



Saint John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

1515 Western Ave

Grafton ND 58237

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 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.



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



From Father Tim, Fr. Bernie
And the Parish Team

Office Closed – Tuesday, December 26, 2017.

Choir – No practice this week.

Pastoral Council – Thursday, December 28, 7 p.m. in the KC Room.

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion – There will be a meeting of all
Eucharistic Ministers on Thursday, January 4, at 7 p.m. in the Church.

For the New Year experience the Joy of following Christ. **Follow Me:**
Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John is your guide to a personal encounter
with Christ. Jesus calls us to be his disciples, to trust him, to open
ourselves to his merciful love and to love others as he has loved us. Follow
Me invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ.
This Bible Study is eight sessions beginning on January 16, 2018. Contact
Deacon Mike at 352-1648 to register or for more information.

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. Reminder - Sponsor sheet and Saint name are to be given to Rose
Marie by December 31. 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.



We have the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 24, followed by Christmas
the next day. We go to Mass two days in a row. Of course many people
go to Mass everyday because they have grown to appreciate the
Eucharist or the Body of Christ as food for the journey through life. With
Christmas we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation, God made flesh.
Every Mass, in a sense, the incarnation is made present to us again because we
believe that the body, soul and divinity of Christ becomes present in the bread and
wine made into his Body. We are talking about his glorified flesh, but it is still
touchable. Jesus invited his disciples to touch him after he rose from the dead to
see that a ghost does not have flesh and bones like he had. Jesus' body was very
different when he rose from the dead, but it was still his body. Jesus' body becomes
touchable when he comes to us under the form of bread and wine. The Mass or
Eucharist is still the best way to draw close to the infant in the manger, something
that was used to feed the animals. Jesus made himself vulnerable and
approachable when he became a baby. He is still making himself approachable and
touchable in the mystery of the Eucharist. Hopefully, we will continue to grow in our
understanding of the profound mystery of Jesus' presence with us still.

This year I will not be doing my normal Christmas cards, but I want to thank
all of you for all your cards and gifts this Christmas. It profoundly humbles me that
you treat me so kindly.

Eucharist & Intentions

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 Desatuel +

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 +

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:30 a.m. – Hugh & Myrtle Gallagher +

Tuesday, December 26

5:15 p.m. – Mollie & John Landrigan +

Wednesday, December 27

10:15 a.m. – Sunset – George LaHaise +

Thursday, December 28

9:00 a.m. – Stanley & Doris Langowski +

1:45 p.m. – LSTC – Martha Rudnik +

Friday, December 29

9:00 a.m. – Sandra Estad +

Saturday, December 30

5:00 p.m. – Sarah Dolan & Jake Salter Wedding-Fargo

Sunday, December 31 New Years Eve

7:30 a.m. – Oakwood – Frank Dolan +

9:30 a.m. – Parishioners

5:00 p.m. – Duane Walker +

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

Requests run for 3 consecutive weeks: Theresa Moen, Sandy Kasprick, 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.

Right to Life

"The Word became flesh and dwelled among us," St. John's Gospel states. Perhaps if we could look at each unborn child as a word from God, We would be less likely to destroy those children who each have a unique message to share with the world.

Prayer – As we prepare to celebrate the birth of God's Son, we may also reach out to welcome each of His unborn sons and daughters.

Unplanned Pregnancy – call 701-284-6601

Cuba – Fr. Phil Ackerman is leading an 8 day trip to Cuba on October 10-17, 2018. You are invited to join us. Havana, Revolution Museum, Finca Vigia - Ernest Hemingway's home, Cuban Fine Arts Museum, Salsa Dancing, Casa Fuster, Cayo Santa Maria Island, Che Guevara Memorial & Museum, Sugar Museum, Remedios Cienfuegos, Botanical Gardens, Cuban Cigars, overnight at a hotel on a pristine beach. For more information, Call Bon Voyage Travel in Grand Forks at 701-772-6313.

Ministry	December 30	December 31	January 6, 2018	January 7, 2018
December Eucharistic Ministers	5:00 P.M. Paten: Mike Such, Mary Bailly 9:30 A.M. Paten: Jim Dusek, Kelly Lessard, Elaine Novak Chalice: Carol Bina, Betty Feltman, Patricia Kram, Frank Janousek	Paten: Jim Dusek, Kelly Lessard, Elaine Novak Chalice: Debbie Aasand, JoAnn Lizakowski, Jim Schieffer, Dorothy Koester		
Proclaimers	Lunette Kliniske	John Dusek	Lee Lessard	JoAnn Lizakowski
Altar Servers	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	All Available servers	Chris Fehr Matt Houska	Tyler Mayer Sydney Suda Parsons Kate LeClerc
Greeters	Kay Wilebski Janice Houska Betty Feltman	Laurie Johnson Audrey Almond Vicki Midgarden	Frank & Cindy Janousek Kay Wilebski	Dan & Monica Gorder Rosa Aguilar
Money Counters		Cynthia Collette Connie Johnson		Charla Nelson Lunette Kliniske

† STEWARDSHIP ☒

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

December 17, 2017 \$10,379.07

Given in 2017

\$ 333,393.54		\$355,000.00
\$ 80,160.00	God's Gift Appeal 99%	\$ 80,740.00
\$ 649,196.19	Sowing Seeds Campaign	\$741,989.00
\$ 635.00	Kitchen	
\$ 1,240.00	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

Memorial

Rosanna Carignan	\$ 20.00	Window
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Stewardship Moment – "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" Luke 1:28

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.



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!

Our Sympathy to the family of Matt Skipton.

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 Bjerneby

Altar Servers: All Available Servers

Ministry Schedule for Solemnity of Mary (New Year)

Sunday, December 31, 5 p.m.

Proclaimer: Lunette Kliniske

Greeters: Paul & Sandi Houdek, Delores DeSautel

Altar Servers: All Available Servers

Monday, January 1, 9:30 a.m.

Proclaimer: Pat Wangler

Greeters: Vicki Midgarden, Judy Keeley, Pat Dusek

Altar Servers: All Available Servers

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Sunday: December 31, 2017

Proclaimer: Jean Kieley

Altar Server: Kayden Swanson

December Cleaning: Group 1

Collection: 12/17/2017 \$ 254.00

Year 2017 \$31,047.71

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.