



Saint John the Evangelist Sacred Heart - Oakwood

1515 Western Ave

Grafton ND 58237

4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 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.

Environment Change – December 18, Following Mass. More hands makes the work go faster.

KC Bingo - Sunday, Sunday, December 18 at 3 p.m. Bingo jackpots are: \$165 in 61 numbers, \$140 in 55 numbers, \$155 in 53 numbers, The Progressive went on the December 4 so it will now reset to 0.

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

Choir – Wednesdays, 7:45 p.m. All are welcome.

Area Penance Services – Sunday, December 18, 7 p.m., Sacred Heart - Minto.



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

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.

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.

Christmas Piano Talk Concert – Tuesday, December 27, (St. John the Evangelist Feast Day) at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served following.

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.



In Advent, the season that prepares us for Christmas, we reflect on the different times Jesus has come to us. We proclaim that Christ will come again in majesty to judge the living and the dead. In the creed we say, "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead." We certainly will not look forward to the judgment if we are not inviting Christ under our roof right now to be our master. There was a great skit put on by the NET team (National Evangelization Team) to the 7th through 12 graders this past Wednesday. There was this girl that was inviting Jesus into her life to be her "Lord." They symbolized that by her giving Jesus the "decision chair." In the skit Jesus sat into the chair, but when decisions came up that were difficult, that involved the cross, she pushed him out of the chair to make decisions according to her old way of doing things. If we are not actively trying to seek Jesus' council right now and actively putting him "in charge" when he comes under our roof, we will certainly NOT look forward to the resurrection of the dead. That day will be a day of wrath! We will not find the "bossy" Jesus to our liking when he actually does come to judge the living and the dead and he certainly will not find us to his liking. December 17th the church makes a turn to start looking at Jesus' historical coming. At his first coming he is a gentle baby. What is more approachable than a baby?! God came to us and walked among us so that REPENTANT sinners could come to him. As we hear every year those that refuse to repent simply get into conflict with the adult Jesus. We need to repent, and for Catholics we have a beautiful practice of going to confession as we prepare for Christmas. I have had 4 penance services since this last Sunday and have been moved many times, especially by teenagers coming to reconciliation at the NET retreats at St. Stanislaus and at St. Johns. I strongly encourage you not to let this Advent season go by without going to confession!!!

Eucharist & Intentions

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 +

Monday, December 19

9:00 a.m. – Gary Fisher +

Tuesday, December 20

5:15 p.m. – Derek Szklarski +

Wednesday, December 21

10:15 a.m. – Sunset – James Gaustad +

Thursday, December 22

9:00 a.m. – Edward Cluchie +

1:45 p.m. –LSTC – Willard Schroeder +

Friday, December 23

9:00 a.m. – Aurel DeSautel +

Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

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 +

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.

Our Sympathy to the family of Susanne Praska; to the family of Alan Collette, including Susan Collette, Cynthia Collette of the Sacred Heart parish and Darryl (Vonda) Collette of St. John's parish; to the family of Austin Sabourin, including Marcel & Trudy Sabourin and Darcy Sabourin of our parish.

*** Right to Life ***

"Every child born with Down syndrome, every adult with special needs, in fact every unwanted, unborn child, every person who is poor, weak, abandoned or homeless— each one of these persons is an icon of God's face and a vessel of His love" Archbishop Charles Chaput. *Southern Cross*, November 2009

Prayer – For those troubled with an untimely pregnancy that they may not give in to the despair of abortion.

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.

Faith Formation – December 21 and 28 – No Classes

Ministry	December 24	December 25	December 31	January 1
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	Patricia Dusek	Carol Bina	Mary (Tom) Dusek	JoAnn Lizakowski
Altar Servers	All Available Servers	All Available Servers	Matt Houska Chris Fehr	All Available Servers
Greeters	Janice Houska Doris Dahlgren Jesse Forster	Mickey Schumacher David Demester Debbie Aasand	Theresa Lutovsky Paulette Moberg Betty Feltman	Jack & Kathy Maus Laurie Johnson
Money Counters		Marilyn Bryan Sheila Trontvet		Cynthia Collette Lunette Kliniske

† STEWARDSHIP ☒

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

December 11 \$ 7,636.21

Given in 2016

\$ 337,949.36		\$355,000.00
\$ 78,962.00	God's Gift Appeal 104%	\$ 75,780.00
\$ 571,360.70	Sowing Seeds Campaign	\$741,989.00
\$ 500.00	Kitchen	
\$ 780.00	Window	
\$ 200.00	Jail Ministry	
\$ 2,025.00	Memorials - Unrestricted	
\$ 100.00	Music	
\$ 10.00	Adoration Chapel	
\$ 2,120.00	Haiti School	

Memorials

James Greenwood	\$ 10.00	Unrestricted
Norv Elbert	\$ 125.00	Unrestricted
Gary Fisher	\$ 50.00	Haiti School
Gary Fisher	\$ 20.00	Choir
Gary Fisher	\$ 350.00	Cemetery
Julian Lizakowski	\$ 20.00	Unrestricted
Julian Lizakowski	\$ 10.00	Haiti School
Fr. Joe Campbell	\$ 30.00	Oakwood Cemetery
Bethel Cudmore	\$ 20.00	Haiti School
Laddie Barta	\$ 10.00	Haiti School
Scott Machart	\$ 20.00	Kitchen
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Stewardship Moment – “When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” – Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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.

Sacred Heart - Oakwood

Sunday, December 25

Proclaimer: Susan/Wayne Suda

December Cleaning: Group 1

Collection: 12/11/2016 \$ 699.00

Year to Date: \$ 28,794.20

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