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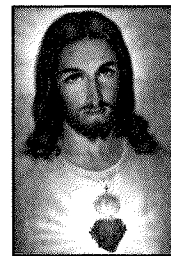
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The Mystery Kept Secret: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Advent

What is announced to Mary in today's Gospel is the revelation of all that the prophets had spoken. It is, as Paul declares in today's Epistle, the mystery kept secret since before the foundation of the world.

Mary is the virgin prophesied to bear a son of the house of David. And nearly every word the angel speaks to her today evokes and echoes the long history of salvation recorded in the Bible. Mary is hailed as the "daughter Jerusalem," called to rejoice that her king, the Lord God, has come into her midst as a mighty savior.

The One whom Mary is to bear will be Son of "the Most High"—an ancient divine title first used to describe the God of the priest-king Melchizedek, who brought out bread and wine to bless Abraham at the dawn of salvation history.

He will fulfill the covenant God makes with His chosen one, David, in today's First Reading. As we sing in today's Psalm, He will reign forever as highest of the kings of the earth, and He will call God "my Father." As Daniel saw the Most High grant everlasting dominion to the Son of Man, His kingdom will have no end.

He is to rule over the house of Jacob—the title God used in making His covenant with Israel at Sinai and again used in promising that all nations would worship the God of Jacob.

Jesus has been made known, Paul says today, to bring all nations to the obedience of faith. We are called with Mary today to marvel at all that the Lord has done throughout the ages for our salvation. And we, too, must respond to this annunciation with humble obedience—that His will be done, that our lives be lived according to His word.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE IN BOTH PARISHES!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec. 23	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.	
	Dec. 24	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
		8:00 pm (Minto)	+ Irene & Gene Schanilec by Janelle Schanilec.	Children's Christmas Eve Procession in Minto
Monday	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)	+ Harry Czapiewski by Margaret Czapiewski and family.	
Tuesday	Dec. 26	7:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Ignatz & Stella Ginter by Michael Ginter.	<i>St. Stephen, The First Martyr</i>
Wednesday	Dec. 27	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Joseph & Anna Rudnik by Donnie & Marianne Rudnik family.	<i>St. John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>
Thursday	Dec. 28	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Keith Barta by Kimball & Julie Lutovsky.	<i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>
Friday	Dec. 29	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Martin Altendorf by Elizabeth Nice.	<i>St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr</i>
Saturday	Dec. 30	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Tony & Jane (Wysocki) Zidon by the Zidon family.	
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ Mark Tibert by Gary & Liz Grzadzielewski.	
Sunday	Dec. 31	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Willie Kosmatka.	
Monday	Jan. 1	8:30 am (Minto)	+ Sylvia Dymowski by the Terry Dymowski family.	The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2024)
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Roger Duray by Deb & Greg Whalen.	

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 17, 2023: **Minto** = \$7,501. **Warsaw** = \$3,182.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Sun., Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, (8:00pm): Altar Servers: Jack & Bennett Kennedy, Riley, Eli, & Ezra Robinson. Lector: Stephanie Nice.
Mon., Dec. 25, Christmas Day, (8:30am): Altar Servers: Isaac & Liam Hefta. Lector: Keith Zikmund.
Saturday, December 30: Altar Servers: Jack Lane & Jacob Hefta. Lector: Stephanie Nice.
Sunday, December 31: Altar Servers: Adin Kilichowski, Solomon Schanilec, Luke Sobolik. Lector: Keith Zikmund.

WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 24 (10:30am): Altar Servers: Jaxon & Joseph Sands, Estefano Moncada, John Paul Kerian. Lector: Tony Gudajtes.
Sun., Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, (7:30pm): Lector: Trevor Slominski.
Mon., Dec. 25, Christmas Day, (10:30am): Lector: Jason Plutowski.
Sun., Dec. 31: Altar Servers: Jaxon Sands, Joseph Vandal, Damian Bushaw, Ben Gudajtes. 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.

JANUARY 1, 2024, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, falls on a Monday and so is not a holy day of obligation this year. It is not obligatory to attend Mass on Jan. 1. However, there will still be Masses that day in both Minto and Warsaw. Mass at Minto is at 8:30am and Mass at Warsaw is at 10:30am.

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 was taken up last weekend 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. If you have not already made a contribution, you may still do so by putting your donation in an envelope marked "Holy Land" and putting it in the regular collection basket or mailing it to the parish office, PO Box 316, Minto, ND 58261. Checks should be made out to the parish—either Sacred Heart or St. Stanislaus.

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.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades K-8 on Wed., **Jan. 10 & 24, 2024**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Minto.

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE from Sacred Heart and St. Stanislaus Parishes together. The final batch of gifts were taken to Grafton on **Dec. 18**. 109 gift bags were delivered to **Walsh County Social Services** to be distributed to those in need. Many of the bags had more than one item in them. **Walsh County Food Pantry** at St. John's Church in Grafton received 343 food pantry items. Total gift bags this year was 178. Total food pantry items this year from both parishes was 449. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

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.

FAMILY FUN BINGO: The Degree of Honor will be hosting **family fun bingo** Sunday, **January 21**, from 2-4 p.m. at the Minto Community Center. We will be playing 15 games of bingo. Cards are \$1.00 each. 50% of the proceeds from each game will be paid out to the winner. Everyone is invited to attend.

MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **Donnie Riske** by Anonymous. Donation from Garry & Irene Evenson. In memory of **our deceased parents** by John & Lynette Kennedy. In memory of **Gene & Irene Schanilec and LuVern Russell** by Brad & Nadine Schanilec. In memory of **Ann Schanilec** by her family. In memory of **Walter Paschke and Dorothy, Stanley, & David Slominski** by Deb Slominski. In memory of **J. D., Marlys, and Guy Miller** by the Brian & Kelly Schanilec family. In memory of **our deceased parents and my dear aunt, Isabel Niswonger**, by Ray & Kathy Korynta.

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

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 by the registration book. 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, **Dec. 26**. There will be regular chapel hours on Sunday, **Dec. 31**, and on Monday, **Jan. 1**.