



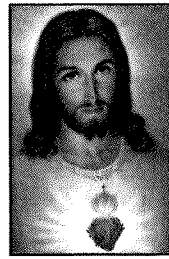
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What Do We Do?: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Advent

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

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| Saturday | Dec. 14 | 5:00 pm (Minto) | + John J. & Madeline Schanilec by Jim Schanilec family | |
| Sunday | Dec. 15 | 8:30 am (Minto) | For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw. | Third Sunday of Advent |
| | | 10:30 am (Warsaw) | + Roger Feltman by John & Kristine Risky. | |
| | | 4:00 pm (Minto) | Advent Reconciliation Service in Minto for both parishes together. | |
| Monday | Dec. 16 | _____ | No Monday morning Masses. | |
| Tuesday | Dec. 17 | _____ | No Tuesday morning Mass in Warsaw this week. | |
| Wednesday | Dec. 18 | 8:00 am (Minto) | + Donnie Riske by Bonnie Riske and family. | |
| Thursday | Dec. 19 | 8:00 am (Minto) | + Joyce Gerszewski by Michael Gerszewski and family. | |
| Friday | Dec. 20 | 8:00 am (Minto) | Rod & Joan Schanilec by Melissa Young. | |
| Saturday | Dec. 21 | 8:00 am (Minto) | Living & deceased members of the Sacred Heart Altar Society. | <i>St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i> |
| | | 5:00 pm (Minto) | .For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw. | |
| Sunday | Dec. 22 | 8:30 am (Minto) | + Dick & Mae Korynta by Raymond & Kathy Korynta. | Fourth Sunday of Advent |
| | | 10:30 am (Warsaw) | + Harold Zola by Dorothy Plutowski. | |

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 8, 2024: Minto = \$8,065. Warsaw = \$9,353.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, December 21: Altar Servers: Kole & Jakob Kittelson. **Lector:** Stephanie Nice.

Sunday, December 22: Altar Servers: Jack & Bennett Kennedy. **Lector:** Keith Zikmund

WARSAW: Sunday, Dec. 15: Altar Servers: Andrew Riske and Blake, Brayden, & Bennett Lizakowski. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

Sunday, December 22: Altar Servers: Ben Gudajtes, Andrew Riske, Krystian Gudajtes, John Paul Kerian. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROCESSION at **Warsaw** and at **Minto** on Tuesday, **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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on Sun., **Dec. 15, 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Minto**, for both parishes together. Another area Reconciliation service will be on Sun., **Dec. 15, 12 noon** at St. John Nepomucene, Pisek.

WARSAW PNA LODGE will distribute blessed Oplatek wafers ("sharing wafers" - Polish custom at Christmas time) at BOTH parishes. Look for them in the church entry on **the weekends of Dec. 15 & Dec. 22**. Please share with your family.

DONATIONS: Please make all 2024 donations for the church by **Dec. 31, 2024**. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2024 donations.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION was on **Dec. 7 & 8**. "Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next," says Sister Teresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement. To learn how your donation helps, visit retiredreligious.org. You may still make a donation if you have not already done so. Envelopes are in your boxed set of envelopes or use your own envelope marked Retirement Fund for Religious and include your name and parish if you so wish. Thank you for your generosity.

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. 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!

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades 9-12 will be on Wed., **Dec. 18**.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades **K-8** on Wed., **Dec. 18, 6:30-7:45 p.m.** at St. Stanislaus Church in Warsaw.

2025 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.

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE will be up in Minto and in Warsaw **through Dec. 15**. 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. 16**. Thank you to all for your generosity.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Living Our Faith, Building Our Future: It is not too late to make a donation or a pledge. As of Dec. 12, Sacred Heart was 66.28% towards its goal of \$157,089. with 26.51% participation. St. Stanislaus was 119.68% towards its goal of \$121,884. with 31.82% participation. Please make checks payable to Living Our Faith, Building Our Future. You may mail your donation directly to the Diocese of Fargo or you may put your Living Our Faith envelope into the collection basket.

MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **Harry & Amelia Hefta** by Anna DeVries. In memory of **deceased Mach family members** by Mary & Hody Mach. In memory of **Julian & Stephe Lizakowski** by Eleanore Narloch. In memory of **Roger DeVries** by Stephanie & Eric Nice. In memory of **Bernice Glanner** by Jeff Glanner. In memory of **Francis & Cecelia Schreiner** by Vern Schreiner. In memory of **David, Stanley, & Dorothy Slominski and Walter Paschke** by Deb Slominski. In memory of **William & Mary Mondry, Lyle Mondry, Allen Mondry, and Karen Farder** by Mary Ellen & Gene Balek. In memory of **Lyle Mondry, Johnny & Martha Rudnik, and Raymond Rudnik** by Mary A. Mondry. In memory of **Ed & Mamie Gudajtes** by Marge Gourde. In memory of **Elmer Altendorf** by Jan Altendorf. In memory of **Louise Schanilec** by Jim Schanilec family. In memory of **Vic Sobolik** by Ryan & Jessica Sobolik. In memory of **Julian R. & David Lizakowski** by Carol Nowling. In memory of **Armond & Linda Narloch** by Kathy Stahlecker. In memory of **Sonny & Janice Wysocki** by Gary & Shelly Syverson. Donations from anonymous and from Sue Ellen Tibert.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the breakfast at Sacred Heart Church on Sun., Dec. 8. Thank you to everyone who worked at it and who brought in the baked goods. Everything was delicious!! Thank you also to St. Nicholas for his visit and to those who prepared the St. Nicholas treats.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Sunset Home birthday party on Dec. 12 a success. Thank you to all the singers and to our accompanist. Thank you to everyone who served the luncheon, made sandwiches, and baked the goodies. It was all delicious!

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been set out in the entry of the church. Please pick up your boxed set of envelopes for 2025.

DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING: Lead person: Peggy Lutovsky. 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 **Patrick Mach, Lucian & Henrietta Grzadzielewski, Margie Weber, and John Grzadzielewski** by Mary & Hody Mach. In memory of **Johnny & Martha Rudnik and Raymond Rudnik** by Henry Rudnik. In memory of **Ed & Mamie Gudajtes** by Marge Gourde. **St. Stanislaus Cemetery:** In memory of **Henry Korczak** by Bonnie Riske.

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. 21**, at 9:00 a. m. Lots of help is needed. Please come to help if you can.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been set out in the entry of the church. Please pick up your boxed set of envelopes for 2025.

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

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

THE DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL will be **closed all day on Christmas Eve, Tues., Dec. 24, and all day on Christmas Day, Wed., Dec. 25**. The Chapel will **reopen** at the regular time of 12 noon on Thurs., **Dec. 26**. There will be regular chapel hours on Tues., **Dec. 31**, and on Wed., **Jan. 1**.