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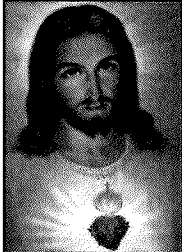
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# Here Is Your God: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Advent

John questions Jesus from prison in today's Gospel—for his disciples' sake and for ours.

He knows that Jesus is doing "the works of the Messiah," foretold in today's First Reading and Psalm. But John wants his disciples—and us—to know that the Judge is at the gate, that in Jesus our God has come to save us.

The Liturgy of Advent takes us out into the desert to see and hear the marvelous works and words of God—the lame leaping like a stag, the dead raised, the good news preached to the poor.

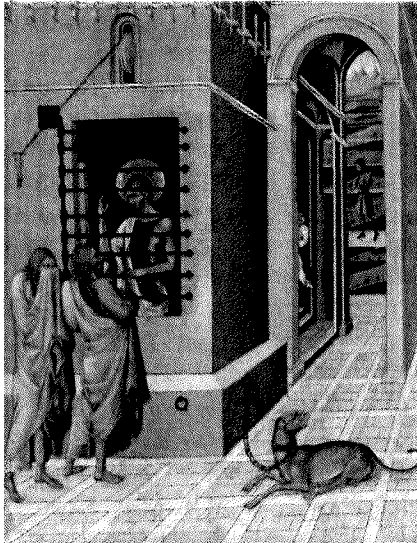
The Liturgy does this to give us courage, to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord.

As James advises in today's Epistle, we should take as our example the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Jesus also points us to a prophet—holding up John as a model. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide. John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples—and us—to our Savior.

We come to Him again now in the Eucharist. Already He has caused the desert to bloom, the burning sands to become springs of living water. He has opened our ears to hear the words of the sacred book, freed our tongue to fill the air with songs of thanksgiving.

Once bowed down, captives to sin and death, we have been ransomed and returned to His Kingdom, crowned with everlasting joy. Raised up, we now stand before His altar to meet the One who is to come: "Here is your God."



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec. 13	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ John & Johanna Paschke and John & Martha Durkin by Deb Slominski and family.	<b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b> Gaudate Sunday
Sunday	Dec. 14	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Dawn Wosick by George Wosick.	
Monday	Dec. 15	_____	No Monday morning Masses in Minto.	
Tuesday	Dec. 16	7:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Frieda Walski by Mary Jane Fisher.	
Wednesday	Dec. 17	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Syl & Eleanor Grzadzielewski by Judy & Jerry Gray and family.	
Thursday	Dec. 18	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Ignatz & Stella Ginter by Michael Ginter.	
Friday	Dec. 19	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Joyce Gerszewski by Michael Gerszewski and family.	
Saturday	Dec. 20	8:00 am (Minto)	+ LaVerne Mahar Costello by Sacred Heart Altar Society.	
		5:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	
Sunday	Dec. 21	8:30 am (Minto)	Rod & Joan Schanilec - 50th Wedding Anniversary by their family.	<b>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Julian, Eleanor, James, and David Ginter by Michael 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 7, 2025: Minto = \$4,912. Warsaw = \$4,832.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**MINTO: Saturday, December 20: Altar Servers:** Kole & Jakob Kittelson. **Lector:** Stephanie Nice

**Sunday, December 21: Altar Servers:** Isaac & Liam Hefta. **Lector:** Keith Zikmund.

**WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 14: Altar Servers:** Krystian Gudajtes, Julian Risky, Edmund Sweeney, Joseph Sands. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

**Sunday, December 21: Altar Servers:** Blake, Brayden, Bennett Lizakowski & John Paul Kerian. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

## ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WARSAW PNA LODGE** will distribute blessed Oplatek wafers ("sharing wafers" - a Polish custom at Christmas time) at BOTH parishes. Look for them in the church entry on the **weekends of Dec. 14 & Dec. 21**. Please share with your family.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Envelopes for Christmas flowers were attached to previous bulletins. 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. Donations can also be mailed to the parish office, PO Box 316, Minto ND 58261. Please indicate which parish your donation is for, your name if you so wish, and if it is a memorial, in whose memory your donation is given. 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!

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION** is this weekend, **Dec. 13 & 14**. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Your generosity today is not just a donation-it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Envelopes are in your boxed set of envelopes or use one of your own envelopes marked Religious Retirement Fund.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be on **Sun., Dec. 21, 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Minto**, for both parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services will be on **Sun., Dec. 14**, at St. John Nepomucene, Pisek, 12 noon and at St. John's, Grafton, at 4:00 p.m. **EXTRA CONFES-SION TIME** will be on **Wed., Dec. 24**, at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, from 11:00am until 12 noon.

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

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROCESSION** at **Warsaw** and at **Minto** on Wednesday, **Dec. 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. All children of any age are welcome to participate.

**DONATIONS:** Please make all 2025 donations for the church by Dec. 31, 2025. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2025 donations.

**THE WORD AMONG US FOR DEC./ADVENT AND THE 2026 CALENDARS** have been set out in our parishes. Please take them.

**THE ADVENT GIVING TREE:** Please have all gifts and food at the church by **December 14**. The final batch of gifts and food pantry items will be taken to Walsh County Social Services and to the Walsh County Food Pantry in Grafton on Dec. 15. Thank you for helping those in need at Christmastime.

**HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES:** **Wed., Dec. 17**. The girls meet with Mary Pat Jahner at her house in Warsaw from 6:45-8:00pm. The boys meet with Fr. Moen at the rectory in Warsaw from 7:00-8:15pm.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** for grades K-8 on **Wed., Dec. 17**, 6:30-7:30pm in Minto.

**ADVENT DAY OF RELFECTION:** **Sat., Dec. 20, (in-person or online)** from 10:00am-3:00pm. This month's theme will be on Advent. Register online at <https://forms.office.com/r/qvVtezHnt9> or contact Sr. Mary Ruth with questions at [smaryruth@scretreats.org](mailto:smaryruth@scretreats.org) / 701-242-7195.

**RESCHEDULED DATES: THE WALSH COUNTY SALVATION ARMY** will be accepting donations at the Forest River Café, **Thurs., Dec. 18**, from 7:00am-2:00pm and at the Minto Post Office, **Fri., Dec. 19**, from 7:00am-2:00pm.

## MINTO

**THANK YOU** for the following donations: **Sacred Heart Building Fund:** In memory of **deceased family members** by Jimmy & Breanna Barta. **Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel:** Donation from Jimmy & Breanna Barta. **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **Lee Kozel** by George & Wilma Kozel. In memory of **Armond Narloch** by Eleanore Narloch. In memory of **Elmer Altendorf and Pete & Dorothy Kilichowski** by Marvin & Sherrie Altendorf. In memory of **Josh Proulx** by Brandon & Heather Lizakowski. In memory of **Ann Schanilec** by her family. In memory of **Mark Tibert** by Sue Tibert. In memory of **William & Mary Mondry, Marilyn Behnkie, Allen Mondry, Lyle Mondry, and Karen Farder** by Gene & Mary Ellen Balek. In memory of **Walter & Christine Misialek** by Chris Misialek. In memory of **Donnie Riske** by Bonnie Riske. Donation from Rod & Joan Schanilec.

**THANK YOU** to St. Nicholas for his visit at last weekend's Masses and to those who prepared the St. Nicholas treats and to all of St. Nicholas's helpers.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who attended the soup and sandwich meal last Saturday after the 5:00pm Mass and to all who attended the breakfast after the 8:30am Mass last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who donated the soup or goodies or worked at last weekend's meals. Both meals were delicious.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make the Sunset Home birthday party on Dec. 11 a success. Thank you to all the singers, the accompanist, to everyone who made the bars and sandwiches, and to all who worked at the luncheon. It was all delicious.

**THANK YOU** to **Kilichowski Trucking and Construction** for volunteering to remove the old tree rows at St. Patrick's Cemetery. New trees will be planted in the spring.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH CHOIR** will be singing a **half hour before** the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass on **Wed., Dec. 24**, and a **half hour before** the 8:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass on **Thurs., Dec. 25**.

**A LECTOR IS NEEDED** at Sacred Heart, Minto, for the **Sundays of July, 2026**. Contact Fr. Moen to volunteer.

**THE 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES** for Sacred Heart parishioners have been set out in the front entry of the church. Please pick up your box of envelopes. If you did not receive a boxed set of envelopes but would like one, please contact the parish office at 248-3589.

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

## WARSAW

**THANK YOU** for the following donations: **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **our loved ones** by Maurice & Mary Beth Feltman. In memory of **Harry & Julia Kasprick and Alex & Agnes Feltman** by Merlyn Feltman. In memory of **our fathers, David Slominski and Richie Gerszewski**, by Dale & Anne Gerszewski. In memory of **Johnny & Martha Rudnik and Raymond Rudnik** by Gary & Tammy Lee family. In memory of **Patrick Mach** by Hody & Mary Mach. In memory of **Johnny Rudnik, Martha Rudnik, and Raymond Rudnik** by Henry Rudnik.

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

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING & NATIVITY SET-UP** at St. Stanislaus Church in Warsaw will be on **Sat., Dec. 20**, at 9:00 a.m. Lots of help is needed. Please come to help if you can.

**ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH CHOIR** will be singing a **half hour before** the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass on **Wed., Dec. 24**.

**COUPLE OF INSTRUMENTS TO GIVE AWAY** at St. Stanislaus Church: (1) Blonde wood Wurlitzer spinet piano in the choir loft. (2) Orga-Sonic electronic organ in the church basement. Contact Fr. Moen if you are interested.

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

## DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

**THE DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL** will be **closed all day** on Christmas Eve Day, **Dec. 24**, and on Christmas Day, **Dec. 25**. The Chapel will be open for regular hours on Dec. 26, Dec. 31, and on Jan. 1.