



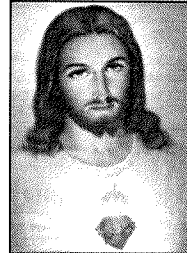
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What Do We Do? Dr. Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Advent

The people in today's Gospel are "filled with expectation." They believe John the Baptist might be the messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: "What then should we do?"

The messiah's coming requires every man and woman to choose—to "repent" or not. That's John's message and it will be Jesus' too.

"Repentance" translates a Greek word, metanoia (literally, "change of mind"). In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a twofold "turning"—away from sin and toward God. This "turning" is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life change. It requires "good fruits as evidence of your repentance". That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers, and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty, and social justice.

In today's Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the "good news" of John's call to repentance. We should examine our lives, asking from our hearts as they did: "What should we do?" Our repentance should spring not from our fear of coming wrath but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God.

This theme resounds through today's readings: "Rejoice! . . . The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all," we hear in today's Epistle. In today's Responsorial, we hear again the call to be joyful, unafraid at the Lord's coming among us.

In today's First Reading, we hear echoes of the angel's Annunciation to Mary. The prophet's words are very close to the angel's greeting. Mary is the Daughter Zion—the favored one of God, told not to fear but to rejoice that the Lord is with her, "a mighty Savior." She is the cause of our joy. For in her draws near the Messiah, as John had promised: "One mightier than I is coming."

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec. 11	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ Pete & Dorothy Kilichowski by Marvin & Sherrie Altendorf.	
Sunday	Dec. 12	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Third Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Dawn Wosick by George Wosick.	
		4:00 pm (Warsaw)	Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, for Warsaw and Minto parishes together.	
Monday	Dec. 13	_____	No Monday morning Masses in Minto.	<i>St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr</i>
Tuesday	Dec. 14	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Richard & Margie Kilichowski by Jane Evenson.	<i>St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>
Wednesday	Dec. 15	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Eva Contreras by Sacred Heart Altar Society.	
Thursday	Dec. 16	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Leona Schuster by Mary Ann Thiel.	
Friday	Dec. 17	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Rita Rudnik by Theresa Lutovsky and Paulette Moberg.	
Saturday	Dec. 18	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Mary Osowski by Sacred Heart Altar Society.	
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ John J. & Madeline Schanilec by the Jim Schanilec family. (Fr. Christensen.) (Confessions will begin at about 4:00 p.m. on Dec. 18.)	
Sunday	Dec. 19	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Fourth Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Ignatz & Stella Ginter by Mike Ginter.	

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 5, 2021: Minto = \$2,947 Warsaw = \$1,350

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, December 18: Altar Servers: Volunteers needed. **Lector:** Ann Mondry.

Sunday, December 19: Altar Servers: Riley Robinson & Isaac Hefta. **Lector:** Keith Zikmund.

WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 12: Altar Servers: Simon Plutowski, Krystian Gudajtes, Blake Lizakowski, Gabe Gudajtes. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

Sun., Dec. 19: Altar Servers: Jaxon Sands, James Vandal, Damian Bushaw, Julian Risky. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS YEAR CHRISTMAS, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, is on a Saturday. You will need to attend a Mass for Christmas and a Mass for Sunday. The 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening Mass in Minto on Christmas Day does not fulfill both obligations at the same time.

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROCESSION at Warsaw and at Minto on Friday, **December 24**, at the beginning of the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Children should meet in the church basement 20 minutes before Mass to get into their costumes.

DONATIONS: Please make all 2021 donations for the church by **Dec. 31, 2021**. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2021 donations.

OPLATKI: PNA Lodge 3043 will be placing OPLATKI wafers (the Christmas sharing wafer) in the entrances of both parishes the weekend of Dec. 18 - they are free to take, one per family.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Envelopes for Christmas flowers were attached to a previous bulletin. Please return the envelope or use your own plain white envelope clearly marked "Christmas Flowers" by putting it in the collection basket any time starting now. 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 during the Christmas season!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on Sun., **Dec. 12**, 4:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, for both parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services are Sun., Dec. 12, at 12 noon at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek. Sun., Dec. 19, at 4:00 pm at St. John's in Grafton.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION ON DEC. 11 & 12: Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection. Envelopes are in your boxed set of envelopes or use your own envelope marked Retirement Fund for Religious with your name on the envelope if you so wish. A second basket will be set out for this collection this weekend.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for **grades K-8** on Wed., **Dec. 15**, 6:30-7:45pm in Minto.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for **grades 9-12**, Wed., **Dec. 15**, St. Stanislaus Church basement, Warsaw, 6:45-8:00pm. A meal will be served from 6:15-6:45pm.

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE: The final batch of gifts and food will be taken to Grafton on Mon., **Dec. 13**. Thank you for all the donations.

FOR THOSE OF YOU who are able to make a weekly contribution to the church, please mail it to the parish office, PO Box 316, Minto ND 58261; drop it off at the parish office, or put it in the weekend collection basket.

2021 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL is still on-going until the end of this year. **Sacred Heart** has had **42.35%** of our registered families participate so far. Minto's parish goal is \$27,947.42 and is currently at **97.05%** of the goal. **St. Stanislaus** has had **48.91%** of registered families participate. Warsaw's parish goal is \$19,658.78 and is currently at **87.86%** of the goal. If you haven't participated in this year's appeal, there is still time to do so. You may donate online at fargodiocese.org/godsgiftappeal or mail your gift to **God's Gift Appeal**, Diocese of Fargo, 5201 Bishops Blvd S, Suite A, Fargo ND 58104-7605.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS are being prepared and are available for pickup from now through Dec. 29, 1:00pm-4:00pm, Monday through Thursday at the Walsh County Food Pantry, 344 West 15th St., Grafton. **Anyone in need is welcome to pick up a Holiday Food Basket.** You will need to bring a photo ID and proof of residency to get the Food Basket. The Food Pantry does not deliver baskets. Questions? Please call 352-1648.

FAMILY ADVENT CALENDAR CHALLENGE for the Walsh County Food Pantry. For every day from Dec. 1 to Dec. 24, add an item to a box or bag for the Food Pantry. Lists are by the bulletins. Substitute items as you see fit. On Jan. 3-6, donate the contents to the Walsh County Food Pantry. Monetary donations are welcome also. Mail them to Walsh County Food Pantry, 344 West 15th St., Grafton ND 58237. If you are doing the challenge but are not able to take your box or bags to the Food Pantry yourself, please leave them at Sacred Heart Church in the green grassy area at the bottom of the ramp as you go in the silver door on the west side of the church by Mon., **Jan. 3**, and they will be taken to the Food Pantry for you.

THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY will be Sun., **Dec. 12**, starting at 1:00 p.m. Card playing and Bingo. Potluck at about 4:30 p.m.

MINTO BOY SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sun., **Dec. 19**, 9:30am-1:00pm, Minto Community Center. Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus 11:00am-1:00pm.

MINTO

CONGRATULATIONS to Briar Jay Berg, son of Alek and Sarah (Barclay) Berg, and to Shay Collette Sway, daughter of Koby and Amanda (Barclay) Sway, who were baptized on Friday, November 26, 2021, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Minto.

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Sacred Heart Cemetery:** In memory of **Karen Farder** by Michael Farder. **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **Lyle Mondry** by Mary Mondry & family. In memory of **Johnny, Martha, & Raymond Rudnik** by Henry Rudnik & Mary Mondry. In memory of **Elmer Altendorf** by Marvin & Sherrie Altendorf. In memory of **Elmer Altendorf** by Jan Altendorf. In memory of **Paul Spoonland** by Rod & Joan Schanilec. From George & Wilma Kozel. In memory of **Louis & Anne Barta** by Anonymous.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended or worked at Rolls After Mass last Sunday. Despite the storm, there were about 35 people who attended.

SINGERS: As we approach Christmas, the choir is inviting more singers to join them. Singers in the 5th grade or older are asked to contact LaVerne Costello (218-779-6141) if you are interested or have questions.

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

WARSAW

CONGRATULATIONS to Drew Thielges and Helen Schuster, who were married on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Warsaw.

THANK YOU for the following donations: **St. Stanislaus Cemetery:** In memory of **Aaron Babinski** by LeRoy & Donna Kuta. **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **Johnny & Martha Rudnik** by Henry Rudnik & Mary Mondry. In memory of **David, Dorothy, & Stanley Slominski** by Dale & Anne Gerszewski.

ST. STANISLAUS: We are ready to invite additional singers to join the cantors and organists in singing for the Sunday Masses. You will need to be there for the rehearsals beginning at 9:30am each Sunday.

ADULT PRAYER GROUP at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, meets usually every Monday at 8:00pm. Join us when you can. Questions, call Bethany Plutowski 701-520-1935. Also info is on Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Adult-Prayer-Group-St-Stanislaus>

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

THE DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL will be closing at 4:00 p.m. on Fri., **Dec. 24**, and is closed as usual on Saturdays (Christmas Day and New Year's Day). The Chapel will reopen at the regular time of 12 noon on Sun., **Dec. 26**. There will be regular chapel hours on Fri., **Dec. 31**.