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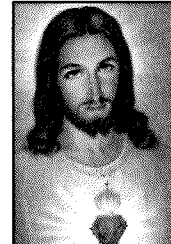
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Straighten the Path: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday of Advent

Our God is coming. The time of exile—the long separation of humankind from God due to sin—is about to end. This is the good news proclaimed in today’s liturgy.

Isaiah in today’s First Reading promises Israel’s future release and return from captivity and exile. But as today’s Gospel shows, Israel’s historic deliverance was meant to herald an even greater saving act by God—the coming of Jesus to set Israel and all nations free from bondage to sin, to gather them up and carry them back to God.

God sent an angel before Israel to lead them in their exodus toward the promised land. And He promised to send a messenger of the covenant, Elijah, to purify the people and turn their hearts to the Father before the day of the Lord.

John the Baptist quotes these, as well as Isaiah’s prophecy, to show that all of Israel’s history looks forward to the revelation of Jesus. In Jesus, God has filled in the valley that divided sinful humanity from Himself. He has reached down from heaven and made His glory to dwell on earth, as we sing in today’s Psalm.

He has done all this not for humanity in the abstract but for each of us. The long history of salvation has led us to this Eucharist, in which our God again comes and our salvation is near. And each of us must hear in today’s readings a personal call. Here is your God, Isaiah says. He has been patient with you, Peter says in today’s Epistle.

Like Jerusalem’s inhabitants in the Gospel, we have to go out to Him, repenting our sins, all the laziness and self-indulgence that make our lives a spiritual wasteland. We have to straighten out our lives so that everything we do leads us to Him.

Today, let us hear the beginning of the Gospel and again commit ourselves to lives of holiness and devotion.
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec. 9	5:00 pm (Minto)	Brad & Nadine Schanilec family by Janelle Schanilec.	
Sunday	Dec. 10	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Second Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Dawn Wosick by George Wosick.	
Monday	Dec. 11	_____	No Monday morning Masses.	<i>St. Damasus I, Pope</i>
Tuesday	Dec. 12	7:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Frieda Walski by John & Sharon Graves.	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
Wednesday	Dec. 13	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Tony & Jane (Wysocki) Zidon by the Zidon family.	<i>St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr</i>
Thursday	Dec. 14	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Evelyn T. Feltman by the family.	<i>St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>
Friday	Dec. 15	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Syl & Eleanor Grzadzielewski by Judy Gray and family.	
Saturday	Dec. 16	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Willie Kosmatka.	
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ John & Madeline Schanilec by Jim Schanilec family.	
Sunday	Dec. 17	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Ignatz & Stella Ginter by Michael Ginter.	
		4:00 pm (Warsaw)	Advent Reconciliation Service for Warsaw & Minto together in Warsaw.	

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 December 3, 2023: Minto = \$4,384. Warsaw = \$2,088.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, December 16: Altar Servers: Kole Kittelson & Jakob Kittelson. Lector: Stephanie Nice.

Sunday, December 17: Altar Servers: Isaac Hefta & Liam Hefta. Lector: Keith Zikmund.

WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 10: Altar Servers: Damian Bushaw, James Vandal, Blake & Brayden Lizakowski. Lector: Trevor Slominski.

Sun., Dec. 17: Altar Servers: Ben Gudajtes, Krystian Gudajtes, Julian Risky, Edmund Sweeney. Lector: Trevor Slominski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on Sun., Dec. 17, 4:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, for both parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services will be Sun., Dec. 10, at 4:00 pm at St. John's in Grafton and Sun., Dec. 17, 12 noon at St. John Nepomucene, Pisek.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: St. Stanislaus, Warsaw: Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday, December 24, will be at 7:30 p.m. (Fr. Christensen) and the Christmas Day Mass on Monday, December 25, will be at 10:30 a.m. (Fr. Moen). **Sacred Heart, Minto:** Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday, December 24, will be at 8:00 p.m. (Fr. Moen) and the Christmas Day Mass on Monday, December 25, will be at 8:30 a.m. (Fr. Moen).

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROCESSION at Warsaw and at Minto on Sunday, December 24, at the beginning of the Christmas Eve Masses. Children should meet in the church basement 20 minutes before Mass to get into their costumes.

DONATIONS: Please make all 2023 donations for the church by Dec. 31, 2023. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2023 donations.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION ON DECEMBER 10: Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education, and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously. Envelopes are in your boxed set of envelopes or use one of your own envelopes marked Retirement Fund for Religious and include your name if you so wish.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Envelopes for Christmas flowers were attached to a previous bulletin. Please return the envelope or your own plain white envelope clearly marked "Christmas Flowers" by putting it in the collection basket any time starting now. If your donation is given as a memorial, please include in whose memory it is given. Donations can also be mailed to the parish office, PO Box 316, Minto ND 58261. Please indicate which parish your donation is for. If no parish is indicated, the donation will go to the parish (Minto or Warsaw) at which you are a registered member or to the parish at which it is received. Thank you for helping our churches look beautiful for Christmas!

2024 CALENDARS have been set out in back of both churches. Please pick them up.

THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLETS FOR ADVENT have been set out in back of our churches. Please pick up a copy.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades K-8 on Wed., Dec. 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Minto.

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE in Minto & in Warsaw from Nov. 18 through Dec. 18. Please take a tag and return a gift in a gift bag. If you don't find the tag you are looking for, you may make your own tag listing the age and gender your gift is for. Gifts must be new. Gifts 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** at St. John's Church in Grafton. No outdated items or open packages please. Food pantry items do not have to be put into gift bags. Please help those in need during the Christmas season. The final batch of gifts will be taken to Grafton on Dec. 18. On Monday, Dec. 4, 69 gift bags were taken to Walsh County Social Services from Sacred Heart and St. Stanislaus Parishes. Many of the gift bags had several items in them. There were 106 items taken to the Walsh County Food Pantry last Monday also. Thank you to all for your generosity.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS are being prepared for those in need and are available for pickup from Nov. 13 through Dec. 28, 1:00pm-4:00pm, Monday through Thursday at the Walsh County Food Pantry, 344 West 15th St., Grafton. The Food Pantry does not deliver baskets.

FAMILY ADVENT CALENDAR CHALLENGE FLYERS for the Walsh County Food Pantry were attached to a previous bulletin. For every day from Dec. 1 to Dec. 24, add an item to a box or bag for the Food Pantry. Substitute items as you see fit. Donate the contents to the Walsh County Food Pantry January 2-4, 2024. Monetary donations are welcome also. Mail them to Walsh County Food Pantry, 344 West 15th St., Grafton ND 58237.

CHRISTMAS BINGO at St. Mary's Church hall, Park River, on Dec. 10., at 2:00pm. Cash & assorted prizes. \$5. per card. 20 games.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY Sun., Dec. 10, 1:00-5:30pm, Golden Age Club house, Minto. Potluck supper. Members & guests welcome.

MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **Felix & Rita Rudnik and Rudy Rudnik** by Deb & Dan Musser and family. In memory of **Peter & Dorothy Kilichowski and Elmer Altendorf** by Marvin & Sherrie Altendorf. In memory of **Lee Kozel** by George & Wilma Kozel. In memory of **deceased family members** by Bill & Denise Lien. In memory of **Walter & Christine Misialek** by Chris Misialek. In memory of **Armond Narloch** by John & Heather Narloch. In memory of **Roger DeVries** by Stephanie & Eric Nice. In memory of **my parents Paul & Lois Konst** by Paula Pengilly. In memory of **Rudy Rudnik** by Mary Rudnik. In memory of **Vic Sobolik** by Ryan & Jess Sobolik. In memory of **Sonny & Janice Wysocki** by their children Len, Brian, Shelly, & Sharlene and families. In memory of **William & Mary Mondry, Karen Farder, Lyle Mondry, and Allen Mondry** by Eugene & Mary Ellen Balek. In memory of **Lyle Mondry and Raymond Rudnik** by Mary A. Mondry. In memory of **Elmer Altendorf** by Jan Altendorf. In memory of **Mark Tibert** by Sue Tibert.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the Rolls After Mass on Sun., Dec. 3. Thank you to everyone who worked at and who brought in the extra goodies. Everything was delicious!! Thank you also to St. Nick for his visit and to those who prepared the St. Nick treats.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, MINTO, will be providing the entertainment and lunch for the monthly birthday party at the Lutheran Sunset Home in Grafton, on Thurs., Dec. 14. Program at 2:00pm followed by lunch. All are welcome to attend.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been set out in the entry of the church. Please pick up your boxed set of envelopes for 2024.

DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING: Lead person: **Lynn Lane.** Jason & Jodi Hefta, Layne & Traci Kittelson, Nick & Lynn Lane, Scott & Peggy Lutovsky, Mary A. Mondry, Suzie Nelson, Mark & Michele Spale.

WARSAW

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **Lorraine Duray and Roger Duray** by John & Heather Narloch. In memory of **Johnny & Martha Rudnik** by Henry Rudnik and Mary A. Mondry. **St. Stanislaus Cemetery:** In memory of **John Kosmatka and Steve & Lois Kosmatka** by Joel & Julie Czapiewski.

THANK YOU to St. Nicholas for his visit last Sunday after Mass and to those who prepared the treats.

DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING: Lead: **Greg & Rondee Feltman.** Dale & Anne Gerszewski, Brian & Mary Schuster, Carol Gerszewski.

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

WELCOME TO NEW ADORERS: Ben and Kahlie Schanilec will be taking the Holy Hour on Thursdays at 8:00pm. Ben can be reached at 701-520-0119 and Kahlie at 605-490-8894.

OPEN HOLY HOUR on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to take this holy hour, please call Joan at 701-360-2499.

GIVE THE GIFT OF PRAYER to friends and family! The Holy Hour cards in the Adoration Chapel have been redesigned. The new cards can be found on the podium where the registration book is. Free of charge.