



**St. Stanislaus Parish**  
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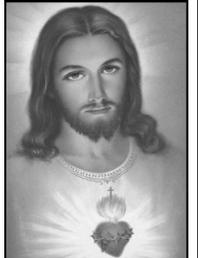
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**An Excerpt from the HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**  
**Wednesday, 29 November 2017**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

.....Today's first reading, from the Book of Daniel, helps us to see how limited is the wisdom of King Belshazzar and his seers. They knew how to praise "gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood and stone" (*Dn* 5:4), but they did not have the wisdom to praise God in whose hand is our life and breath. Daniel, on the other hand, had the wisdom of the Lord and was able to interpret his great mysteries.

The ultimate interpreter of God's mysteries is Jesus. He is the wisdom of God in person (cf. *1 Cor* 1:24). Jesus did not teach us his wisdom by long speeches or by grand demonstrations of political or earthly power but by giving his life on the cross. Sometimes we can fall into the trap of believing in our own wisdom, but the truth is we can easily lose our sense of direction. At those times we need to remember that we have a *sure compass* before us, in the crucified Lord. In the cross, we find the wisdom that can guide our life with the light that comes from God.

From the cross also comes *healing*. There, Jesus offered his wounds to the Father for us, the wounds by which we are healed (cf. *1 Pet* 2:24). May we always have the wisdom to find in the wounds of Christ the source of all healing! I know that many in Myanmar bear the wounds of violence, wounds both visible and invisible. The temptation is to respond to these injuries with a worldly wisdom that, like that of the king in the first reading, is deeply flawed. We think that healing can come from anger and revenge. Yet the way of revenge is not the way of Jesus.

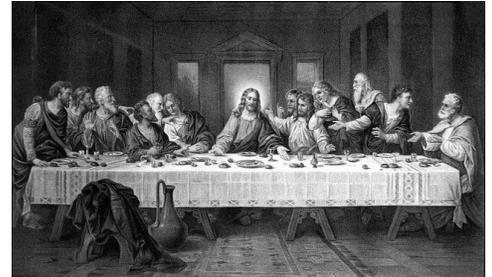
Jesus' way is radically different. When hatred and rejection led him to his passion and death, he responded with forgiveness and compassion. In today's Gospel, the Lord tells us that, like him, we too may encounter rejection and obstacles, yet he will give us a wisdom that cannot be resisted (cf. *Lk* 21:15). He is speaking of the Holy Spirit, through whom the love of God has been poured into our hearts (cf. *Rom* 5:5). By the gift of his Spirit, Jesus enables us each to be *signs* of his wisdom, which triumphs over the wisdom of this world, and his mercy, which soothes even the most painful of injuries.

On the eve of his passion, Jesus gave himself to his apostles under the signs of bread and wine. In the gift of the Eucharist, we not only recognize, with the eyes of faith, the gift of his body and blood; we also learn how to *rest in his wounds*, and there to be cleansed of all our sins and foolish ways. By taking refuge in Christ's wounds, dear brothers and sisters, may you know the healing balm of the Father's mercy and find the strength to bring it to others, to anoint every hurt and every painful memory. In this way, you will be faithful witnesses of the reconciliation and peace that God wants to reign in every human heart and in every community.....

(To read more, go to [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2017/documents/papa-francesco\\_20171129\\_omelia-viaggioapostolico-myanmarangon.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2017/documents/papa-francesco_20171129_omelia-viaggioapostolico-myanmarangon.html))

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**DAILY MASS IN WARSAW:** Masses in Warsaw will be celebrated by Fr. Joseph Christensen Mon.-Sat. at 8:00am at St. Gianna's Maternity Home Chapel. Confession is before daily Mass from 7:45-7:55am.



**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday	Dec. 2	<b>5:00 pm (Minto)</b>	+ David Slominski by Willie Knaus.	
Sunday	Dec. 3	<b>8:30 am (Minto)</b>	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
		<b>10:30 am (Warsaw)</b>	+ Deceased relatives of Wallace & Evelyn Feltman.	
Monday	Dec. 4	_____	No Monday morning Masses in Minto.	<i>St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>
Tuesday	Dec. 5	<b>10:30 am (Minto)</b>	+ Funeral for Elizabeth "Betty" Erickson.	
Wednesday	Dec. 6	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Betty Erickson by Sam & Angie Shutt family.	<i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i>
Thursday	Dec. 7	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Richard Lane by John & Lynette Kennedy.	<i>St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>
		<b>7:00 pm (Minto)</b>	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	<b>Vigil Mass</b> for the Holy Day Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday	Dec. 8	<b>7:30 am (Minto)</b>	For successful surgery for Gabriel Brazil by the family.	<b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—</b>
		<b>7:00 pm (Warsaw)</b>	+ Leona Riske by Irene Duray.	<b>A Holy Day of Obligation</b>
Saturday	Dec. 9	8:00 pm (Minto)	+ Martha Rudnik by Jim & Louise Schanilec.	<i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin</i>
		<b>5:00 pm (Minto)</b>	+ Richard Kilichowski by Margie & Chrissy Kilichowski.	
Sunday	Dec. 10	<b>8:30 am (Minto)</b>	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
		<b>10:30 am (Warsaw)</b>	+ John L. Ebertowski by Sandy Neil.	

**CONFESSIONS** Sat. 3:45-4:55 pm (Minto), 1/2 hour before weekday Mass, & anytime... just call.  
Also Confession Time: 1/2 hour before Sunday Masses.

**WEEKLY OFFERING** November 26, 2017: **Minto** = \$1,797 **Warsaw** = \$2,127

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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**MINTO: Saturday, Dec. 9: Altar Servers:** Volunteers needed. **Lector:** Volunteer needed. **Ushers:** Lenny Schanilec & Michael Wysocki.

**Sunday, Dec. 10: Altar Servers:** Robinson family. **Lector:** Keith Zikmund. **Ushers:** Donald Rudnik & George Kozel.

**WARSAW: Sunday, Dec. 3: Altar Servers:** Beau Feltman, Simon Plutowski, Connor Gerszewski. **Lector:** Ernestine Ebertowski.  
**Ushers:** John Gudajtes & Art Wosick. **Gift Bearers:** LuAnn Jacobson.

**Sunday, Dec. 10: Altar Servers:** Andrew Plutowski, Dominic Bushaw, Damian Bushaw. **Lector:** Ernestine Ebertowski.  
**Ushers:** John Gudajtes & Art Wosick. **Gift Bearers:** Kathy & Scott Walski.

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## ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** for adults who are discerning the possibility of becoming Catholic. Classes meet every two weeks from 7:00pm–8:30pm in the Sacred Heart Church basement. Next class is on Tues., **Dec. 12**.

**OUR CHRISTMAS PENANCE SERVICE** will be on Sun., **Dec. 17, at 4:00pm at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, for Minto & Warsaw parishes together.** Other area penance services are St. John's, Grafton, Sun., **Dec. 10**, at 4:00pm; St. Edward's, Drayton, Sun., **Dec. 10**, at 7:00pm; St. Mary's, Park River, Thurs., **Dec. 14**, at 7:00pm; St. Brigid's, Cavalier, Fri., **Dec. 15**, at 5:30pm.

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to attend a Special Event at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Minto!** On Sunday, **Dec. 3**, starting at 4 PM in the church auditorium, Sacred Heart is hosting an **Ultreya** for anyone who has attended a Cursillo retreat weekend and everyone who is interested in learning more about Cursillo. **All are welcome to attend!** The event will begin with grouping and then a witness talk will be given. Dan and Hayley Kaffar from Devils Lake will share how God and their faith have helped them on their journey with their daughter who has Usher's Syndrome. Then a potluck supper will be served. Meat and buns will be provided. A Cursillo is a 3-day retreat weekend that is sponsored by the Diocese of Fargo. For more information about the event or Cursillo, please contact Rod or Joan Schanilec at 248-3930 or 701-360-2499.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION** will be taken next weekend. A religious sister writes, "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders." Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please be generous. Envelopes are in your boxed set of envelopes or you may use your own plain white envelope clearly marked Retirement Fund for Religious with your name and donation amount on it if you want credit for your donation.

**Please note:** If you are a parishioner at Sacred Heart but you give your holy day or special collection envelope at Warsaw or if you are a St. Stanislaus parishioner, but you give your envelope at Minto, please put your name on the envelope. Some of the envelopes for holy days and special collections look the same in both parishes. Without a name on the envelope we just have the number to go by. Someone in the other parish with the same number as you have might get credit for your donation if there is no name on the envelope.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** Wed., **Dec 6**. Grades K-8 meet from 6:15pm to 7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, and grades 9-12 meet at 7:00pm at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw.

**ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH** of Warsaw will be hosting the **monthly birthday party** at the Lutheran Sunset Home of Grafton on Thurs, **Dec. 14**, starting at 2:30pm with a short program. We invite all parishioners from both parishes and guests to join us at the Sunset Home for an afternoon of song, goodies, and holiday cheer.

**WOMEN OF GRACE BIBLE STUDY:** The last session for the Book of James is on **Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:15pm** at Sacred Heart Church auditorium, Minto. Refreshments will be served. If you can bring goodies to share, please call Joan or Doreen. All women are welcome to attend.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Donations for Christmas flowers can be made in your own name or in memory of a loved one by placing your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and putting it in the collection basket or mailing it to the parish office, PO Box 316, Minto ND 58261. Please indicate which parish your donation is for.

**BEST ADVENT EVER** is a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during this busy season. Sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp](http://DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp). Starting **Dec. 3**, the First Sunday of Advent, participants will receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into their everyday lives, and personal stories from Dynamic Catholic team members. Discover how to find joy this Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY** Sun., **Dec. 24**, 6:00pm to 7:30pm, St. John the Evangelist Parish Center, 1515 Western Ave., Grafton. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Entertainment. Door prizes. Don't be alone this Christmas. Please call 520-0591 before 4:00pm on Dec. 24 if you need a ride.

**PNA LODGE 3043** will meet on Sun., **Dec. 3**, at 7:00pm at the Minto Community Center. Members and friends are welcome. Lunch will be served.

**SPAGHETTI FEED BENEFIT FOR BRIAN MISIALEK** on Friday, **December 15**, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the Minto Community Center. Brian has been diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease. All proceeds will benefit Brian and his family. Also silent auction and bake sale. For more info or to find out how you can help, contact Michelle Flanders (701-360-1146) or Tiffany Boespflug (218-686-5692).

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## MINTO

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**IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:** The tree line west of the parish rectory has been removed and the area will be seeded into grass. Tree branches have been breaking off over the last few years and there was a risk of damage to the garage.

**THANK YOU** for the following donation: **Sacred Heart Cemetery:** In memory of **Lucille Votava** by Mary A. Mondry.

**ST. NICHOLAS WILL BE VISITING** at the end of the 8:30am Mass on Sun., **Dec. 3**, at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, and will be handing out a treat to children of all ages. After Mass in the church basement we will be serving **refreshments** including rolls, muffins, fruit, juice, and coffee for everyone. **Please come downstairs for some holiday cheer after St. Nick's visit.**

**SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING** Mon., **Dec. 11, 6:30pm. Note time change.** We will have the installation of officers at this meeting followed by refreshments. The officers are President - Virginia Brazil, Vice-President - Helen Zikmund, Secretary - Lynn Lane, Treasurer - Doreen Gruchala. All members are welcome to attend.

**THE 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** have been set out. Please pick up your boxed set of envelopes as soon as possible.

**THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLETS FOR ADVENT AND THE 2018 CALENDARS** are now set out. Please pick them up.

**THE ADVENT GIVING TREE** is now up in Minto from **Nov. 18 until Dec. 18**. Please take a tag and return a gift in a **gift bag**. Gifts must be new. There are tags for infants, children, & adults. Suggestions: For infants - diaper sizes 2, 3, & 4; sleepers, t-shirts, blankets. For toddlers and children - mittens, gloves, caps, hats, socks, nightclothes, and toys. For teens—gift cards. **Especially needed are gifts for teenage boys - items like sweaters, shirts, t-shirts (clothing items size 8 on up), gloves, socks, games.** For adults - gloves, slippers, caps, scarves, small throws or fleece blankets (especially for the elderly), gas cards. These items will go to **Walsh County Social Services** to be distributed to those in need. Also there are tags for non-perishable food items and for non-food items for the **Walsh County Food Pantry, which really needs your help this year to fill its shelves!** **Items especially needed for the food pantry are canned or stewed tomatoes, green beans, peanut butter, tuna, and long spaghetti noodles.** No outdated items or open packages please. Food pantry items do not have to be in gift bags. The first batch of items will be taken to Grafton on Mon., **Dec. 4**, and the final batch of items will be taken on Mon., **Dec. 18**. Please help those in need during the Christmas season.

**DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING:** Jason & Jodi Hefta, Dennis Helmowski, Nick & Lynn Lane, Scott & Peggy Lutovsky, Ann Mondry, Mary Mondry, John & JoAnn Riske, Darrell Rudnik, Don & Marianne Rudnik, Mark & Michele Spale.

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## WARSAW

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**THE ADVENT GIVING TREE** is up in Warsaw. Please take a tag from the tree and help those in need during the Christmas season.

**ST. NICHOLAS WILL BE VISITING** at the end of the 10:30am Mass on Sun., **Dec. 3**, at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, and will be handing out a treat to all the children.