



Saint John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

1515 Western Ave

Grafton ND 58237

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 11, 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. Parish Access code: PNWMV2

Bulletin - find it at: stjohnsgraffton.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.

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.

Communal Penance Service – Sunday, December 11, 4 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass – Monday, December 12, 6 p.m. Pot-luck to follow.

KC Bingo - Sunday, December 11– **NO Bingo**. Sunday, December 18 at **3 p.m.** Bingo jackpots are: \$165 in 61 numbers, \$140 in 55 numbers, \$155 in 53 numbers, \$445 in the Progressive.

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

Choir – No practice this Wednesday due to NET Retreat.

Finance Council – Thursday, December 15, 7 p.m., classroom #6

Area Penance Services – 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.

Quilt Raffle for Haiti – a beautiful, handcrafted quilt is being raffled to help provide funds for the school in Haiti. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be bought after the weekend liturgies, at the Haiti's Daily Grind, or from a Haiti Committee member. The drawing will be on December 23 in the Rectory.



"What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind", Jesus asked the crowds. No he says rather you went out to see a prophet and a great prophet, "Amen, I say to you, among those born of woman there has been none greater than John the Baptist." That is high praise coming from the Messiah, the Anointed One. It is interesting to go back to the first chapter of Luke's gospel (his gospel alone has these great stories of the beginning) how John the Baptist was conceived in Elizabeth and how Jesus was conceived in Mary. Zachariah the husband of Elizabeth was serving as priest in the temple of Lord when an angel appeared to him. The Angel Gabriel told Zechariah that he was blessed because his wife, beyond childbearing years, would conceive and give birth to a son. Zechariah had questions, just as Mary had questions when she was told that she would conceive without the help of a man. The conception of John would be the normal way in that Zechariah and Elizabeth would come together, but what was not normal was how old she was. Zechariah must have had the wrong attitude because Gabriel the Archangel took offense and struck him mute until this miracle would come about. Finally when Elizabeth did have the baby named John, Zechariah's tongue was loosened and he broke out into what we call "Zechariah's Canticle." To this day we pray this canticle every morning all year long in the official prayer of the church called the "Liturgy of the Hours." Zechariah says about the prophet, his son, John, "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins..." (RSV Luke 1:76-77). This was a prophecy from his infancy and now much later as both Jesus and John are doing their ministry. Jesus' words about John the Baptist confirm what God had been doing and preparing behind the scenes. Hopefully we will listen to John and repent to prepare the way. Jesus even gave us a Sacrament called Reconciliation, Penance or Confession so that in our time we will prepare the way of the Lord into our hearts by repentance from our sins. Hopefully you will celebrate that Sacrament this Advent. We have a number of priests coming Sunday at 4 pm to give us that opportunity.

Eucharist & Intentions

Saturday, December 10

5:00 p.m. – Archie & Ruth Bina +

Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. – Oakwood - Parishioners

9:30 a.m. – Irene T. Altendorf +

Monday, December 12

6:00 p.m. – Our Lady of Guadalupe – Special Intention

Tuesday, December 13

5:15 p.m. – Leo Feltman +

Wednesday, December 14

10:15 a.m. – Sunset – Bernie, Rose & Jim Meister +

Thursday, December 15

9:00 a.m. – Scott Machart +

1:45 p.m. – LSTC – Harold & Elizabeth Schroeder +

Friday, December 16

9:00 a.m. – Henry & Matilda Stoltman +

Saturday, December 17

5:00 p.m. – Robert Desautel. Sr. +

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. – Oakwood – Parishioners

9:30 a.m. – Stanley & Doris Langowski +

Prayers for the Sick/Oracion por los enfermos:

Policy for St. John's and Sacred Heart: Requests run for 3 consecutive weeks: Bernie Burger, Vicki Hermans, Nadya Bjornson, 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 ***

The Christmas storytellers, Matthew and Luke, begin with Jesus' conception. When Matthew sets out to tell us about the Nativity, he first talks of events taking place during the pregnancy. Luke gives us even more details of the pregnancy. The message? Jesus was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. He was God from the moment of conception. *Life Date*, The National Newsletter of Lutherans for Life, Winter 1998

Prayer – May the Virgin Mary's care of her cousin Elizabeth inspire us to reach out to pregnant women in need.

Problem Pregnancy – Call 701-284-6601.

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.

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 17	December 18	December 24	December 25
December Eucharistic Ministers	5 P.M. 9:30 A.M.	Paten: Patricia Kram, Ron Pich Chalice: Brigita Bovaird, Lillian Houska, Catherine Pich, Kay Wilebski Paten: John Dusek, Linda Schumacher, Dean Woinarowicz Chalice: Marty Balderas, Mary Dusek, Lee Lessard, David Schumacher		
Proclaimers	Susan Callahan	Dorothy Koester	Patricia Dusek	Carol Bina
Altar Servers	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	Logan Dusek Parsons Elijah Smallbeck	All Available Servers	All Available Servers
Greeters	Doug & Susan Kirkeby Mary (Tom) Dusek	Greg Campbell Family Judy Keeley	Janice Houska Doris Dahlgren Jesse Forster	Mickey Schumacher David Demester Debbie Aasand
Money Counters		Judy Keeley Donald Demers		Marilyn Bryan Sheila Trontvet

† STEWARDSHIP ☒

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

December 4 \$ 8,160.60

Given in 2016

\$ 330,313.15		\$355,000.00
\$ 78,962.00	God's Gift Appeal 104%	\$ 75,780.00
\$ 570,725.70	Sowing Seeds Campaign	\$741,989.00
\$ 480.00	Kitchen	
\$ 780.00	Window	
\$ 200.00	Jail Ministry	
\$ 1,870.00	Memorials - Unrestricted	
\$ 80.00	Music	
\$ 10.00	Adoration Chapel	
\$ 2,000.00	Haiti School	

Memorials

Norv & Jo Elbert	\$ 2,000.00	Haiti School
Julian Lizakowski	\$ 50.00	Cemetery
Julian Lizakowski	\$ 10.00	Choir

Stewardship Moment – “You too must be patient.

Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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.

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.

Faith Formation – December 14 – All students in Grades 7-12 are expected to attend the **NET Retreat** from **4-9 p.m.** There will be no afternoon classes.

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Sunday, December 18

Proclaimer: Ed Sevigny

December Cleaning: Group 1

Collection: 12/04/2016 \$ 1,484.00

Year to Date: \$ 28,095.20

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