



# Saint John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

1515 Western Ave

Grafton ND 58237

Christmas Sunday

December 25, 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.

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

From Father Tim  
And the Parish Team

**Office Closed** – December 26

**St. John the Evangelist Feast Day** – Tuesday, December 27. Adoration at 3:30 p.m. with Mass to follow at 4:30 p.m. Come join us in celebrating this special day for our parish.

**Christmas Piano Talk - 100<sup>th</sup> Concert** – Tuesday, December 27, (St. John the Evangelist Feast Day) at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served following.

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

**Choir** – Wednesdays, 7:45 p.m. All are welcome. Resumes January 4.

**KC Bingo** - Sunday, Sunday, January 8 at 3 p.m. Bingo jackpots are: \$ in numbers, \$ in numbers, \$ in numbers, The Progressive went on the December 18 so it will now reset to 0.

**Part-Time Janitor Position** – St. John's is looking for someone to fill a part-time janitor position, 10 -15 hrs per week with potential to increase hours. Duties include, but not limited to sweeping, vacuuming and washing floors and cleaning bathrooms throughout the church complex. Helping with set-up and take down for church functions as well as some outdoor grounds work (snow shoveling, lawn mowing and trimming). Qualified candidates must be able to move/lift 50 pounds or heavier and bend, stoop, reach and climb ladders. If interested please contact the Parish Office by Friday, January 6.

**Winter Bible Study – The Prophets (Messengers of God's Mercy) "God is Calling You to A Deeper Relationship with Him."** You will: **1)** Discover who the prophets were, what their message was, and why they are important to us. **2)** See how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship with him. **3)** Discover the areas of your life that prevent you from drawing closer to God. **4)** Understand how the central message of the prophets is one of love, proclaiming the mercy of God for his children. **5)** See how their powerful words speak to us today, shedding light on our faith and our lives. **6)** Discover the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others. Watch for dates and time in the bulletin.



Merry Christmas! I hope you are able to experience the joy of Christmas! It is an amazing mystery that God became one of us. Deacon Mike was saying the other day how a baby affects us. When we see a baby, most of us just want to hold that baby close. God became so vulnerable and approachable that he literally became a little baby named Jesus. We know that there are two natures in Jesus who is fully God and fully human. We know that God did not cease to have the whole world in his hands as he became a baby so Joseph and Mary could hold him with their hands. That is part of the mystery of the Trinity. The Gospel of Matthew (1:1-25) that is read at the Vigil of Christmas tells us of the "genealogy of Jesus Christ". In that passage Matthew makes it clear that Jesus was born as "son of David" great, great, great... son of Abraham. Jesus' family history is marked by horrendous sin because it is our human history that comes from the rebellious Adam and Eve. I am always struck when the gospel writer tells us, "David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah." Of course we know the whole story of how Uriah, a faithful servant of David, carried his own death note written by David to his commander in the battle field, all because David was trying to hide the fact that he had an affair with Uriah's wife Bathsheba. It went from bad to worse first, adultery, then, because Uriah was true to his convictions, David went further down the spiral of sin to commit murder. The story of the human family is one of sin and mayhem. God intervened in Joseph and Mary to start a fresh. Mary was prepared from her conception by being kept free from all that sin. Then Mary and Joseph, as adults, both obeyed and said yes to their roles. Nothing can be more important than people saying, "yes" to their roles in God's kingdom. This Christmas we have a chance to begin anew to say, "yes" to God and approach a God made so vulnerable that he became a baby. Let us say "Yes" to God at the crib to start afresh. "When Joseph awoke, **he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him** and took his wife into his home." That is how we can find the Joy of Christmas!

## Eucharist & Intentions

### Saturday, December 24

4:00 p.m. – Oakwood – Troy Mattson +  
10:00 p.m. – Parishioners

### Sunday, December 25 Merry Christmas

9:30 a.m. – Blanche Cernik & Judy O'Toole +

### Monday, December 26

No Mass

### Tuesday, December 27 St. John's Feast Day

4:30 p.m. – John Curran +

### Wednesday, December 28

10:15 a.m. – Sunset – Edna Teevens +

### Thursday, December 29

1:45 p.m. –LSTC – Mary Jimenez +

### Friday, December 30

9:00 a.m. – Charlie Tweten & Grace Brodeur +

### Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m. – Monica Aquilar +

### Sunday, January 1, 2017 Happy New Year

7:30 a.m. – Oakwood – Parishioners

9:30 a.m. – Frank Rose +

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

#### Policy for St. John's and Sacred Heart: Requests run

for 3 consecutive weeks: Ardell Krom, Frank Dolan, Bernie Burger, Linda Loveless, Robert Lunski, Barbara Foerster-Estad, Mona Szklarski, Donald Demers, Jim Houska, Ron Nowacki, Roger Amiot, Suzanne Burns, Ramona Latraille, Diane Lee, Betty Littlefield, 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.

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

"In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, and icon of Jesus Christ." Pope John Paul II, "The Gospel of Life"

**Prayer** – That Americans may grow in appreciation for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

**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.

**Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy** – Bishop Folda has announced that St. Ann's Mission Catholic School, located in Belcourt, will be our diocesan "Year of Mercy" project. Bishop Folda sent a letter to each household. Please take the time to read and pray how best you can participate.

**Real Presence Radio** - 1370 AM or [yourcatholicradiostation.com](http://yourcatholicradiostation.com). Check it out.

Ministry	December 31	January 1	January 7	January 8
January Eucharistic Ministers	<b>5 P.M. Paten:</b> Carol Bina, Cynthia Janousek <b>Chalice:</b> Mary Bailly, Betty Feltman, Mike Such, Sheila Trontvet <b>9:30 A.M. Paten:</b> Pat Dusek, Kelly Lessard, Jim Schieffer <b>Chalice:</b> Debbie Aasand, Jim Dusek, Patty Leighton, JoAnn Lizakowski			
Proclaimers	Mary (Tom) Dusek	JoAnn Lizakowski	Dean Collette	Michael Leighton
Altar Servers	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	All Available Servers	Chris Fehr Matt Houska	Logan, Tyler Mayer William Jiskra Tony Balderas
Greeters	Theresa Lutovsky Paulette Moberg Betty Feltman	Jack & Kathy Maus Laurie Johnson	Kay Wilebski Sandi & Paul Houdek	Jean Clark Pat Dusek Vicki Midgarden
Money Counters		Cynthia Collette Lunette Kliniske		David Cyr Chris Quinamot

## † STEWARDSHIP ☒

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

December 18 \$ 8,626.83

### Given in 2016

\$ 346,576.19		\$355,000.00
\$ 78,962.00	God's Gift Appeal 104%	\$ 75,780.00
\$ 572,538.69	Sowing Seeds Campaign	\$741,989.00
\$ 1,160.00	Kitchen	
\$ 980.00	Window	
\$ 200.00	Jail Ministry	
\$ 2,045.00	Memorials - Unrestricted	
\$ 100.00	Music	
\$ 10.00	Adoration Chapel	
\$ 2,120.00	Haiti School	

### Memorials

Judy O'Toole	\$ 660.00	Kitchen
Judy O'Toole	\$ 20.00	Unrestricted
Judy O'Toole	\$ 115.00	Cemetery
Gail Osowski	\$ 10.00	Sacred Heart
Gail Osowski	\$ 200.00	Window

### Stewardship Moment – "And the Word became flesh."

John 1:14 Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.

**The Annual Collar Classic Basketball game** will be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at Shanley High School Gym in Fargo. It starts at 7 pm and is also being broadcast on the Real Presence Radio Network. If you can't attend, be sure to listen to the game.

**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 our bare shelves. Please place donations around the altar or in the large basket in the Gathering Space.

**Path - Families Making the Difference** – Has your family ever considered foster care? You don't have to be extraordinary, just a family who are willing to give a little extra, to provide the unconditional love and support children in foster care need to grow. We are here to answer your questions about foster care and find the right fit for your family. Learn more and ask questions at : 701-775-7725 or email [kkenna@thankinc.org](mailto:kkenna@thankinc.org).

### Faith Formation – December 21 and 28 – No Classes

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Sunday, January 1, 2017

**Proclaimer:** Candace DeGeldere

**December Cleaning:** Group 2

**Collection: 12/18/2016 \$ 377.00**

**Year to Date: \$ 29,171.20**

**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