



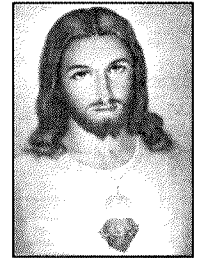
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**A Mother's Greeting: Dr. Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

On this last Sunday before Christmas, the Church's Liturgy reveals the true identity of our Redeemer: He is, as today's First Reading says, the "ruler . . . whose origin is from . . . ancient times." He will come from Bethlehem, where David was born of Jesse the Ephrathite and anointed king. God promised that an heir of David would reign on his throne forever.

Jesus is that heir, the One the prophets promised would restore the scattered tribes of Israel into a new kingdom. He is "the shepherd of Israel" sung of in today's Psalm. From His throne in heaven, He has "come to save us."

Today's Epistle tells us that He is both the Son of David and the only "begotten" Son of God, come "in the flesh". He is also our "high priest," from the mold of the mysterious Melchizedek, "priest of God Most High," who blessed Abraham at the dawn of salvation history.

All this is recognized by John when he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. Elizabeth, too, is filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. She recognizes that in Mary "the mother of my Lord" has come to her. We hear in her words another echo of the Psalm quoted in today's Epistle. Elizabeth blesses Mary for her faith that God's Word would be fulfilled in her.

Mary marks the fulfillment not only of the angel's promise to her, but of all God's promises down through history. Mary is the one they await in today's First Reading—"she who is to give birth." She will give birth this week, at Christmas. And the fruit of her womb should bring us joy—she is the mother of our Lord.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE IN BOTH PARISHES!**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday	Dec. 18	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ John J. & Madeline Schanilec by the Jim Schanilec family. (Fr. Christensen.) (Confessions will begin at about 4:00 p.m. on Dec. 18.)	
Sunday	Dec. 19	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Ignatz & Stella Ginter by Mike Ginter.	
Monday	Dec. 20	_____	No Monday morning Masses in Minto.	
Tuesday	Dec. 21	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Francis & Amelia Koehmstedt by Joe Koehmstedt.	<i>St. Peter Canisius, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>
Wednesday	Dec. 22	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Julian, Eleanor, David, and Jim Ginter by Mike Ginter.	
		7:00-8:00pm (Minto)	<b>Extra Confessions.</b>	
Thursday	Dec. 23	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Joyce Gerszewski by Mike Gerszewski and family.	<i>St. John of Kanty, Priest</i>
Friday	Dec. 24	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Luke & Joyce Lutovsky by Luke & Joyce's children and their families.	
		8:00 pm (Minto)	+ John H. Riske by JoAnn Riske and family	<i>Vigil Masses for Christmas Children's Christmas Eve procession in Minto</i>
		8:00 pm (Warsaw)	For Lee & Heidi Gudajtes family. (Fr. Christensen)	<i>Children's Christmas Eve procession in Warsaw</i>
Saturday	Dec. 25	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	<i>The Nativity of the Lord-Christmas Day</i>
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Vivian Collette Secrist by Dominic Rolczynski.	<i>A Holy Day of Obligation</i>
		5:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw. (This 5pm Mass can fulfill either your Christmas obligation or your Sunday obligation but not both at the same time.)	
Sunday	Dec. 26	8:30 am (Minto)	+ Syl & Eleanor Grzadzilewski by Judy & Jerry Gray and family.	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Sunday</b>
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Ignatz & Stella Ginter by Mike 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 12, 2021: **Minto** = \$3,589 **Warsaw** = \$2,887

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**MINTO: Saturday, December 25, 5:00 pm Mass: Altar Servers:** Volunteers needed. **Lector:** Ann Mondry.

**Sunday, December 26: Altar Servers:** Jack & Bennett Kennedy. **Lector:** Keith Zikmund.

**WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 19: Altar Servers:** Jaxon Sands, James Vandal, Damian Bushaw, Julian Risky. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

**Sun., Dec. 26: Altar Servers:** Ben Gudajtes, Andrew Riske, Dominic Bushaw, Braydon Lizakowski. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

## ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS YEAR CHRISTMAS**, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, is on a Saturday. You will need to attend a Mass for Christmas and a Mass for Sunday. The 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening Mass in Minto on Christmas Day does not fulfill both obligations at the same time.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROCESSION** at Warsaw and at Minto on Friday, **December 24**, at the beginning of the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass in both parishes. Children should meet in the church basement 20 minutes before Mass to get into their costumes.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** Sun., Dec. 19, at 4:00 pm at St. John's Catholic Church in Grafton.

**DONATIONS:** Please make all 2021 donations for the church by **Dec. 31, 2021**. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2021 donations.

**THANK YOU** for all the Advent Giving Tree donations from Minto and Warsaw. In Minto last Monday 80 more gift bags were taken to Walsh County Social Services. The grand total for this year was 142 gift bags and two sleds. Many of the bags had more than one item in them. This year for the Walsh County Food Pantry there were 334 food pantry items plus some Advent Calendar Challenge items plus 4 hat and glove sets, 7 pairs of gloves/mittens, and 10 winter hats. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

**OPLATKI:** PNA Lodge 3043 has placed OPLATKI wafers (the Christmas sharing wafer) in the entrances of both parishes - they are free to take, one per family please.

**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!

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION: Religious give thanks.** Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org) to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. If you have not already made a donation, you may still do so. 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.

**RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES** for grades K-8 on Wed., **January 5, 2022**, 6:30-7:45pm in Minto with parents meeting in the church.

**HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES** for grades 9-12, Wed., **January 5, 2022**, St. Gianna's Maternity Home, Warsaw, 6:45-8:00pm with supper for the students from 6:15-6:45pm. **No class on Dec. 22 & 29** because of Christmas break.

**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.

**2021 GOD'S GIFT APPEAL** is still on-going until the end of this year. **Sacred Heart** has had **42.35%** of our registered families participate so far. Minto's parish goal is \$27,947.42 and is currently at **97.05%** of the goal. **St. Stanislaus** has had **48.91%** of registered families participate. Warsaw's parish goal is \$19,658.78 and is currently at **87.86%** of the goal. If you haven't participated in this year's appeal, there is still time to do so. You may donate online at [fargodiocese.org/godsgiftappeal](http://fargodiocese.org/godsgiftappeal) or mail your gift to **God's Gift Appeal**, Diocese of Fargo, 5201 Bishops Blvd S, Suite A, Fargo ND 58104-7605.

**HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS** are being prepared and are available for pickup from now 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.** You will need to bring a photo ID and proof of residency to get the Food Basket. The Food Pantry does not deliver baskets. Questions? Please call 352-1648.

**FAMILY ADVENT CALENDAR CHALLENGE** for the Walsh County Food Pantry. Every day from Dec. 1 to Dec. 24, add an item to a box or bag. On Jan. 3-6, donate the contents to the Walsh County Food Pantry. Lists are by the bulletins. Substitute items as you see fit. Monetary donations are welcome also. Mail them to Walsh County Food Pantry, 344 West 15th St., Grafton ND 58237. If you are doing the challenge but are not able to take your box or bags to the Food Pantry yourself, please leave them at Sacred Heart Church 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 by Mon., **Jan. 3**, and they will be taken to the Food Pantry for you. You may also leave any **new** gloves, mittens, hats, or scarves for children, youth, women, and men for the Food Pantry in the green grassy area and those will be taken to the Food Pantry on Jan. 3 also. Food Pantry special needs: can openers, canned peas, paper towels, gloves, bar soap, toothbrushes, dish soap.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY:** St. John the Evangelist Church, Grafton, is hosting the 35th Community Christmas Eve Party on Friday, **Dec. 24**, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. This celebration of the birth of Jesus is for people of all faiths.

**MINTO BOY SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Sun., **Dec. 19**, 9:30am-1:00pm, Minto Community Center. Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus 11:00am-1:00pm.

## MINTO

**THANK YOU** for the following donations: **St John the Baptist Cemetery:** In memory of **Theresa Mozinski** by Kyle & Jane Nice. In memory of **Joseph Korynta** by KodaBank and by JoAnn Riske. **Sacred Heart Building Fund:** In memory of **Arlene & Fred Mondry, Sally & James Gaustad, and Mike Callahan** by Sam & Mary Mondry. In memory of **Sandy Dymowski Skalin** by Sylvia Dymowski. **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **William & Mary Mondry, Lyle Mondry, Karen Farder, and Allen Mondry** by Eugene & Mary Ellen Balek. In memory of **Matt Gerszewski** by Mark & Suzi Tibert. In memory of **Joyce Gerszewski** by Michael Gerszewski. In memory of **our parents Arnold & Mary Lou Stanislowski and Joe & Clementine Lunski** by Kenny & Debbie Lunski. In memory of **Walter & Christine Misialek** by Chris Misialek. In memory of **Frank & Maryann Vavrosky and Frank & Justine Jiskra** by Marvin & Marlene Jiskra. In memory of **our fathers Leo & Carl** by Kurt & Jennifer Kelley. In memory of **Chester & Frances Risky** by Ronald Risky. In memory of **Ann Schanilec** by Lenny Schanilec. In memory of **Francis & Amelia Koehmstedt and Charles Koehmstedt** by Betty Gerszewski. In memory of **Janice Wysocki** by Sonny Wysocki and family.

**SINGERS:** As we approach Christmas, the choir is inviting more singers to join them. Singers in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade or older are asked to contact LaVerne Costello (218-779-6141) if you are interested or have questions. **Choir practice** will be for one hour after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sun., **Dec. 19**.

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

## WARSAW

**THANK YOU** for the following donations: **St. Stanislaus Church:** In memory of **parents Dominic & Lorna Grabanski and siblings Arthur and Herman** by Arnie & Barb Lizakowski. **St. Stanislaus Cemetery:** From William & Marjorie Kosmatka and from Johanna Walski.

**ST. STANISLAUS:** We are ready to invite additional singers to join the cantors and organists in singing for the Sunday Masses. You will need to be there for the rehearsals beginning at 9:30am each Sunday.

**ADULT PRAYER GROUP** at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, meets usually every Monday at 8:00pm. Join us when you can. Questions, call Bethany Plutowski 701-520-1935. Also info is on Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Adult-Prayer-Group-St-Stanislaus>

## DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

**THE DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL** will be **closing at 4:00 p.m. on Fri., Dec. 24, and is closed as usual on Saturdays** (Christmas Day and New Year's Day). The Chapel will **reopen** at the regular time of 12 noon on Sun., **Dec. 26**. There will be regular chapel hours on Fri., **Dec. 31**.