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## **December 4, 2022**

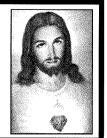
# **Second Sunday of Advent**

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Kingdom Come: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday of Advent

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand," John proclaims. And the Liturgy today paints us a vivid portrait of our new king and the shape of the kingdom He has come to bring.

The Lord whom John prepares the way for in today's Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in today's First Reading and Psalm. He is the king's son, the son of David—a shoot from the root of Jesse, David's father.

He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit, endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

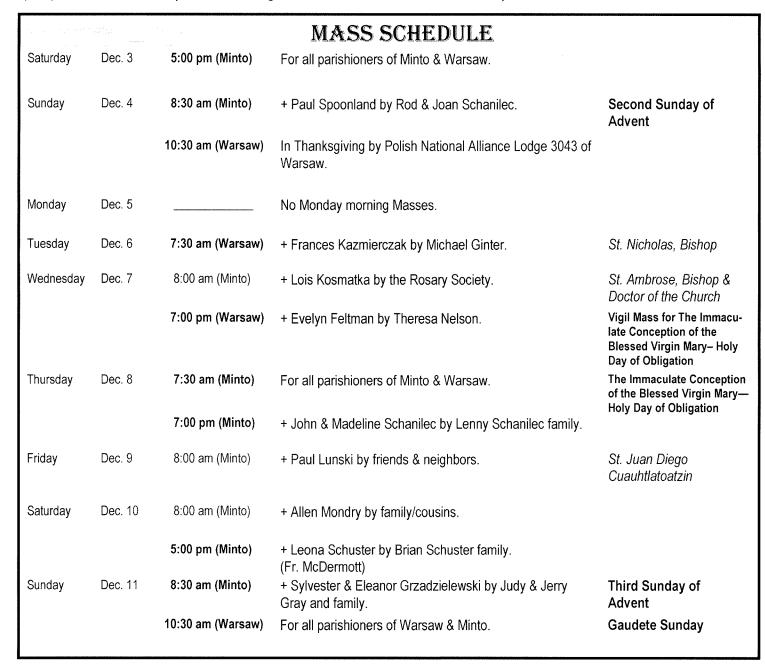
He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will be not only over Israel—but will extend from sea to sea, to the ends of the earth. He will be a light, a signal to all nations. And they will seek Him and pay Him homage.

In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to Abraham, renewed in God's oath to David, will be fulfilled in His dynasty. And His name will be blessed forever.

In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel's patriarchs, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. But no longer are God's promises reserved solely for the children of Abraham. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy. Once strangers, in Christ they will be included in "the covenants of promise".

John delivers this same message in the Gospel. Once God's chosen people were hewn from the rock of Abraham. Now, God will raise up living stones—children of Abraham born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit.

This is the meaning of the fiery baptism He brings—making us royal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, the Church. https://stpaulcenter.com/audio/sunday-bible-reflections/kingdom-come-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-second-sunday-in-advent/



<u>CONFESSIONS</u> 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 27, 2022: Minto = \$7,060. Warsaw = \$2,637.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, December 10: Altar Servers: Jacob Hefta, Jack Lane, Kole Kittelson. Lector: Ann Mondry.

Sunday, December 11: Altar Servers: Riley, Eli, & Ezra Robinson. Lector: Keith Zikmund.

WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 4: Altar Servers: Jaxon Sands, Ben Gudajtes, Gabe Gudajtes, Roman Perrault. Lector: Trevor Slominski. Sun., Dec. 11: Altar Servers: Joseph Vandal, Andrew Riske, Blake Lizakowski, Brayden Lizakowski. Lector: Trevor Slominski.

### ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades 9-12 on Wed., Dec. 7—Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades K-8 on Wed., Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church in Warsaw.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who filled out the self-reflection survey as part of our Fargo Diocesan Synod.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on Sun., Dec. 18, 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, for both parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services are Sun., Dec. 4, at 7:00 pm at St. Edward's in Drayton. Sun., Dec. 11, at 12 noon at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek. Sun., Dec. 11, at 4:00 pm at St. John's in Grafton.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: St. Stanislaus, Warsaw: Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday, December 24, will be at 7:30 p.m. (Fr. Christensen) and the Christmas Day Mass on Sunday, December 25, will be at 10:30 a.m. (Fr. Moen). Sacred Heart, Minto: Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday, December 24, will be at 8:00 p.m. (Fr. Moen) and the Christmas Day Mass on Sunday, December 25, will be at 8:30 a.m. (Fr. Moen). There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass in Minto on Sat., Dec. 24.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROCESSION at Warsaw and at Minto on Saturday, 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 2022 donations for the church by Dec. 31, 2022. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2022 donations.

SPECIAL COLLECTION for the many weather-related disasters in recent months has been requested by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. In our diocese Bishop Folda has requested that the special collection be taken the weekend of December 3 & 4. Please be generous. Use you own envelope with your name on it if you so wish. A second collection basket will be set out the weekend of Dec. 3 & 4.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION ON DEC. 10 & 11: Your gift to next week's collection helps provide care, medicine, and more to elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please be generous. 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.. A second basket will be set out next weekend.

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

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE will be up in Minto and in Warsaw from Nov. 19 through Dec.19. Please take a tag and return a gift in a gift bag. Gifts must be new. There are tags for infants, children, & adults. These 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. 5 and the final batch of gifts will be taken on Dec. 19.

SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY: Youth and Young Adults... Do you want to grow closer to God? Do you want to meet other like-minded young adults? Do you need a "retreat" from the world around you? Experience God in a personal and REAL way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up Jan. 6-8, 2023, Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults, 16 and older, are invited to attend. Details and application at https://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm or call Dori at 952-210-2219. Applications are due no later than Mon., Dec. 19.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS are being prepared and are available for pickup from Nov. 14 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. Please bring a photo ID and proof of residency to get a food basket. The Food Pantry does not deliver baskets.

FAMILY ADVENT CALENDAR CHALLENGE FLYERS for the Walsh County Food Pantry were attached to last weekend's bulletins. 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 3-5, 2023. Monetary donations are welcome also. Mail them to Walsh County Food Pantry, 344 West 15th St., Grafton ND 58237.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sun., Dec. 4, 9:00-1:00pm, Beaver's Café. Free will donation. Proceeds go to the Minto Boy Scouts.

BELL RINGING Fri., Dec. 9, Forest River Café & Sat., Dec. 10, Minto Post Office, 7am-1pm for the benefit of the Walsh County Salvation Army. GOLDEN AGE CLUB members and guests are having a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11, from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Golden Age Club, Minto. There will be card-playing, Bingo, and a potluck supper.

PNA LODGE 3043 will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 6:30pm at the Minto Community Center - events for 2023 will be discussed. Active and social members are encouraged to attend.

#### MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: Sacred Heart Cemetery: In memory of Jane Grzadzielewski by Bev Byzewski, by Barbara Driscoll, by Paul & Cathy Dub, by Farmers Elevator of Forest River, by Gary Ferguson, by Brad & Joni Gaudry, and by Anna Mae Gerszewski.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY is on Sun., Dec. 4. St. Nick will be visiting at the end of Mass and will be handing out treats to children of all ages.

ROLLS AFTER MASS ON DEC. 4: Everyone is invited to the church basement after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sun., Dec. 4, for caramel rolls, fruit, coffee, and juice. Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Altar Society. Free event. All are invited to come downstairs after St. Nick's visit for some holiday cheer.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been set out in back of the church. Please pick up your boxed set. If you did not receive a box of envelopes and would like one or if you received a box of envelopes but no longer require it or if your child would like a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office at 248-3589 Tues.-Fri. from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED: Can you help us? You may sing just for Advent and the Christmas season or for a couple of Sundays a month or all the time. If someone is able to play the piano, organ, or any other musical instrument, your help is needed. Grade 5 and up. Please call LaVerne at 218–779-6141 if you would like to become a choir member.

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

## WARSAW

THANK YOU for the following donations: St. Stanislaus Cemetery: In memory of Felix Rudnik by Joe Riske, by Terry & Carol Nowling, Tim & Shari Mondry, by Gene Loftsgard, by Lee & Sharon Sobolik, by John Tibert, by Wally Ebertowski, by Don & Faye Schanilec, and by Sharon Ross.

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### DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

ADORER IS NEEDED for Sundays at 2:00pm. Please contact Joan 360-2499 if you are able to take this holy hour on a part-time or full-time basis.