



Saint John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

1515 Western Ave

Grafton ND 58237

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

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: 5:00 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. Timothy Schroeder

Retired Priest in Residence:
Fr. Bernard Schneider
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
David Demester

Parish Lay Directors: Bryan Hurst,
Linda Schumacher.

Pastoral Council: Leanne Campbell,
Mary (John) Dusek, Mary (Tom) Dusek,
Jesse Forster, Monica Gorder, Paul
Houdek, Ron Houska, Nancy Miller, Todd
Morgan, Micky Schumacher, Al Szklarski,
Marta Balderas - Hispanic Ministry Liaison.

Finance Council: Rita Amiot, Russ
Carignan, Linda Schumacher, Bryan
Hurst, JoAnn Lizakowski, Kathy Maus,
Stacey Van Bruggen.

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. Parish Access
code: PNWMV2

Bulletin - find it at stjohnsgrafton.com

Emails: Fr. Tim at
timothy.schroeder@fargodiocese.org
Bev at bev.stjohns@midconetwork.com

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

Art and Environment – Volunteers needed!! We will be changing the Art and Environment on Sunday, December 17, immediately following Mass. We need all the help possible. More hands - faster the work is accomplished. Thank you.

KC Bingo – Sunday, December 17, at 3 p.m. \$165 in 61 numbers, \$170 in 58 numbers, \$175 in 55 numbers, the progressive begins over.

Faith Formation – No Faith Formation on December 20 and 27. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you again on January 3.

Choir – Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. in the Church.



Christmas Liturgies

4:00 p.m. December 24 ~ Mass ~ Oakwood

9:30 p.m. December 24 ~ Vigiling to Christmas

10:00 p.m. December 24~ Mass during the night

9:30 a.m. December 25 ~ Mass



Remember to take an angel

Please take an angel from the tree in the Gathering Space and return the gift by December 20.

Book of the Month – “*Jesus, Peter, and The Keys*” A scriptural handbook on the Papacy. This book raises issues that no serious student of the Bible can blithely ignore. The time has come for Protestants to set aside their aversion to Roman Catholicism which color their interpretation of the New Testament and let the text speak for itself. James B. Shelton, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Oral Roberts University, School of Theology and Mission.

Matching Funds for Haiti Available Through Year End – Our anonymous benefactors have extended their matching fund offer through the end of the year. All funds raised for building the school will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$100,000! There is still a little over \$36,000 left out here for the taking! We are so close, won't you help us? Please watch the video "Giants Fall" on our web page: www.stjohnsgrafton.com

For those who will be Confirmed and receive First Eucharist this spring. Be sure to get your call in to Father Tim to schedule your interview. Interviews must be completed by Ash Wednesday, February, 14 - and Fr. Tim will be gone for part of January.



Today we hear a lot of rejoicing in the first two readings: “I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul” (Isaiah 61:10); “Brothers and sisters, rejoice always” (1 Thess 5:16). The fruit of Joy is a result of someone filled with the Holy Spirit doing God's will. Isaiah writes in the first reading, “The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me...” (Isaiah 61:1). Actually in Luke's gospel when Jesus speaks for the first time publically the scroll of Isaiah is handed to him, he unrolls it until he finds this passage and he reads it to the people. All of the people have their eyes fixed on him. He says, “This day this passage is fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:21). In other words Jesus came “to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God” (Isaiah 61:1b & 2a). As we prepare for Christmas, this is what we ought to do as well in order to have the joy that is real.

Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday, December 16

5:00 p.m. – Robert Desautel, Sr. +

Sunday, December 17

7:30 a.m. – Oakwood – Alan Collette +

9:30 a.m. – Parishioners

Monday, December 18

No Mass

Tuesday, December 19

5:15 p.m. – Derek Szklarski +

Wednesday, December 20

10:15 a.m. – Sunset – Philip Sevigny +

Thursday, December 21

9:00 a.m. – Irene & Alwin Altendorf +

1:45 p.m. – LSTC – Mona Szklarski +

Friday, December 22

9:00 a.m. – John Curran +

Saturday, December 23

5:00 p.m. – Dan & Margaret McEwen +

Sunday, December 24 **Christmas Eve**

7:30 a.m. – Oakwood – Parishioners

9:30 a.m. – Aurel Desautel +

4:00 p.m. – Oakwood – Mass in the Eve – Frances Seeba +

9:30 p.m. – Vigiling to Christmas – St. John's

10:00 p.m. – St. John's – Mass in the Night – Troy Mattson +

Prayers for the Sick: Policy for St. John's and Sacred Heart

Requests run for 3 consecutive weeks: Dorothy Mae Scholler, Richard Munoz, Erika Garza, Marie Boura, Tony Schanilec, Diane Lee, Hope Reis, Patty Durand, John Schwehr, JoAnne Sevigny, Kathy Ruzicka, Deb Quirk, Maria Lange, Jane Osowski, Jennifer Osowski, Michelle Collette Donarski, Barbara Donelan, Tom Hartje, David Moe, Roger Amiot, Suzanne Burns, Kevin Hoenke, Frances Boulduc, Connie McCarty, Adly Galle Jaehning.

Our Sympathy to the family of David Collette, including Germaine Schultz, formerly of our parish.

Right to Life

Mary knew the trials and tribulations of an unplanned pregnancy, but she also knew that the baby growing inside her was a gift from God. All pregnancies are a gift from God that should never be returned unopened.

Prayer – For all expectant mothers, that they may find joy in their role as a co-creator of life.

Unplanned Pregnancy – call 701-284-6601

Christmas in the Park – The Lions Clubs of Grand Forks are again sponsoring Christmas in the Park (Lincoln Drive Park). Many local churches, businesses, organizations and health care facilities have been working on projects that promise to light up the holiday season. Any profits realized from this event will be used to benefit local charities and to help needy families. November 24-December 31. Open from 5:30 - 10 p.m. Car \$6, Limo \$10, Bus \$20. Plan to visit the Christmas in the Park displays.

Ministry	December 23	December 24	December 30	December 31
December Eucharistic Ministers	5:00 P.M. Paten: Mike Such, Mary Bailly Chalice: Carol Bina, Betty Feltman, Patricia Kram, Frank Janousek 9:30 A.M. Paten: Jim Dusek, Kelly Lessard, Elaine Novak Chalice: Debbie Aasand, JoAnn Lizakowski, Jim Schieffer, Dorothy Koester			
Proclaimers	Cynthia Janousek	James Dusek	Lunette Kliniske	John Dusek
Altar Servers	Chris Fehr Matt Houska	Tony Balderas Josh Blanchard Smallbecks	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	All Available servers
Greeters	Doug & Sue Kirkeby Jesse Forster	Mike & Sue Callahan Jean Clark	Kay Wilebski Janice Houska Betty Feltman	Laurie Johnson Audrey Almond Vicki Midgarden
Money Counters		Cindy Holt Marta Balderas		Cynthia Collette Connie Johnson

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Sunday: December 24, 2017

Proclaimer: Susan/Wayne Suda

Altar Server: Kayden Swanson

December Cleaning: Group 1

Collection: 12/10/2017 \$ 1,981.00

Year 2017 \$30,793.71

God's Gift Goal: \$ 8,301.00

Year to Date: 111 % \$ 9,220.00

Lay Directors:

Dennis LeClerc, Lori Cyr

Pastoral/Finance Council: Susan

Suda, Cindy Collette, Mark Gourde,

Lee Osowski, Bobby Osowski.

† STEWARDSHIP ☒

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

December 10, 2017 \$ 21,795.79

Given in 2017

\$ 323,014.47		\$355,000.00
\$ 79,960.00	God's Gift Appeal 99%	\$ 80,740.00
\$ 646,046.70	Sowing Seeds Campaign	\$741,989.00
\$ 635.00	Kitchen	
\$ 1,220.00	Window	
\$ 40.00	Jail Ministry	
\$ 2,065.00	Unrestricted	
\$ 115.00	Adoration Chapel	
\$ 185.00	Music	
\$ 3,090.00	Haiti School	
\$ 200.00	Parish Center Floor	
\$ 60.00	Media Upgrade	
\$ 8,435.00	Cemetery Upkeep	\$12,890.00

Stewardship Moment – *“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

Benefit for Christopher Larson – Sunday, December 17, at Federated Church United Methodist from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$10 a plate for a Potato bar. Chris is a Grafton native and a class of 2007 graduate and has been the voice of many extracurricular activities. Chris has faced worsening health issues since early in 2015, and nearly lost his life earlier this summer. He lives in a Mayville care facility. All funds raised will go to purchase a power wheelchair for Chris and help him with other transportation and general living expenses.



Community Christmas Eve Party – Sunday, December 24, from 6-7:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center. Don't be alone this Christmas. Come join in celebrating the birth of our Lord!

Ministry Schedule for Christmas

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24, 10 p.m.

Proclaimer: Patricia Dusek

Greeters: Lee & Linda Lessard, Doris Dahlgren

Altar Servers: All Available Servers

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25, 9:30 a.m.

Proclaimer: Carol Bina.

Greeters: Greg Campbell Family, Christine Bjorneby

Altar Servers: All Available Servers

Volunteers for 2017

Community Christmas Eve Party

at Saint John the Evangelist

Since Christmas is a feast for all people of good will, it is most fitting that we host our 32st annual Christmas Party for anyone who would otherwise be alone. All are warmly invited to come party from 6:00-7:30 PM on Christmas Eve. If you can contribute time or food, please indicate below. Help make this our BEST CHRISTMAS Eve Party.

My name is _____ Telephone Number _____

___ 1. I will send the following food to the Christmas Party: (Check the item and indicate how much, number of cans and size) **WE MUST HAVE ALL FOOD (EXCEPT THE DINNER ROLLS) IN THE KITCHEN AT THE CENTER ON DECEMBER 20TH BY NOON! DINNER ROLLS BY NOON ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24!**

___ 100 lbs Potatoes _____	___ Bars or Cookies (how many dozen) _____ Grafton Lutheran at 352-2638
___ Carrots (#10 can) _____	___ Drip grind coffee - Amount: _____
___ Celery _____	___ Butter _____
___ Bread for Dressing _____	___ Onions _____
___ Flour - 10 lbs _____	___ Dinner Rolls _____
___ Pickles _____	

Please bring food in disposable containers or labeled containers for easy reclamation.

- ___ 2. I am willing to work in the kitchen - call Mary (J) Dusek at 520-0163.
- ___ 3. I am willing to help in the dining room as a waiter or waitress - call Sheila Slominski at 360-1891 or Katie Sieben at 360-3380.
- ___ 4. I will help where needed during the party. (Committee may call me.)
- ___ 5. I will help with cleanup

Return the sheet as soon as possible on or before December 20 by: dropping it into the collection basket, mailing to 344 W. 15th St. or hand delivering it to our parish office. Thank You!

POINSETTIAS



Enclosed is my donation:

_____ \$10.00 _____ \$15.00 _____ \$20.00

_____ \$30.00 _____ Other
(Specify)

My name is: _____

My gift is made in memory of: _____

Mail to: Church of Saint John the Evangelist, 344 W 15th St., Grafton, ND 58237
(Mark envelope: Poinsettia donation.)