



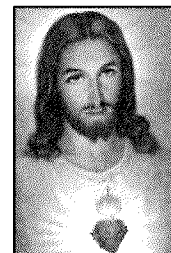
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Watch for Him: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Advent

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading.

In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne—to save and shepherd His people.

Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves.

And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him?

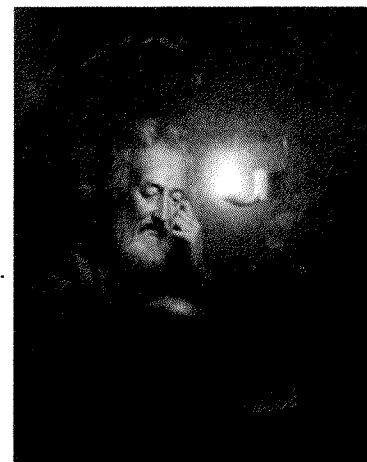
God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love.

In Jesus, we have seen the Father. The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him.

As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift—especially the Eucharist and penance—to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end—if we let Him.

So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel: be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

<https://stpaulcenter.com/audio/sunday-bible-reflections/watch-for-him-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-first-sunday-of-advent/>



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec. 2	5:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	
Sunday	Dec. 3	8:30 am (Minto)	For Russell & Kate Schanilec family by Janelle Schanilec.	First Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Duane Babinski by Gary & Linda Babinski.	
Monday	Dec. 4	_____	No Monday morning Masses.	<i>St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>
Tuesday	Dec. 5	7:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Willie Kosmatka.	
Wednesday	Dec. 6	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Joseph Korynta by Ray & Kathy Korynta.	<i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i>
Thursday	Dec. 7	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Mark Tibert by Sue Tibert.	<i>St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>
		7:00 pm (Minto)	+ Richard Gerszewski by Lorraine Bushaw.	Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday	Dec. 8	7:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	The Immaculate Conception of the
		7:00 pm (Warsaw)	+ Leo, Margaret, & Harold Schuster by Iretta Marynik.	Blessed Virgin Mary—A Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday	Dec. 9	_____	No Saturday morning Mass in Minto.	<i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i>
		5:00 pm (Minto)	Brad & Nadine Schanilec family by Janelle Schanilec.	
Sunday	Dec. 10	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Second Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Dawn Wosick by George Wosick.	

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 November 26, 2023: Minto = \$2,068. Warsaw = \$1,027.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, December 9: Altar Servers: Jacob Hefta, Kole Kittelson, Jack Lane. Lector: Stephanie Nice.

Sunday, December 10: Altar Servers: Riley, Eli, & Ezra Robinson. Lector: Keith Zikmund.

WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 3: Altar Servers: Joseph Vandal, Andrew Riske, Gabe Gudajtes, Griffin Gudajtes. Lector: Trevor Slominski.

Sun., Dec. 10: Altar Servers: Damian Bushaw, James Vandal, Blake Lizakowski, Brayden Lizakowski. Lector: Trevor Slominski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEAR FRIEND OF ST. GIANNA & PIETRO MOLLA MATERNITY HOME: Join us at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Warsaw on Sat., Dec. 9, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm for a special pro-life day including meditations presented by Fr. Damian Hills, Diocese of Covington, KY, priest and founder of our maternity home. This event includes Mass, lunch, and confession. A free will offering will be taken at the end of the event. [Register online at https://sgpmollahome.com](https://sgpmollahome.com) or [call us at 248-3077](tel:248-3077) to register! Feel free to leave a message. **Remember: registration is required by December 4!**

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on Sun., Dec. 17, 4:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, for both parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services will be Sun., Dec. 3, at 7:00 pm at St. Edward's in Drayton. Sun., Dec. 10, at 4:00 pm at St. John's in Grafton. Sun., Dec. 17, 12 noon at St. John Nepomucene, Pisek.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: St. Stanislaus, Warsaw: Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday, December 24, will be at 7:30 p.m. (Fr. Christensen) and the Christmas Day Mass on Monday, December 25, will be at 10:30 a.m. (Fr. Moen). **Sacred Heart, Minto:** Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday, December 24, will be at 8:00 p.m. (Fr. Moen) and the Christmas Day Mass on Monday, December 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.

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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION ON DECEMBER 10: You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously. Envelopes are in your boxed set of envelopes or use one of your own envelopes marked Retirement Fund for Religious and include your name if you so wish.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Envelopes for Christmas flowers were attached to last weekend's 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. 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.

THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLETS FOR ADVENT have been set out in back of our churches. Please pick up a copy.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT! All women are invited to a special event on Tues., Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church dining room in Minto! Dawn Holm from Hallock, MN, will be giving an inspirational talk entitled "The Power of Adoration". She is a wife and mother of six children and a member of St. Brigid of Ireland Catholic Church in Cavalier. Dawn served 32 years in the military and earned two masters degrees, one in Catholic Studies from the University of St. Thomas and another in Applied Catholic Theology from the University of Mary. Following her 45-minute presentation, Christmas treats and sweets will be served. All women are welcome! Bring a friend! For more information, call Joan Schanilec at 701-360-2499.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades K-8 on Wed., Dec. 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Minto.

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE in Minto & in Warsaw from Nov. 18 through Dec. 18. Please take a tag and return a gift in a gift bag. Gifts must be new. Gifts will go to **Walsh County Social Services** to be distributed to those in need. Also there are tags for non-perishable food items and for non-food items for the **Walsh County Food Pantry** at St. John's Church in Grafton. No outdated items or open packages please. Food pantry items do not have to be put into gift bags. Please help those in need during the Christmas season. The first batch of gifts will be taken to Grafton on Dec. 4.

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.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA Sun., Dec. 3, 10:30am-2:00pm, St. John the Evangelist Church, Grafton. Lunch—free will donation—pulled pork sandwiches & French fries. Sweet Shop, silent auction, mini-affle, ice cream sundaes, Santa too, and more. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS BINGO at St. Mary's Church hall, Park River, on Dec. 10., at 2:00pm. Cash & assorted prizes. \$5. per card. 20 games.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY Sun., Dec. 10, 1:00-5:30pm, Golden Age Club house, Minto. Potluck supper. Members & guests welcome.

MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Sacred Heart Cemetery:** In memory of Patrick Durkin by Jim & Leslie Durkin. Donation from Ben & Kahlie Schanilec. **St. Patrick's Cemetery:** In memory of Isabel Niswonger by Minto Benefit Bridge. **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of our deceased parents by Rod & Joan Schanilec.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY is Sun., Dec. 3. St. Nick will be visiting at the end of the 8:30 a.m. Mass and will be handing out treats to children of all ages.

ROLLS AFTER MASS ON DEC. 3: Refreshments for everyone will be served in the church basement after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sun., Dec. 3. Menu: pastries, muffins, quick breads, fruit, juice, coffee. Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Altar Society. This is a free event. **All are invited to come downstairs after St. Nick's visit for some holiday cheer.**

SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday, Dec. 4, 7:00 pm, in the church basement. Note date and location changes.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, MINTO, will be providing the entertainment and lunch for the monthly birthday party at the Lutheran Sunset Home in Grafton, on Thurs., Dec. 14. Program at 2:00pm followed by lunch. All are welcome to attend.

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

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DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

WELCOME TO NEW ADORERS: Raul Rodriguez is taking the Holy Hour on Sundays at 9:00pm. His contact number is 701-360-1543. Ben and Kahlie Schanilec will be taking the Holy Hour on Thursdays at 8:00pm. Ben can be reached at 701-520-0119 and Kahlie at 605-490-8894.

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.