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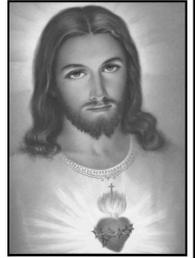
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**March 10, 2019**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

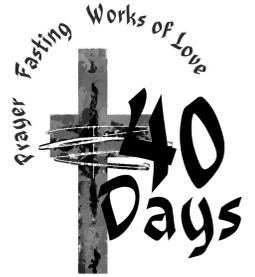
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**HOLY MASS, BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES**  
**HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**  
*Basilica of Santa Sabina - Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019*



“Blow the trumpet [...] sanctify a fast” (Joel 2:15), says the prophet in the first reading. Lent opens with a piercing sound, that of a trumpet that does not please the ears, but instead proclaims a fast. It is a loud sound that seeks to slow down our life, which is so fast-paced, yet often directionless. It is a summons to stop – a “halt!” –, to focus on what is essential, to fast from the unnecessary things that distract us. It is a wake-up call for the soul.

This wake-up call is accompanied by the message that the Lord proclaims through the lips of the prophet, a short and heartfelt message: “Return to me” (v 12). To return. If we have to return, it means that we have wandered off. Lent is the time to rediscover the *direction of life*. Because in life’s journey, as in every journey, what really matters is not to lose sight of the goal. If what interests us as we travel, however, is looking at the scenery or stopping to eat, we will not get far. We should ask ourselves: On the journey of life, do I seek the way forward? Or am I satisfied with living in the moment and thinking only of feeling good, solving some problems and having fun? What is the path? Is it the search for health, which many today say comes first but which eventually passes? Could it be possessions and wellbeing? But we are not in the world for this. *Return to me*, says the Lord. *To me*. The Lord is the goal of our journey in this world. The direction must lead to him.

Today we have been offered a sign that will help us find our direction: the head marked by ash. It is a sign that causes us to consider what occupies our mind. Our thoughts often focus on transient things, which come and go. The small mark of ash, which we will receive, is a subtle yet real reminder that of the many things occupying our thoughts, that we chase after and worry about every day, nothing will remain. No matter how hard we work, we will take no wealth with us from this life. Earthly realities fade away like dust in the wind. Possessions are temporary, power passes, success wanes. The *culture of appearance* prevalent today, which persuades us to live for passing things, is a great deception. It is like a blaze: once ended, only ash remains. Lent is the time to free ourselves from the illusion of chasing after dust. Lent is for rediscovering that we are created for the inextinguishable flame, not for ashes that immediately disappear; for God, not for the world; for the eternity of heaven, not for earthly deceit; for the freedom of the children of God, not for slavery to things. We should ask ourselves today: Where do I stand? Do I live for fire or for ash?

(To read more, go to [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2019/documents/papa-francesco\\_20190306\\_omelia-ceneri.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2019/documents/papa-francesco_20190306_omelia-ceneri.html))

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**DAILY MASS IN WARSAW:** Masses in Warsaw will be celebrated by Fr. Joseph Christensen Mon.-Fri. at 8:00am and on **Sat. at 9:00am** at St. Gianna’s Maternity Home Chapel. Confession is before Mass Mon.-Fri. from 7:45-7:55am and on Sat. from 8:45-8:55am.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday	Mar. 9	<b>5:00 pm (Minto)</b>	+ Joseph & Agnes Dauksavage by Anna Mae Gerszewski & family.	
Sunday	Mar. 10	<b>8:30 am (Minto)</b>	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
		<b>10:30 am (Warsaw)</b>	+ Hilary, Evelyn, & Wyatt Feltman by Maurice & Mary Beth Feltman.	
Monday	Mar. 11	<b>6:30 pm (Minto)</b>	+ Lynn Stoltman by Robert & Doreen Gruchala.	
Tuesday	Mar. 12	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Marcus Contreras by Elmer Altendorf.	
Wednesday	Mar. 13	8:00 am (Minto)	+ David Slominski by John & Gloria Mozinski.	
Thursday	Mar. 14	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Jim Walski by Carol Walski and family.	
Friday	Mar. 15	<b>7:30 am (Minto)</b>	+ Wallace & Hazel Heidelberger by Nick & Lynn Lane.	<b>Abstinence—Fridays of Lent</b>
		5:15 pm (Warsaw)	———Stations of the Cross———	
		7:00 pm (Minto)	———Stations of the Cross———	
Saturday	Mar. 16	8:00 am (Minto)	Living & deceased members of the Eismann & Stoltman families by Wilbert & Mary Jane Eismann.	
		<b>5:00 pm (Minto)</b>	+ Irene Mozinski by Francis & Paula Kilichowski.	
Sunday	Mar. 17	<b>8:30 am (Minto)</b>	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
		<b>10:30 am (Warsaw)</b>	+ Annette Risky by family & friends.	

**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** March 3, 2019: **Minto** = \$3,324 **Warsaw** = not available **FORMED CODE: M6G74Q**

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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**MINTO: Sat., March 16: Altar Servers:** Volunteers needed. **Lector:** Jennifer Kelley. **Ushers:** Lenny Schanilec & Michael Wysocki.

**Sun., March 17: Altar Servers:** Seth Robinson, Jacob Hefta, Kole Kittelson. **Lector:** Irene Evenson. **Ushers:** Donald Rudnik & George Kozel.

**WARSAW: Sun., March 10: Altar Servers:** Beau Feltman, Dominic Bushaw, Damian Bushaw.. **Lector:** Greg Feltman.

**Ushers:** John Graves & Merlyn Feltman. **Gift Bearers:** Dennis & Linda Slominski.

**Sun., March 17: Altar Servers:** Andrew Plutowski, Connor Gerszewski, Andrew Riske. **Lector:** Greg Feltman.

**Ushers:** John Graves & Merlyn Feltman. **Gift Bearers:** Dale & Judy Plutowski.

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## ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**GOD'S GIFT APPEAL:** Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2019 God's Gift Appeal. Sacred Heart Parish has 39% in paid pledges towards the goal of \$26,817 and St. Stanislaus Parish has 20% in paid pledges towards the goal of \$17,684. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in back of the church. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE** on Sun., **March 31**, at 4:00pm at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, for Minto & Warsaw parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services are Sun., March 31, 7:00pm, St. Edward's, Drayton; Mon., April 1, 7:00pm, St. Mary's, Park River; Sun., April 7, 12:30pm, St. John's, Pisek; Sun., April 7, 4:00pm, St. John's, Grafton.

**THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLETS FOR LENT** are in back of the church. Please pick up a copy.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL:** Encounter Norma. In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more information.

**LENT STUDY** – It is not too late to join the 40 Day Challenge for Lent study group which is open to men and women. There are 52 registered participants at this point and more books have been ordered – “The Activated Disciple” and guidebook by Jeff Cavins. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 14**, in the Sacred Heart Church dining room and will start promptly at **7:15 PM**. The focus of the week's lesson will be “Imitating God” and on the virtue of forgiveness. For information or to register, contact Rod or Joan Schanilec at 218-779-0768 or 360-2499; or Doreen at the church office at 248-3589. All are welcome!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** Wed., **March 13, for grades K-8, 6:15-7:30pm** at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, and for **grades 9-12, 6:45-8:00pm** at Sacred Heart Church, Minto.

**CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be on Sat., **April 6**, 7:00pm, St. John the Evangelist Church, Grafton. The Solemn Communion and parish celebration will be at Mass on Sunday, **April 7**, at both parishes.

**REBOOT! MARCH 20 - AN EVENT THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.** REBOOT! features internationally renowned Catholic speaker and author Chris Stefanick on **Wed., March 20, 6:30-9:00pm, St. John's Catholic Church, Grafton.** REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring, and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! There is no part of your life that will be left untouched! Do not miss the opportunity to gain insight into living life more fully – the life God has created for you! For more information, go online to [www.RealLifeCatholic.com](http://www.RealLifeCatholic.com) or contact Deacon Mike at 352-1648.

**REDEEMED 2019 “MADE FOR GREATNESS” MEN'S CONFERENCE:** Bishop John Folda invites all men of the Diocese of Fargo to join him on Saturday, **March 30**, at the Delta Hotel in Fargo for the REDEEMED 2019 Made for Greatness Men's Conference. Hear dynamic speakers such as Bill Donaghy (creator of the RISE 30 Day Men's Challenge), Father Sean Kilcawley (Integrity Restored), Bishop John Folda, and more as they unpack what leads to the authentic greatness. Early registration is only \$40 through March 10. For more information or to register, visit [www.fargodiocese.org/redeemedmen](http://www.fargodiocese.org/redeemedmen) or call Brad Gray (701) 356-7903.

**RETOUVAILLE: HELP FOR HURTING MARRIAGES:** Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has assisted hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that three out of four couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally **April 26-28** in Fargo with additional dates regionally available. Visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call (701) 356-7962 to find out more or to register.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH BISHOP FOLDA:** Bishop John Folda, along with guides Steve and Janet Ray, will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **October 9-18, 2019**. The pilgrimage is sponsored by the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, but pilgrims need not be members of the Order to sign up. You need only have a desire to walk in the footsteps of our Lord and to support our fellow Christians in the Holy Land. If you are interested in more information, please contact Angie Kolb, the pilgrimage coordinator, at [kolbangie@hotmail.com](mailto:kolbangie@hotmail.com).

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—MARCH 10, 2019 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:** “I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.” (DEUTERONOMY 26:10) This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits”, the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

**BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE** to benefit the Pregnancy Help Center of Park River. Please return the baby bottle to the church as soon as possible. Thank you for your commitment to life.

**PNA LODGE 3043 OF WARSAW** will meet Sun., **Mar. 10**, 7:00pm, Minto Community Center. All active & social members & friends are welcome.

**FISH FRY** **March 15, April 5 & 12**, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., St. John's Parish Center, Grafton. \$12.00 for all you can eat. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #3918. Dessert bar sponsored by St. John's Youth. Everyone is welcome.

**POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE POLISH FOOD FEST** Saturday, **March 30**, 2:00-6:00pm at the Minto Community Center. Homemade Polish food served and Polish dancers to perform. All are welcome.

**27th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER** Sunday, **April 7**, noon to 6:00pm, Holy Family Church Social Hall, 1018 18th Ave. S., Grand Forks. Free will offering. ALL proceeds donated to help those less fortunate.

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**THANK YOU** for the following donations: **Sacred Heart Cemetery:** In memory of **Martha Geery** by Brendan, Ginny, & Shannon Brazil. In memory of **Louise Schanilec** by Jan Altendorf. In memory of **Luke Lutovsky** by Jan Altendorf.

**SACRED HEART SOLEMN COMMUNION & PARISH CELEBRATION** in honor of the Confirmation/First Communion students will be on Sunday, **April 7**, at the 8:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Minto. **Breakfast** will be provided by the Sacred Heart Altar Society following the Mass. (No charge; no free will.) All parishioners, relatives, friends, and guests are invited to come downstairs after Mass for the breakfast in honor of the Confirmation/First Communion students. All are welcome!

**LENTEN FOOD PANTRY DRIVE** until Palm Sunday at Sacred Heart, Minto, for the Walsh County Food Pantry. All kinds of non-perishable food items and non-food items are needed. No open packages or outdated items please. Please put items in the area where the Giving Tree is set up at Christmas time.

**MARCH CHURCH CLEANING:** Kurt & Jennifer Kelley, Layne & Traci Kittelson, Dale Korynta, Mathew Korynta, Tim Mondry, Tyler & Janesa Narloch, **Rod & Joan Schanilec (lead family)**, Vern Schreiner.

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## WARSAW

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**ST. STANISLAUS SOLEMN COMMUNION & PARISH CELEBRATION** in honor of the Confirmation/First Communion students will be on Sunday, **April 7**, at the 10:30am Mass at St. Stanislaus in Warsaw.