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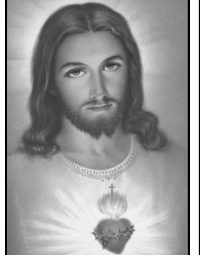
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Pope Francis
Basilica of Santa Sabina
Wednesday, 1 March 2017

"Return to me with all your heart... return to the Lord" (Jl 2:12, 13). The prophet Joel makes this plea to the people in the Lord's name. No one should feel excluded: "Assemble the aged, gather the children, even infants at the breast, the bridegroom... and the bride" (v. 16). All the faithful people are summoned to come and worship their God, "for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" (v. 13).

We too want to take up this appeal; we want to return to the merciful heart of the Father. In this season of grace that begins today, we once again turn our eyes to his mercy. Lent is a path: it leads to the triumph of mercy over all that would crush us or reduce us to something unworthy of our dignity as God's children. Lent is the road leading from slavery to freedom, from suffering to joy, from death to life. The mark of the ashes with which we set out reminds us of our origin: we were taken from the earth, we are made of dust. True, yet we are dust in the loving hands of God, who has breathed his spirit of life upon each one of us, and still wants to do so. He wants to keep giving us that *breath of life* that saves us from every other type of breath: the stifling *asphyxia* brought on by our selfishness, the stifling asphyxia generated by petty ambition and silent indifference – an asphyxia that smothers the spirit, narrows our horizons and slows the beating of our hearts. The breath of God's life saves us from this asphyxia that dampens our faith, cools our charity and strangles every hope. To experience Lent is to yearn for this breath of life that our Father unceasingly offers us amid the mire of our history.

The breath of God's life sets us free from the asphyxia that so often we fail to notice, or become so used to that it seems normal, even when its effects are felt. We think it is normal because we have grown so accustomed to breathing air in which hope has dissipated, the air of glumness and resignation, the stifling air of panic and hostility.

(To read more, go to http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2017/documents/papa-francesco_20170301_omelia-ceneri.html)

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.
No Mass in Warsaw Monday-Friday, March 6-10. There will be Mass on Sat., Mar. 11.



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Mar. 4	5:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	
Sunday	Mar. 5	8:30 am (Minto)	+ Catherine Langowski by her family.	1st Sunday of Lent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Adrian Kosmatka by Mike & Arlene Deitz.	
Monday	Mar. 6	7:00 pm (Minto)	+ Christine Purser by Gary & Liz Grzadzielewski.	
Tuesday	Mar. 7	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Agraphine Rivard by Robert & Doreen Gruchala.	<i>Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs</i>
Wednesday	Mar. 8	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Loma Rudnik by Jan Altendorf.	<i>St. John of God, Religious</i>
Thursday	Mar. 9	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Helen & Bill Novak by Eugene Dauksavage.	<i>St. Frances of Rome, Religious</i>
Friday	Mar. 10	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Robert Plutowski by Brian & Kelly Schanilec.	Abstinence—Fridays of Lent
		5:15 pm (Warsaw)	—Stations of the Cross—	
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Saturday	Mar. 11	8:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Lorraine Duray by Dean Osowski.	First Communion Retreat in Warsaw.
		5:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	
Sunday	Mar. 12	8:30 am (Minto)	For Mary Osowski on her 100th birthday.	2nd Sunday of Lent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Timothy Heier by family & friends.	

CONFESSIONS Sat. 3:45-4:45 pm (Minto), before weekday Mass from 7:30-7:50 am (Minto); & anytime... just call.
Also Confession Time: 1/2 hour before Sunday Masses (8-8:20am Minto & 10-10:20am Warsaw)

WEEKLY OFFERING February 26, 2017: **Minto = \$2,227** **Warsaw = \$1,735**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, March 11: Altar Servers: Jack Kennedy. **Lector:** Jennifer Kelley.

Ushers: Lenny Schanilec and Michael Wysocki. **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** Intinction with the Precious Blood.

Sunday, March 12: Altar Servers: Blaise Miller. **Lector:** Irene Evenson.

Ushers: Donald Rudnik and George Kozel. **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** Intinction with the Precious Blood.

WARSAW: Sunday, March 5: Altar Servers: Beau Feltman, Andrew & Simon Plutowski. **Lector:** Mary Beth Feltman.

Ushers: John Graves and Dale Collette. **Gift Bearers:** Maurice & Mary Beth Feltman.

Sunday, March 12: Altar Servers: Joachim Kazmierczak, Jaxon Sands, Ben Gudajtes. **Lector:** Mary Beth Feltman.

Ushers: John Graves and Dale Collette. **Gift Bearers:** Roger & Sandy Schuster.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE 2017 ANNUAL GOD'S GIFT APPEAL, "Let the Church Always be a Place of Mercy", has begun in our parishes. If you have not yet made a gift to the God's Gift Appeal, we invite you to do so today. Every dollar raised to help make our goal supports important diocesan services. Please be as generous as possible with your pledge. The goal for Sacred Heart is \$25,193 and the goal for St. Stanislaus is \$17,863.

THE WORD AMONG US FOR LENT BOOKLETS are now available in our churches. Please pick up a copy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES on Wed., **March 8**. Grades K-8 will have classes from 6:15-7:30pm at St. Stanislaus in Warsaw. Grades 9-12 will have classes at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart in Minto.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING on Wed., **Mar. 8**, at 6:30pm at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT for parent & child on Sat., **Mar. 11**, 8:15am to 12 noon at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION for the area parishes will be on **Fri., April 7, 6:00pm at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw**. Parish celebrations will be at Mass on Sunday, **April 9**, at Sacred Heart Church and at St. Stanislaus Church.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — YOUNG DISCIPLES CAMP at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, **July 10-14** for students who have completed grades K-6.

WOMEN'S CURSILLO GROUPING on the 1st Thurs. of the month. Next meeting on **April 6**, 7:00 pm by Mary's altar, Sacred Heart Church, Minto.

OPERATION RICE BOWL — ENCOUNTER INNOVATION: Please pick up a "Rice Bowl" with attached Lenten calendar from the back of the church, make a donation, and return the "Rice Bowl" to the church after Easter. Using the Lenten calendar, we encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

WOMEN...Join us Saturday, March 11, for the "REDEEMED" Beloved Daughter Conference at the Holiday Inn, Fargo. Keynoters include Colleen Carroll Campbell, author of her spiritual memoir *My Sisters the Saints*, former presidential speech-writer, and founding anchor for EWTN Nightly News; Sister Mary Elizabeth, SV, Vicar General of the Sisters of Life; as well as Eric Genuis, world-class virtuoso pianist and composer. Registration fee is \$35 after Feb. 19. Young women ages 14-17 attending with an adult are free. We are expecting a sold-out conference so register early to secure your seat. For more info or to register online, visit <http://www.fargodiocese.org/redeemedwomen> or call Jennie Korsmo at (701) 356-7901.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY AND FATIMA: Is Mary, through the triumph of her Immaculate Heart, calling you to the pilgrimage of a lifetime to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun"? You are invited to join Fr. Peter Anderl, Spiritual Director for the World Apostolate of Fatima, and Fr. Andrew Jasinski for an incredible experience of grace **October 2-14, 2017**, on the Diocese of Fargo pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Fatima, commemorating the wonderful miracles of Fatima that occurred 100 years ago. The registration deadline is **March 20, 2017**, so act now by calling Colleen at 877-453-7426, or sending an email to colleen@jericochristianjourneys.com. For pricing and other information, see the brochure available in back of the church or at www.fargodiocese.org/fatima100.

SAVE THE DATES: Food for the Lenten Journey at Holy Family Church, 1018 18th Ave S., Grand Forks. From the writings of Pope Francis: Fr. Al Bitz on "The Joy of Love" **March 19**, 6:30pm and Fr. James Ermer on "Care for Our Common Home", the environment, on **March 26**, 6:30 pm.

25TH ANNUAL "OLD-FASHIONED SPAGHETTI DINNER" Sun., **April 2**, noon to 6:00pm, Holy Family Catholic Church Social Hall, 1018 18th Ave. S., Grand Forks. Free will offering. **All** proceeds donated to help those less fortunate.

MINTO QUICK RESPONSE is in need of volunteers! Open forum meeting **Sunday, March 5**, 7:00pm at the Minto Fire Hall. **NOTE date correction.** Any questions, call or text Jenny 520-0919. If we don't get some members, we may lose our response team.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sun., **Mar. 12**, 9:00am to 1:00pm, Minto Community Center in support of Minto School SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). Free will offering. Everyone is welcome!

BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE FOR MARY OSOWSKI ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY on Sunday, **March 12**, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Sun Room at the Lutheran Sunset Home, Grafton. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate with her!

PNA LODGE 3043 will meet on Sunday, **March 12**, at 7:00pm at the Minto Community Center. Final plans for the Polish Food Fest will be made. Lunch will be served after the business meeting. All active and social members and their guests are welcome.

BAKED POTATO FUNDRAISER Tues., **Mar. 14**, 5:00pm-7:00pm, Minto Community Center. Baked potatoes with toppings plus desserts. Help support Minto Girl Scout Troop 20135 with their efforts to raise funds for their trip to Savannah, Georgia, birthplace of the Girl Scouts! Free will offering.

MINTO

LENTEN FOOD PANTRY DRIVE from Ash Wednesday 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.

SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING Mon., **Mar. 6, after the 7:00pm Mass**, church basement. Note date change from our regular 2nd Monday of the month date and the time change. All members are invited to attend.

SACRED HEART CHOIR PRACTICE Tues., **Mar. 14**, 7:00pm. Anyone who wants to sing for Lent and Easter even if you haven't sung with the choir before is welcome to come.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIM STATUE: The World Apostolate of Fatima "Blue Army" division of the Fargo Diocese is offering the "Home Visiting Pilgrim Statue Program" to our homes. Please sign up for Mary's visit to your home for a week or a day. The sign-up binder for home visits is on the card table in back of the church. It's not too late to sign up! Any questions, please contact Bethany Plutowski, WAF representative for St. Stanislaus and Sacred Heart, at 701-699-2681 or email bethplutowski@gmail.com.

MARCH CHURCH CLEANING: Jane Evenson, Kurt & Jennifer Kelley, Lane Kelley, John & Lynette Kennedy, Dale Korynta, Mathew Korynta, Tyler & Janesa Narloch, Rod & Joan Schanilec, Vern Schreiner, Louie Slominski, Sr.

WARSAW

ST. STANISLAUS ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING Tuesday, **March 14**, 7:00pm in the St. Stanislaus Church basement.

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

OPEN HOLY HOUR on Sundays at 2:00pm. You may call Joan Schanilec at 701-360-2499 if you are able to take this holy hour.