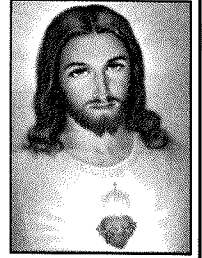




St. Stanislaus Parish
Warsaw, ND
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December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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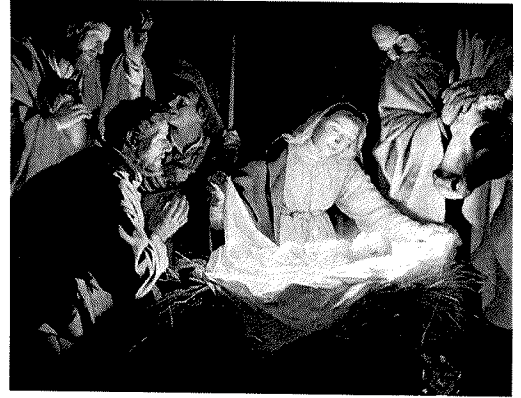
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POPE FRANCIS
GENERAL AUDIENCE
Paul VI Audience Hall

Wednesday, 18 December 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In these last days of Advent, we do well to ask ourselves: How am I preparing for the birth of Jesus? One way to prepare for Christmas is to set up a nativity scene in our homes, churches and public spaces, a lovely tradition that began with Saint Francis of Assisi. The Christmas crèche is a kind of living Gospel, a touching reminder that the Lord showed his love for us by being born as one of us, in order to share in our daily lives, hopes and concerns. The name Bethlehem, which means "house of bread", and the image of the manger, evoke the meals which we share as families, and the centrality of Jesus, the living bread come down from heaven, in our family life. In this world of frenetic activity, the Christmas crèche also encourages us to pause and contemplate what is truly important in life. Everything in the nativity scene speaks of the harmony and peace that only Christ the Savior can bring to our lives and to our world. As we gaze upon the lowly scene of Jesus' birth, let us invite him into our hearts, so that each new day can bring spiritual rebirth and preserve in us the joy of Christmas.



(To read more, go to http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2019/documents/papa-francesco_20191218_udienza-generale.html)

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE IN BOTH PARISHES!!!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec. 21	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ John & Madeline Schanilec by Lenny Schanilec and family.	
Sunday	Dec. 22	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Fourth Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Julian & Eleanor Ginter by Mike Ginter.	
Monday	Dec. 23	10:30 am (Minto)	+ Funeral for Joyce Gerszewski.	<i>St. John of Kanty, Priest</i>
Tuesday	Dec. 24	8:00 am (Minto)	+ James Ebertowski by Sylvia Dymowski.	
Tuesday Vigil Masses for Christmas	Dec. 24	7:30 pm (Warsaw)	For Eric & Mary Stanislawski and family by the Franciscans of Mary Immaculate. (Fr. Christensen)	Vigil Masses for Christmas <i>Children's Procession in Warsaw</i>
		8:00 pm (Minto)	+ Joyce Lutovsky by the Lutovsky family.	<i>Children's Procession in Minto</i>
Wednesday Christmas Day	Dec. 25	8:30 am (Minto)	+ Sylvester & Eleanor Grzadzielewski by Judy & Jerry Gray and family.	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD-CHRISTMAS DAY A Holy Day of Obligation
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	For all parishioners of Warsaw & Minto.	
Thursday	Dec. 26	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Joseph & Anna Rudnik by Donald & Marianne Rudnik.	<i>St. Stephen, the First Martyr</i>
Friday	Dec. 27	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Earl Mondry by the family.	<i>St. John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>
Saturday	Dec. 28	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Ignatz & Stella Ginter by Mike Ginter.	<i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>
		5:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	
Sunday	Dec. 29	8:30 am (Minto)	+ Martin Altendorf by Elizabeth Nice.	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Eleanor Wosick by Margaret Gunderson 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 15, 2019: **Minto** = \$3,356 **Warsaw** = \$1,419 **FORMED CODE: M6G74Q**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Sat., Dec. 28: Altar Servers: Volunteers needed. Lector: Ann Mondry. Ushers: Lenny Schanilec & Michael Wysocki.
Sun., Dec. 29: Altar Servers: Jack Kennedy & Jack Lane. Lector: Keith Zikmund. Ushers: Donald Rudnik & George Kozel.

WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 22: Altar Servers: Simon Plutowski, Damian Bushaw, Alex Gudajtes. Lector: Trevor Slominski.
Ushers: John Gudajtes & Art Wosick. Gift Bearers: Art & Joane Wosick.

Sun., Dec. 24: Gift Bearers: Roger & Yvonne Feltman.
Sun., Dec. 25: Lector: Trevor Slominski. Gift Bearers: Kathy & Scott Walski.
Sun., Dec. 29: Altar Servers: Dominic Bushaw, Joseph Vandal, Krystian Gudajtes. Lector: Trevor Slominski
Ushers: John Gudajtes & Art Wosick. Gift Bearers: Roger & Sandy Schuster.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASS for grades 9-12 on **Wed., Dec. 25, and Wed., Jan. 1**, because of Christmas break and New Year's break. The next class for grades 9-12 will be on **Wed., Jan. 8**, at St. Gianna's Home, Warsaw. A meal will be served from 6:15-6:45 p.m. with class starting promptly at 6:45 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: The next parent meeting and class for students in **grades K-8** will be on **Wed., Jan. 8**, at Sacred Heart Church, Minto. In celebration of Christmas, we will start with a **meal at 6:00 p.m.** followed by the parents' meeting and class for students at 6:30 p.m. A Christmas Pageant will close out the evening. We hope all parents and students will be able to attend this Christmas celebration.

OPLATEK WAFERS are available in the back of the church for both St. Stanislaus and Sacred Heart Parishes, provided by Warsaw PNA Lodge 3043. Sharing of this wafer by families and friends is a Polish custom during the Christmas season. It comes from the custom of "breaking bread".

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Please return the Christmas flowers envelope or your own envelope 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 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!

DONATIONS: Please make all 2019 donations for the church by **Dec. 31, 2019**. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2019 donations.

2020 CALENDARS are in back of the church. Please pick them up.

WALSH COUNTY FOOD PANTRY FAMILY ADVENT CALENDAR CHALLENGE: Each day from Dec. 1 through Dec. 24 add a food item to a box or bag to donate to the Walsh County Food Pantry in Grafton. Donations can be dropped off at the Walsh County Food Pantry in Grafton any time from **Jan. 6-9**. You may substitute items as you see fit. A green sheet was attached to a previous bulletin with a list of food items. Extra green sheets are by the bulletins. Please remember no outdated items and no open packages.

34th ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY at St. John the Evangelist Church, Grafton, on Tuesday, **December 24**, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 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 call 352-1648 or 360-1374.

RETRouvaille: HELP FOR HURTING MARRIAGES: Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that three out of four couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally **Feb. 7-9, 2020** in Fargo. For more info, visit HelpOurMarriage.com or call (701) 356-7962 or email RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org.

WOMEN – THIS ONE IS FOR YOU! Redeemed 2020 Conference – Trusted Sisters: Blessed to be a Blessing; Becoming the Woman God Created You to Be! The conference begins **Friday evening, March 27**, at the Fargo Avalon Events Center. The Vigil Project, through sacred music and personal testimonies, will guide you in worshipping Our Lord during Eucharistic Adoration, followed by a social hour. **Saturday, March 28**, you will gain a new perspective on your femininity in relation to God and others through speakers, as well as Mass with Bishop Folda, confession, and fellowship with other women. For details and to register go to fargodiocese.org/redeemedwomen. Register by March 1, \$50 (after March 1, \$75). All food and refreshments included.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—DECEMBER 22, 2019 – 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT: "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." **MATTHEW 1:24** Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **Francis & Amelia Koehmstedt and Charles Koehmstedt** by Betty Gerszewski. From Marlys Miller. In memory of **our deceased family & friends** by William & Denise Lien. In memory of **Linda & Armond Narloch** by Eleanore Narloch. In memory of **our parents** by John H. & JoAnn Riske.

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE: The second batch of gifts were taken to Walsh County Social Services and the food pantry items were taken to Walsh County Food Pantry at St. John's in Grafton on Mon., Dec. 16. There were 86 gifts and about 197 food pantry items plus several boxes and bags for the Family Advent Calendar Challenge. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

SACRED HEART CHOIR PRACTICE on Sun., **Dec. 22**, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Anyone who is interested in singing or playing for Advent and Christmas is welcome to attend.

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROCESSION Tues., **Dec. 24**, at the beginning of the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Minto. Children should meet in the church basement 20 minutes before Mass to get into their costumes. After the procession, the children will be sitting with their parents. This is **for all children preschool on up**. You don't have to be a parishioner to participate. Visiting relatives and guests are welcome!

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been set out. Please pick up your set of envelopes as soon as possible. If you did not receive a set of envelopes and would like a boxed set, please call the parish office at 248-3589.

DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING: Lead person: **Lynn Lane**. Jason & Jodi Hefta, Nick & Lynn Lane, Scott & Peggy Lutovsky, Ann Mondry, Mary A. Mondry, Susie Nelson, JoAnn Riske, Mark & Michelle Spale.

WARSAW

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE: The gifts and food were taken to Walsh County Social Services and the Walsh County Food Pantry in Grafton on Mon., Dec. 16. Thank you for your generosity!

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROCESSION Tuesday, **December 24**, at the beginning of the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at St. Stanislaus Church in Warsaw. Children should meet in the church basement 20 minutes before Mass to get into their costumes.

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

THE DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL will be **closing** on Tuesday, **December 24, at 5:00pm and will be closed all day on Christmas Day**. The Chapel will **reopen** at the regular time of 12 noon on Thursday, **December 26**. There will be regular chapel hours on Dec. 31 & Jan. 1.