saving souls one bead at a time!

*"Jesus came and stood among them
and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"*

JOHN 20:19

ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2026 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

(ST. STANISLAUS MASS 10:30 AM)

MENU: PANCAKES, LANGDON SAUSAGE,
SCRAMBLED EGGS, FRUIT, COFFEE &
JUICE. FREE WILL OFFERING

& EVERYONE IELCOME!

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John the Evangelist

Given April 5, 2026 - \$ 11,420.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$ 1,330.00

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

Given to date = \$ 24,645.49 (31.98%)

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 April 5, 2026 - \$ 842.00

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

Given to date = \$ 3,117.23 (33.56%)

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Reconciliation Retreat (2nd Gr) Sat., Apr. 11, 10am-Noon

Confession

Sun., Apr. 12, 1pm - 4pm

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sun., Apr. 12, 3 - 4pm

OCIA for adults

Tues., Apr. 14, 6:30pm

Confession in the Church

Tues., Apr. 14, 7:30-9pm

Faith Formation (Gr 1-8)

Wed., Apr. 15, 6:30pm

High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12)

Wed., Apr. 15, 7:30pm

St. John Quilters

Thurs., Apr. 16, 9:30am

Rosary walk for life

Fri., Apr. 17, 6:30am

Fr. Jeff Gone on Vacation

Mon., Apr. 20 - Fri., May 8

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ 1,225.00



Please come and join us after 9:30am Mass today
Sunday, April 12 to celebrate Andrew Haugen's
Baptism into the Catholic Faith. There will be a small
reception in the parish center afterwards. All are
welcome!

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.

APRIL CALENDAR DRAW WINNERS

April 3 = First United Bank

April 4 = Shelly McCann

April 5 = Greg Campbell

April 6 = Samson Electric

April 7 = Old National Bank

April 8 = Anika Sangrait

April 9 = Heather Narloch