



# Saint John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

1515 Western Ave

Grafton ND 58237

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

## Mission Statement

St. John the Evangelist Parish is a Catholic Community of believers who worship God and share faith with others through welcoming, encouraging, sharing, reconciling, being faithful, praying and healing in Jesus' name.

## Eucharist Schedule

Saturdays: 5 p.m. - St. John's

Sundays: 7:30 a.m. - Oakwood

9:30 a.m. - St. John's

## Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Sundays: 7:10 a.m. - Oakwood

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

**Adoration** – Thursday, 5-10 p.m.

**Parish Office: 352-1648**

**Fr. Tim's Cell phone - 520-0838**

Fax number: 352-1608

Parish Kitchen: 352-0499

**Pastor: Fr. Tim Schroeder**

Deacon/Pastoral Minister:

Rev. Mr. Michael Grzadzielewski

Administrative Assist to the Pastor/

LSTC Coordinator: Rose Marie Kerner

Faith Formation/Music: Brent Hermans

Office Manager: Beverly Dolan

Parish Maintenance: Paul Bina

**Parish Lay Directors:** Carol Bina, Brad Suda

**Pastoral Council:** David Demester, Mary (John) Dusek, Mary (Tom) Dusek, Todd Forbord, Jesse Forster, Monica Gorder, Bryan Hurst, Cindy Janousek, Nancy Miller, Christopher Quinamot, Micky Schumacher, Al Szklarski, Marta Balderas - Hispanic Ministry Liaison.

**Finance Council:** Rita Amiot, Russ Carignan, George "Buzz" Burns, Brad Suda, Linda Schumacher, Carol Bina, JoAnn Lizakowski.

**Baptism Prep Classes** - Second Thursday - 7 p.m. in the Gathering Space. Call 352-1648 to register.

**FORMED:** Youth and Adult Faith Formation at [formed.org](http://formed.org). Parish Access code: PNWMV2

**Bulletin** - find it at: [stjohnsgrafton.com](http://stjohnsgrafton.com)

**Emails:** Fr. Tim at [timothy.schroeder@fargodiocese.org](mailto:timothy.schroeder@fargodiocese.org)  
Bev at [bev.stjohns@midconetwork.com](mailto:bev.stjohns@midconetwork.com)

**Need a ride to church?** Call Frank Janousek at 352-1567 or Jim Kosmatka at 352-3089.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – Sunday, December 4, 1-3 p.m..  
Join us for some or all of this time of prayer.

**KC Bingo** - Sunday, December 4 at **3 p.m.** (NOTE TIME CHANGE) Bingo jackpots are: \$165 in 61 numbers, \$140 in 55 numbers, \$155 in 53 numbers, \$445 in the Progressive. No Bingo on December 11.

**Tree of Light Memorial Event** – Sunday, December 4, 2:30 p.m., at the Grafton Family Clinic. All proceeds will be used locally. Holiday refreshments will be provided.

**Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary** – Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:30 p.m.

**Holy Day of Obligation - Immaculate Conception** – Anticipated Mass on Wednesday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m., 10:30 Funeral will fulfill the Holy Day Obligation; LSTC Chapel at 1:45 p.m.

**Choir** - Wednesdays, at 7:45 p.m. in the Church. All ages are welcome!

**Reconciliation Retreat** – Sunday, December 11, 1-4 p.m. For all students in Grade 2 and above who still need to make their first Reconciliation.

**Area Penance Services** – Sunday, December 4, 2:30 p.m. - St. Mary's in Park River; Sunday, December 9 at 7 p.m. - St. Brigid of Ireland in Cavalier; Sunday, December 11, 4 p.m. – St. John's in Grafton; 7 p.m. - St. Edwards, Drayton; Saturday, December 17, 10 a.m. St. John of Nepomucene, Pisek; Sunday, December 18, 7 p.m., Sacred Heart - Minto.

**NET Retreat** - The National Evangelization Team will be doing a retreat on December 14 from 4-9 p.m. All 7-12 grade students are expected to attend.

**Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy** – Pope Francis declared 2015 the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Along with his proclamation, he encouraged each diocese around the world to take on a Year of Mercy Project to help those in need. Bishop Folda has announced that St. Ann's Mission Catholic School, located in Belcourt, will be our diocesan "Year of Mercy" project. Bishop Folda is sending each diocesan household a letter clearly defining the need and inviting you to participate in our diocesan "Year of Mercy" project. When you receive this letter, please take the time to read and pray how best you can participate.



John the Baptist does not mince words. He boldly calls for repentance from each one of us. From the beginning, our faith recognizes the need for us human beings to repent. If you spend any time at all reading the Scriptures from the Old Testament (the Hebrew Bible), you will read of God's people straying again and again while the prophets call them back to being faithful. John is the last prophet before God is made known in a definitive way in Jesus, the unique Son of God. In the eyes of this world, it did not end well for John the Baptist since he was beheaded by the King who did not want to repent and change his ways. We humans can be incredibly stubborn in changing our minds, hearts, and ways of acting. We can even be violent when challenged directly to change. Is it any wonder that people do not want to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and admit their sins to the priest who presides over that Sacrament. Jesus breathed on his apostles so long ago to forgive sins. It is not anything new that we are discovering about our stubbornness of heart and mind. The good news is that Jesus sent the Spirit to help us. The prophet, John, prophecies, Jesus "will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." We know that the tongues of fire came down upon the apostles on the day of Pentecost. Fire changes things radically. It can ruin whole areas. Fire can also burn old dead trees and allow new growth to happen. The Spirit, as fire, shows the power of God to change things and us. May we submit to the Holy Spirit so that we begin to burn with the fire of God's love, God's passion. It is important that this happens so that we do not suffer the other fate where we are "the chaff" burned "with unquenchable fire."

# Eucharist & Intentions

## Saturday, December 3

5:00 p.m. – Paul & Sandi Houdek (Marriage)

## Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. – Oakwood - Charles & Beaty Karnik

9:30 a.m. – Parishioners

## Monday, December 5

8:00 a.m. – Jim Greenwood +

## Tuesday, December 6

5:15 p.m. – Pam Jones +

## Wednesday, December 7

10:15 a.m. – Sunset – Josephine & Norvin Elbert +

6:30 p.m. (In the night) – Earl Machart +

## Thursday, December 8

10:30 a.m. – Funeral - Leona Sevigny +  
(Funeral fulfills the Holy Day Obligation)

1:45 p.m. –LSTC – Msgr. Wendelyn Vetter +

## Friday, December 9

9:00 a.m. – Judy O'Toole +

## Saturday, December 10

5:00 p.m. – Archie & Ruth Bina +

## Sunday, December 11

7:30 a.m. – Oakwood – Parishioners

9:30 a.m. – Irene T. Altendorf +

### Prayers for the Sick/Oracion por los enfermos:

**Policy for St. John's and Sacred Heart:** Requests run for 3 consecutive weeks: Vicki Hermans, Nadya Bjornson, Linda Loveless, Robert Lunski, Barbara Foerster-Estad, Mona Szklarski, Carol Collette, Donald Demers, Jim Houska, Ron Nowacki, Roger Amiot, Suzanne Burns, Ramona Latraille, Diane Lee, Betty Littlefield, Mary Eisenrich Connor, Allen Johnson, Kenneth Shannon, Kevin Hoenke, Pat Hanson, Antony Munoz, Irene Lindgren, Cameron Moen, Frances Boulduc, Michelle Kohler, Jan Nermyr, Connie McCarty, Greg Dusek, Kim Gourde Heazlett, Leland Bailly, Abbot Brian Wangler, Adly Galle Jaehning.

**Our Sympathies** to the family of Leona Sevigny, to the family of Paul Brodeur, including Sandi (Paul) Houdek of our parish; to Brigita Bovaird on the of our parish.

### \*\*\* Right to Life \*\*\*

"Caring for the sick, frail, elderly and dying patient is a noble endeavor. Our future generations will use as a measure of civilization how well our society cared for the elderly and dying, how we protected our elders' rights and dignity, and finally, how we strove every day to enhance their care." Dr. Alex Kodiath in Elder Care: *Precious Presence*.

**Prayer** – As we prepare for the birth of the Christ child, may we help others to see the sanctity of life of the pre-born child.

**Problem Pregnancy** – Call 701-284-6601.

**Lions Club of Grand Forks** is again sponsoring Christmas in the Park. November 25 - December 31 from 5:30 - 10 p.m. Admission: Cars \$6, Limo \$10 and Bus \$20. Lincoln Park Drive in Grand Forks, ND.

Ministry	December 10	December 11	December 17	December 18
<b>December Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>5 P.M. Paten:</b> Patricia Kram, Ron Pich <b>Chalice:</b> Brigita Bovaird, Lillian Houska, Catherine Pich, Kay Wilebski <b>9:30 A.M. Paten:</b> John Dusek, Linda Schumacher, Dean Woinarowicz <b>Chalice:</b> Marty Balderas, Mary Dusek, Lee Lessard, David Schumacher			
Proclaimers	Carol Bina	Dan Gaustad	Susan Callahan	Dorothy Koester
Altar Servers	Chris Fehr Matt Houska	Tyler Mayer Sydney Suda Claire Bjorneby William Jiskra	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	Logan Dusek Parsons Elijah Smallbeck
Greeters	Lee & Linda Lessard Robin Holt	Audrey Almond Delores Novak Christine Bjorneby	Doug & Susan Kirkeby Mary (Tom) Dusek	Greg Campbell Family Judy Keeley
Money Counters		Jim Kosmatka Diane Maes		Judy Keeley Donald Demers

## † STEWARDSHIP ☒

Let us honor God with our first fruits rather than the leftovers.

November 27 \$ 8,664.30

### Given in 2016

\$ 320,152.55		\$355,000.00
\$ 78,962.00	God's Gift Appeal 104%	\$ 75,780.00
\$ 569,687.70	Sowing Seeds Campaign	\$741,989.00
\$ 480.00	Kitchen	
\$ 780.00	Window	
\$	Jail Ministry	
\$ 1,870.00	Memorials - Unrestricted	
\$ 70.00	Music	
\$ 10.00	Adoration Chapel	

### Memorials

James Greenwood	\$ 575.00	Window
James Greenwood	\$ 55.00	Unrestricted
James Greenwood	\$ 25.00	Food Pantry
James Greenwood	\$ 10.00	Haiti Teachers

**Stewardship Moment** – "Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." – Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk? Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

### Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and Barcelona: Fr.

Phil Ackerman and Fr. David Fisher are leading a pilgrimage on March 12-21, 2017. For more information or a brochure contact Bon Voyage Travel at 701-772-6313 or Fr. Phil at 701-256-5966. You may also stop at the travel agency, 2100 S. Columbia Road, Suite 18, Grand Forks for more information.



### Remember to take an angel

Please take an angel from the tree in the Gathering Space and return the gift by December 18.

### The Walsh County Food Pantry – The Pastoral

Council is asking that parishioners consider bringing an item for the food pantry EVERY weekend from now until the end of the year to help fill the bare shelves. Please place your donations around the altar or in the large basket in the Gathering Space.

**Faith Formation – December 7** – All Grades (including afternoon students) are required to attend the Anticipated Mass for the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation at 6:30 p.m.

### Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Sunday, December 11

**Proclaimer:** Jean Kieley

**December Cleaning:** Group 1

**Collection: 11/27/2016 \$ 271.00**

**Year to Date: \$ 26,611.20**

**God's Gift Goal: \$ 7,895.00**

**Year to Date: 85% \$ 6,675.00**

**Lay Directors:**

Dennis LeClerc, Lori Cyr

**Pastoral/Finance Council:**

Kelda Rerick, Susan Suda, Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde, Lee Osowski