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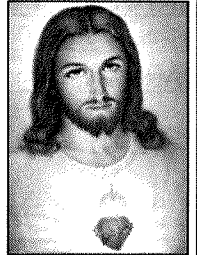
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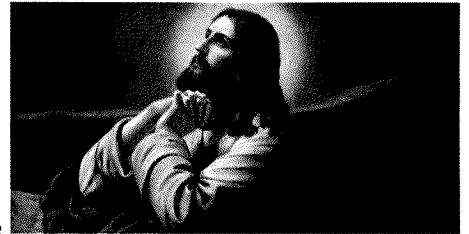


POPE FRANCIS—Excerpt from the GENERAL AUDIENCE

Library of the Apostolic Palace—Wednesday 9 December 2020

Catechesis on prayer - 18. The Prayer of Petition.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning! Let us continue our reflections on prayer. Christian prayer is fully human - we pray as humans, as what we are - it includes praise and supplication. Indeed, when Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He did so with the "Our Father", so that we might place ourselves in a relationship of filial trust with God, and ask Him all our questions. We implore God for the highest gifts: the sanctification of His name among men, the advent of His lordship, the realization of His will for good in relation to the world. The *Catechism* recalls that: "There is a hierarchy in these petitions: we pray first for the Kingdom, then for what is necessary to welcome it and cooperate with its coming" (no. 2632). But in the "Our Father" we also pray for the simplest gifts, for the most of everyday gifts, such as "daily bread" - which also means health, home, work, everyday things; and it also means for the Eucharist, necessary for life in Christ; and we also pray for the forgiveness of sins - which is a daily matter; we are always in need of forgiveness - and therefore peace in our relationships; and finally, that He may help us face temptation and free us from evil.



To ask, to supplicate. This is very human. Let us listen to the *Catechism* again: "By prayer of petition we express awareness of our relationship with God. We are creatures who are not our own beginning, not the masters of adversity, not our own last end. We are sinners who as Christians know that we have turned away from our Father. Our petition is already a turning back to Him" (no. 2629). If one feels bad because he has done bad things - he is a sinner - when he prays the "Our Father" he is already approaching the Lord. At times we can believe we do not need anything, that we are enough for ourselves, and we live in total self-sufficiency. This happens at times! But sooner or later this illusion vanishes. The human being is an invocation, that at times becomes a cry, often withheld. The soul resembles a dry, parched land, as the Psalm says (see *Psalm* 63:2). We all experience, at some time or another in our existence, the time of melancholy, of solitude. The Bible is not ashamed of showing our human condition, marked by disease, injustice, the betrayals of friends, or the threat of enemies. At times it seems that everything collapses, that the life lived so far has been in vain. And in these situations, when it seems that everything is falling apart, there is only one way out: the cry, the prayer "Lord, help me!" Prayer can open up a sliver of light in the densest darkness. "Lord, help me!" This opens: it opens up the road, it opens up the path.....

(To read more, go to http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20201209_udienza-generale.html)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec. 12	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ John J. & Madeline Schanilec by Jim Schanilec.	
Sunday	Dec. 13	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Third Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Alan Ebertowski by Polish National Alliance Lodge 3043.	
		4:00 pm (Minto)	Advent Reconciliation Service in Minto for both parishes.	
Monday	Dec. 14	_____	No morning Mass in Minto.	<i>St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>
Tuesday	Dec. 15	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Jim Walski by Carol Anne Walski.	
Wednesday	Dec. 16	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Luke Lutovsky by Kelly Schanilec.	
Thursday	Dec. 17	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Florence Waggoner by Brad & Nadine Schanilec.	
Friday	Dec. 18	8:00 am (Minto)	Special Intention by Kenny & Evelyn Kilichowski.	
Saturday	Dec. 19	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Joyce Gerszewski by Michael Gerszewski and family.	
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ John & Madeline Schanilec by Lenny Schanilec and family.	
Sunday	Dec. 20	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Fourth Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Leo & Helen Plutowski by Dorothy Plutowski and family.	

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.

Confessions in Minto will be in the confessional area & confessions in Warsaw will be in one of the classrooms in the church basement.

WEEKLY OFFERING December 6, 2020: **Minto = \$4,490 Warsaw = \$1,775**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Sat., Dec. 19: Lector: Ann Mondry.

Sun., Dec. 20: Lector: Keith Zikmund.

WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 13: Altar Servers: Simon Plutowski, Ben & Gabe Gudajtes, Andrew Riske. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

Sun., Dec. 20: Altar Servers: Joseph Vandal, Arthur Leininger, James Vandal, Michael Vetter. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. NICHOLAS DAY: Thank you to St. Nick for being at Mass last weekend in both parishes. Thank you also to St. Nick and his helpers for the treats of candy canes and holy cards for children of all ages.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on Sun., Dec. 13, 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, for both parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services are Sun., Dec. 13, at 12 noon at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek. Sun., Dec. 20, at 4:00 pm at St. John's in Grafton.

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!

DONATIONS: Please make all 2020 donations for the church by **Dec. 31, 2020**. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2020 donations.

OPLATEK WAFERS are available in the back of the church at both St. Stanislaus and Sacred Heart Parishes, provided by Warsaw PNA Lodge 3043. Sharing of this wafer by families and friends is a Polish custom during the Christmas season. It comes from the custom of "breaking bread".

THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLETS FOR ADVENT AND THE 2021 CALENDARS have been set out in back of our churches. Please take them.

BLACK AND INDIAN COLLECTION: Thank you to everyone who participated in the 136th annual Black and Indian Mission collection. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support! Thank you for your generosity.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION on Dec. 12 & 13. Your donation helps religious communities 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 envelope clearly marked "Retirement Fund for Religious". A second basket will be set out by the regular collection basket.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for grades 1-8 are being held this year at **St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw**. Next religious ed. classes for **grades 1-4** will be held on **Wed., Jan. 6**, and for **grades 5-8** on **Wed., Jan. 13**, both from 6:15 to 7:15pm with the parents' session in the church. Additional sacramental preparation classes for **grades 2 & 3** will be held on **Wed., Jan. 20 & 27**, at Warsaw from 6:15 to 7:15pm.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES **Wed., Dec. 16**, from **7:15pm to 8:15pm** at **Sacred Heart Church, Minto**. No classes on **Wed., Dec. 23 & 30**, because of Christmas break.

FR. MOEN WILL BE POSTING THE WEEKEND MASS after 6pm on Saturdays at "Sacred Heart and St. Stanislaus Catholic Churches'" Facebook page. Also Fr. Moen has recorded a Holy Hour in the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. You can watch it on the parishes' Facebook page or go to the parishes' website www.sh-ss.org.

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.

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 for the Food Pantry. Substitute items as you see fit. On Jan. 4-7, donate the contents to the Walsh County Food Pantry. They are open Monday through Thursday from 1:00-4:00pm. Monetary donations are welcome also. Mail them to Walsh County Food Pantry, 344 West 15th St., Grafton ND 58237. A list of items was attached to a previous bulletin. There is also a list on the bulletin board in back of the church and in Minto by the bulletins.

THANK YOU and an Update from Catholic Charities North Dakota: This year we are so thankful for all of you who have faithfully supported our mission to help those in need and advocate for the common good of all! We have received wonderful feedback on our video for Catholic Charities Sunday and over \$155,000 toward our goal of \$175,000. During these challenging times, supporting Catholic Charities North Dakota is a concrete way to help others. Please join us at www.CatholicCharitiesND.org to learn more and make your gift online today!

THE WALSH COUNTY SALVATION ARMY'S BIG RING is still going on just virtually due to COVID. All donations made will stay within the county. Any questions or to make a donation, please contact Shannon Brazil 701-215-3420, Lauren Wild 701-360-2141, or mail donations to American Legion Post 41, PO Box 41, Grafton, ND 58237.

MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Sacred Heart Cemetery:** In memory of **Janice Wysocki** by family & friends, by Arnold & Mary Ann Barclay, by Dennis & Linda Slominski, by Eleanore Narloch, by Doreen M. Wysocki & Julie A. Charter, by Jennette Feltman, by Jerry & Ellen Misialek, by Gray & Linda Babinski, and by Mark & Sue Tibert. In memory of **Stanley Zolondek** by Henry & Karen Duray, by Wally Ebertowski, by Jim Schanilec, by Betty Novak, by Gary & Bev Slominski, by Greg & Nancy Lizakowski, by Mike Wysocki, by Joe Koehmstedt, by Mark & Sue Tibert, and by family & friends. **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **Stanley Zolondek** by Jeff Glanner. In memory of **Armond Narloch** by Eleanore Narloch. In memory of **Ann Schanilec** by Lenny Schanilec. In memory of **Roger Larson** by Mark & Sue Tibert.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been set out in back of the church. Please pick up your boxed set. If you did not receive a box of envelopes and would like one or if you received a box of envelopes but no longer require it or if your child would like a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office at 248-3589 Tues.-Fri. from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

THE GIVING TREE: On **Mon., Dec. 7**, 199 items were taken to the Walsh County Food Pantry in Grafton for area families in need. The final batch of gifts and food pantry items will be taken to Walsh County Social Services and the Walsh County Food Pantry on **Mon., Dec. 14**. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Due to limited space by the Giving Tree, you may put your gifts and food pantry items under the tree like always or 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. Please have all items in the church **by Sunday night, Dec. 13**.

THANK YOU from the Walsh County Food Pantry for the groceries that were delivered to the Food Pantry last Mon. See the card on the bulletin board.

DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING: Jason & Jodi Hefta, Nick & Lynn Lane, Scott & Peggy Lutovsky, Ann Mondry, Mary A. Mondry, Susie Nelson, JoAnn Riske, Mark & Michele Spale.

WARSAW

THANK YOU for the following donation: **St. Stanislaus General Fund:** In memory of **Art Grabanski** by Jason & Michelle Flanders.

HENNING RESTORATION is repainting the areas damaged by the storm. They started in November. The project will take about a month to complete.

THE GIVING TREE: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Giving Tree and helped those in need at Christmas time. The gifts will be taken to Walsh County Social Services and the food pantry items will be taken to the Walsh County Food Pantry at St. John's in Grafton on **Mon., Dec. 14**.

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

WELCOME TO NEW ADORER Mary Schuster! She will be taking the Holy Hour on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

THE DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL will be **closed all day on Thursday, December 24, and all day on Christmas Day**. The Chapel will **reopen** at the regular time of 12 noon on Sunday, **Dec. 27**. There will be regular chapel hours on Dec. 31 & Jan. 1.