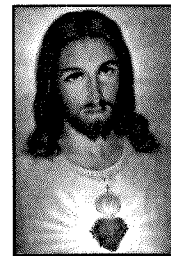




St. Stanislaus Parish
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December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

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One Who Is Coming: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Advent

The mysterious figure of John the Baptist, introduced in last week's readings, comes into sharper focus today. Who he is, we see in today's Gospel, is best understood by who he isn't.

He is not Elijah returned from the heavens, although like him he dresses in the prophet's attire and preaches repentance and judgment. Not Elijah in the flesh, John is nonetheless sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to fulfill his mission.

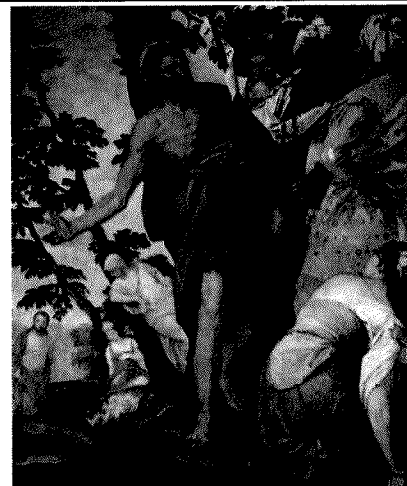
Neither is John the prophet Moses foretold, although he is a kinsman and speaks God's word. Nor is John the Messiah, though he has been anointed by the Spirit since he was in the womb.

John prepares the way for the Lord. The baptism he performs is symbolic, not sacramental. It is a sign given to stir our hearts to repentance. John shows us the One upon whom the Spirit remains, the One who fulfills the promise we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus' bath of rebirth and the Spirit opens a fountain that purifies Israel and gives to all a new heart and a new Spirit.

John comes to us in the Advent readings to show us the light, that we might believe in the One who comes at Christmas. As we sing in today's Responsorial, the Mighty One has come to lift each of us up, to fill our hunger with bread from heaven.

And as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we should rejoice, give thanks, and pray without ceasing that God will make us perfectly holy in spirit, soul, and body—that we may be blameless when our Lord comes.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec. 16	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
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Ignatz & Stella Ginter by Michael Ginter.	Gaudete Sunday
		4:00 pm (Warsaw)	Advent Reconciliation Service for Warsaw & Minto together in Warsaw.	
Monday	Dec. 18	_____	No Monday morning Masses.	
Tuesday	Dec. 19	7:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Joyce Gerszewski by Michael Gerszewski and family	
		7:00-8:00pm (Minto)	Extra Confession Time in Minto.	
Wednesday	Dec. 20	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Richard Gerszewski by Gerald & Mary Mozinski.	
Thursday	Dec. 21	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Mark Tibert by Jody Gerszewski family.	<i>St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>
Friday	Dec. 22	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Julian, Eleanor, Dave, & Jim Ginter by Michael Ginter.	
Saturday	Dec. 23	8:00 am (Minto)	+ JoAnn Riske by Sacred Heart Altar Society.	<i>St. John of Kanty, Priest</i>
		11:00am-12 noon (Minto)	Extra Confession Time in Minto.	
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ Walter Paschke by Harold & Joan Mondry.	
Sunday	Dec. 24	8:30 am (Minto)	+ Joyce Lutovsky by John & Dawn Miller.	Fourth Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	For all parishioners of Warsaw & Minto.	
		7:30 pm (Warsaw)	Tony & Vicky Gudajtes and family by the FMI. (Fr. Christensen)	Vigil Masses for Christmas Children's Christmas Eve Procession in Warsaw
Monday	Dec. 25	8:00 pm (Minto)	+ Irene & Gene Schanilec by Janelle Schanilec.	Children's Christmas Eve Procession in Minto
		8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	The Nativity of the Lord—Christmas Day
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Harry Czapiewski by Margaret Czapiewski and family.	A Holy Day of Obligation

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 10, 2023: **Minto** = \$2,599. **Warsaw** = \$5,107.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, December 23: Altar Servers: Volunteers needed. Lector: Stephanie Nice.

Sunday, December 24 (8:30 a.m.): Altar Servers: Jack Kennedy & Bennett Kennedy. Lector: Keith Zikmund.

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

Sun., Dec. 24 (10:30 a.m.): Altar Servers: Jaxon & Joseph Sands, Estefano Moncada, John Paul Kerian. Lector: Trevor Slominski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS YEAR CHRISTMAS, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, is on a Monday. You will need to attend a Mass for Sunday (Saturday evening or Sunday morning) and a Mass for Christmas (Sunday evening or Monday morning). A Christmas Eve Mass (Sunday afternoon or evening) does not fulfill both obligations at the same time.

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. 17, 12 noon at St. John Nepomucene, Pisek.

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

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.

A SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND at the request of Bishop Folda will be taken up this weekend, Dec. 16-17, for humanitarian and parish assistance in the Holy Land. The funds raised will be sent to the Latin Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Checks should be made out to the parish—either Sacred Heart or St. Stanislaus.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION: Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org. If you have not already made a donation, you may still do so. 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. 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: The final batch of gifts will be taken to Grafton on Dec. 18. The gifts will go to **Walsh County Social Services** to be distributed to those in need. **Walsh County Food Pantry** at St. John's Church in Grafton will receive the food pantry donations. Thank you for helping those in need during the Christmas season.

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.

MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **Bernice Glanner** by Jeff Glanner. In memory of **Mary Jean Altendorf** by Jan Altendorf. In memory of **all of our deceased family members** by Tyrone & Rachel Denault. Donation from Michael & Mary Dvorak. In memory of **our parents and grandparents** by Ken & Deb Lunski. In memory of **Armond & Linda Narloch** by Eleanore Narloch.

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

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

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 **Frank, Florence, & Mary Feltman** by Merlyn Feltman. In memory of **Wyatt Feltman** by Wayne Feltman. Donation from Anonymous.

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

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

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.

THE DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL will be closed all day on Sunday, Dec. 24, and all day on Monday, Dec. 25. The Chapel will reopen at the regular time of 12 noon on Tuesday, December 26. There will be regular chapel hours on Sunday, Dec. 31, and on Monday, Jan. 1.