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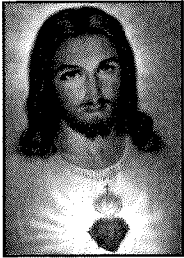
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God Is With Us: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Advent

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/posts/god-is-with-us-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-fourth-sunday-of-advent>



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE IN BOTH PARISHES!!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec. 20	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.	The Fourth Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Julian, Eleanor, James, and David Ginter by Michael Ginter.	
		4:00 pm (Minto)	Advent Reconciliation Service at Sacred Heart, Minto, for both parishes together.	
Monday	Dec. 22		No Monday morning Masses in Minto.	
Tuesday	Dec. 23	7:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Ignatz & Stella Ginter by Michael Ginter.	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Wednesday	Dec. 24	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Luke & Joyce Lutovsky by Kimball & Julie Lutovsky.	
Vigil Masses for Christmas		11:00 am-12 noon (Minto)	Extra confession time at Sacred Heart, Minto.	
		7:30 pm (Warsaw)	Dale & Brenda Collette. (Fr. Christensen)	Vigil Masses for Christmas Children's Christmas Eve Procession in Warsaw Children's Christmas Eve Procession in Minto
		10:00 pm (Minto)	+ David Slominski by Deb Slominski and family.	
Thursday Christmas Day	Dec. 25	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	The Nativity of the Lord—Christmas Day A Holy Day of Obligation
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Irene & Gene Schanilec and family by Janelle Schanilec.	
Friday	Dec. 26	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Danny Burianek by Jimmy & Breanna Barta family.	St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Saturday	Dec. 27	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Living & deceased priests who served at Sacred Heart, St. John the Baptist, & St. Patrick's Parishes by Sacred Heart Altar Society.	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ John J. & Madeline Schanilec by Jim Schanilec family.	
Sunday	Dec. 28	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Joe Risky by Jared & Robbyne Sands and family.	

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 14, 2025: Minto = \$2,128. Warsaw = \$3,354.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, December 27: **Altar Servers:** Adin Kilichowski. **Lector:** Stephanie Nice
Sunday, December 28: **Altar Servers:** Jack & Bennett Kennedy. **Lector:** Keith Zikmund.
WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 21: **Altar Servers:** Blake, Brayden, Bennett Lizakowski & John Paul Kerian. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.
Sunday, December 28: **Altar Servers:** Nolan, Braxton, & Leo Segler. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on **Sun., Dec. 21, 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Minto**, for both parishes together.
EXTRA CONFESSION TIME will be on Wed., **Dec. 24**, at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, from 11:00am until 12 noon.

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.

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!

WARSAW PNA LODGE will distribute blessed Oplatek wafers ("sharing wafers" - a Polish custom at Christmas time) at BOTH parishes. They are in the entry of each church. Please share with your family.

MASSSES FOR JANUARY 1, 2026, MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD-A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: **Sacred Heart, Minto:** Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 31, and Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Thurs., Jan. 1. **St. Stanislaus, Warsaw:** Thurs., Jan. 1, Mass will be at 10:30 a.m.

2026 MASSES: Please limit Mass requests for the second half of 2026 to two or three Masses per family. Masses above the limit will be forwarded to the Diocese of Fargo to be offered by diocesan priests who are in need of Masses.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION was the weekend of **Dec. 13 & 14**. "Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at retiredreligious.org. If you have not already done so, you may still make a donation by using the envelope in your boxed set of envelopes or one of your own envelopes marked Religious Retirement Fund.

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.

ADVENT is more than a countdown to Christmas. Take time to reflect and grow by listening to Real Presence Radio. Our local programming offers prayerful conversations, teachings, and stories that help you enter the season with intention. Tune in on **92.5 FM / 1370 AM in Grand Forks** or listen online at RealPresenceRadio.com.

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: The final batch of gifts and food pantry items were taken to Walsh County Social Services and to the Walsh County Food Pantry in Grafton on Dec. 15. There were 90 bags of gifts and 241 food pantry items taken this time for a grand total of 153 gift bags and 392 items for the Food Pantry. Many of the gift bags had more than one item in them. Thank you for helping those in need at Christmastime. (New for 2026: Gifts do not have to be in a gift bag.)

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES: The next RE class will be on Wed., **Jan. 7**. 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. No class on **Dec. 24 & 31** for Christmas break.

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

MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Christmas Flowers:** 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. Donation from anonymous. In memory of **J. D., Marlys, & Guy Miller and Gene & Irene Schanilec** by Brian & Kelly Schanilec family. In memory of **Sonny & Janice Wysocki** by their children. **St. John The Baptist Cemetery:** In memory of **Deb Slominski** by Mary A. Mondry.

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with decorating the church for Christmas last Sunday after Mass. Your help is very much appreciated.

WELCOME TO NEW LECTORS: Welcome to Jimmy Barta, who is the new lector for the Saturdays of November and the Sundays of January. Jimmy started in November of 2025. Also welcome to Jessica Sobolik, who is the new lector for the Sundays of July. Thank you to all our lectors in both parishes for volunteering for this ministry. Also thank you to Rod Schanilec for his many years of service as a lector and who is now a retired lector.

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**.

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: **St. Stanislaus Cemetery:** Donation from Gary Babinski.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING & NATIVITY SET-UP: Thank you to everyone who helped with decorating the church for Christmas and the nativity set-up. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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

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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.