



St. John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

MAY 3, 2026
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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Bulletin - find it at stjohnsgraffton.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, 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, May 14, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Church: Tuesday from 6pm - 10pm

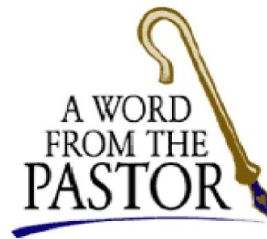
In the Chapel: Wednesday from Noon - 10pm
Thursday from 6pm - 10pm
Friday from 7am - 9am

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.



Our Lord encourages to not let our hearts be troubled. He desires to unite our heart with His own. St. Faustina wrote in her diary: After Communion today, Jesus told me how much He desires to come to human hearts. *I desire to unite Myself with human souls; My great delight is to unite Myself with souls. Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay any attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object.*

Sometimes while I am purifying the sacred vessels at the altar after distributing Holy Communion, I look up to see if people are praying or distracted. Most people are unfortunately either watching me or just looking around. Only a handful have their eyes closed praying. What Jesus told St. Faustina is true; very few people really pay any attention to Him when they receive the Eucharist.

We do not receive a dead object in Holy Communion. We receive the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Not bread, not wine, but Jesus Christ the Creator of all! The same Jesus Christ Who is present in heaven and adored by the Angels and Saints is the same Jesus in the flesh in the Eucharist. His presence in the Eucharist is called the Real Presence, because He is not here symbolically, but It really is Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

After receiving the Lord in Holy Communion, we should go back to the pew and close our eyes and pray. If there is a Communion hymn then singing is fine, but the focus in our heart needs to be on Jesus. He has entered physically into us so we can commune with Him. He deeply desires a conversation of love. We should never act as though we just consumed a piece of bread. There is no greater intimacy with Jesus outside heaven itself.

May God be praised and may you be blessed!



We literally receive all of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

This means we also receive His Most Sacred Heart and the fullness of His love.

Due to scheduling conflicts, there will be no Holy Pilgrimage this month of May. Look for the Lord in the Ford next month.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, May 2
10:30 am - NO MASS TODAY
5:00 pm - Cyril Seeba +

Sunday, May 3 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:30 am - Parishioners
9:30 am - Nora Rose +

Monday, May 4
NO MASS

Tuesday, May 5
5:15 pm - **NO MASS**

Wednesday, May 6
5:15 pm - **NO MASS**

Thursday, May 7
OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
5:15 pm - **NO MASS**

Friday, May 8
OFFICE CLOSED
5:15 pm -

Saturday, May 9
10:30 am - NO MASS
2:30 pm - Wedding Mass: Damon Reyes & Anna Carignan
5:00 pm - Beatrice Duffy +

Sunday, May 10 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:30 am - Alice Demers +
9:30 am - Jessica Diaz +
11:30am - Spanish Mass - Parishioners
3:00 pm - Holy Hour for Return of Lapsed Catholics



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 Staffne, Ima Torres, Julius Wangler, Kay Wilebski, Judy Wolter

10,000 ROSARIES FOR GRAFTON

We started over again on May 1

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



The Walsh County 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 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 April 26, 2026 - To be printed next week
God’s Gift Appeal Goal for 2026 = \$ 92,260.10

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 26, 2026 - To be printed next week
God’s Gift Appeal Goal for 2026 = \$ 9,287.91

UPCOMING DATES AT ST. JOHN’S:

Fr. Jeff Gone on Vacation	Mon., Apr. 20 - Fri., May 8
St. John Quilters	Thurs., May 7, 9:30am
Rosary walk for life	Fri., May 8, 6:30am
Spanish Mass begins	Sun., May 10, 11:30am
Holy Hour for Lapsed Catholics	Sun., May 10, 3:00pm

ROOF DONATION WEEKLY UPDATE

Given this week \$ _____

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 24= David Schumacher April 25 = Savannah Suda
April 26 = Carol Bina April 27 = Brittany Larson
April 28 = Jackie Osowski April 29 = Lunette Kliniske
April 30 = Vonda Collette

Our Lord has
conquered
death!

He is Risen!

Alleluia!

