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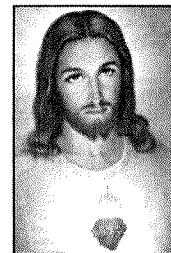
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God Is With Us: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Advent

The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed.

This is the “Gospel of God” that Paul celebrates in today’s Epistle—the good news that “God is with us” in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today’s First Reading is given in today’s Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a savior from David’s royal line.

Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit, and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God’s right hand in the heavens.

He is the “King of Glory” we sing of in today’s Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end.

In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord. In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now “the beloved of God.”

All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race—a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob.

He has made our hearts clean; He has made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him.

In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age.

<https://stpaulcenter.com/audio/sunday-bible-reflections/god-is-with-us-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-fourth-sunday-of-advent/>



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec. 17	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ John J. & Madeline Schanilec by Jim Schanilec family.	
Sunday	Dec. 18	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Fourth Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+Dawn Wosick by George Wosick.	
		4:00 pm (Minto)	Advent Reconciliation Service for Minto & Warsaw together in Minto.	
Monday	Dec. 19	_____	No Monday morning Masses in Minto.	
Tuesday	Dec. 20	7:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Ignatz & Stella Ginter by Michael Ginter.	
		11:00 am (Warsaw)	+ Funeral for Frieda Walski.	
Wednesday	Dec. 21	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Joyce Gerszewski by Michael Gerszewski and family.	<i>St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>
		7:00-8:00pm (Minto)	Extra Confession Time in Minto.	
Thursday	Dec. 22	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Felix Rudnik by Donald J. & Marianne Rudnik and family.	
Friday	Dec. 23	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Paul Spoonland by Jim & Melissa Young.	<i>St. John of Kanty, Priest</i>
Saturday	Dec. 24	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Julian, Eleanor, David & Jim Ginter by Michael Ginter.	
		11:00am-12:00 pm (Minto)	Extra Confession Time in Minto.	
		7:30 pm (Warsaw)	+ Pete Grzeskowiak. (Fr. Christensen)	Vigil Masses for Christmas Children’s Christmas Eve procession in Warsaw
		8:00 pm (Minto)	+ Stanley, Dorothy, & David Slominski by Deb Slominski and family. There will be NO 5:00 p.m. Mass in Minto on Sat., Dec. 24.	Children’s Christmas Eve procession in Minto
Sunday	Dec. 25	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Frances Kazmierczak by Joe Kazmierczak.	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 11, 2022: Minto = \$2,497. Warsaw = \$9,013.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, December 24: Lector: Ann Mondry. **Sunday, December 25:** Lector: Keith Zikmund.

WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 18: Altar Servers: Damian Bushaw, James Vandal, Krystian Gudajtes, Julian Risky. Lector: Trevor Slominski.
Sat., Dec. 24: Altar Servers: Krystian Gudajtes, Damian Bushaw, Jaxon Sands, Andrew Riske.
Sun., Dec. 25: Altar Servers: Ben & Gabe Gudajtes, Joseph & James Vandal. Lector: Trevor Slominski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades 9-12 on Wed., Jan. 4, 6:45-8:00pm, St. Gianna Home, Warsaw. There are no religious ed. classes on Dec. 21. & 28 because of Christmas break.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades K-8 on Wed., Jan. 4, 6:30 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church in Warsaw for parents and children.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on Sun., Dec. 18, 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, for both parishes together.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROCESSION at Warsaw and at Minto on Saturday, 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. This is for all children preschool on up. You don't have to be a parishioner to participate. Visiting relatives and guests are welcome!

OPLATKI: PNA Lodge 3043 has placed OPLATKI wafers (the Polish tradition of Christmas sharing wafer) in the entrances of both parishes. They are free to take - an envelope per family. The OPLATKI have been blessed.

DONATIONS: Please make all 2022 donations for the church by Dec. 31, 2022. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2022 donations.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S COFFEE CLUB will resume meetings beginning Wednesday morning, January 11, 2023, in the Sacred Heart Church dining room, Minto. Like last year, there will be 6 sessions held every other Wednesday until March 22. Coffee and a light breakfast will be served at 6:30 a.m. with the meeting starting at 6:45 a.m. and concluding at about 7:30 a.m. Our study is a continuation of the second half of the program, "Into the Breach", a video series inspired by Bishop Olmsted of the Diocese of Phoenix and produced by the Knights of Columbus. Free of charge. Questions? Call Keith Zikmund at 701-520-9751 or Rod Schanilec at 218-779-0768.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection last weekend. If you have not already done so, you may still contribute by putting your envelope in the regular collection basket. 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.

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. 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!

SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY: Youth and Young Adults... Do you want to grow closer to God? Do you want to meet other like-minded young adults? Do you need a "retreat" from the world around you? Experience God in a personal and REAL way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up Jan. 6-8, 2023, Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults, 16 and older, are invited to attend. Details and application at <https://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm> or call Dori at 952-210-2219. Applications are due no later than Mon., Dec. 19.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is offering an in-person Weekend on Jan. 13-15, 2023 in Medora and Mar. 17-19 in East Grand Forks. These weekends are private and allow couples to focus just on each other. A communication tool is taught to help spouses get to know themselves better and to grow deeper in their married relationships. Live your best life in love! For more info, call Rob & Angie (701) 347-1998 or apply at ndwwme.org.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS are being prepared and are available for pickup from Nov. 14 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.** Please bring a photo ID and proof of residency to get a food basket. 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 3-5, 2023. Monetary donations are welcome also. Mail them to Walsh County Food Pantry, 344 West 15th St., Grafton ND 58237. **Please note:** If your bags or boxes are ready to go earlier than Dec. 24 and you prefer for them to be taken to the Food Pantry for you, please have them at Sacred Heart Church by Dec. 18 and they will be taken to Grafton when Sacred Heart takes its final donations from the Giving Tree to the Food Pantry. Place them in the green, grassy area at the bottom of the ramp as you enter the church from the west and label them as Advent Calendar Challenge.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY: St. John the Evangelist Church, Grafton, is hosting the 36th Community Christmas Eve Party on Dec. 24, from 5:00-6:30pm. Free meal at 5pm. This celebration of the birth of Jesus is for people of all faiths. Many hands are needed to help make this event happen. Volunteers are needed and appreciated in all areas before and during the party. To volunteer your time and talents, please contact St. John's at 352-1648.

MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of Barb Denault and our deceased grandparents by Tyrone & Rachel Denault. In memory of our fathers, Leo & Carl, by Kurt & Jennifer Kelley. In memory of Emanuel & Donna Cicha by William & Denise Lien and family. In memory of our parents and grandparents by Debbie & Kenny Lunski. In memory of William Mondry, Mary K. Mondry, Lyle Mondry, Allen Mondry, and Karen Farder by Mary Ellen & Gene Balek.

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

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE: The final batch of gifts & food will be taken to Grafton on Dec. 19. The gifts will be taken to Walsh County Social Services to be distributed to those in need. The food pantry items will be taken to the Walsh County Food Pantry in Grafton. Thank you for helping those in need during the Christmas season.

2023 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.

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED: Can you help us? You may sing just for Advent and the Christmas season or for a couple of Sundays a month or all the time. If someone is able to play the piano, organ, or any other musical instrument, your help is needed. Grade 5 and up. Please call LaVerne at 218-779-6141 if you would like to become a choir member.

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

WARSAW

CONGRATULATIONS to James Stewart Laird and Amber Rose Gerszewski, who were married on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Warsaw.

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

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

ADORER IS NEEDED for Sundays at 2:00pm. Please contact Joan 360-2499 if you are able to take this holy hour on a part-time or full-time basis.

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