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Warsaw, ND
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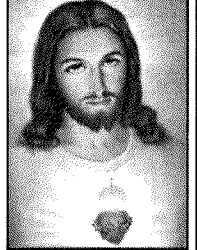
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POPE FRANCIS—Excerpt from the GENERAL AUDIENCE
Library of the Apostolic Palace—Wednesday 2 December 2020

Catechesis on prayer - 17. The Blessing.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning! Today we will reflect on an essential dimension of prayer: *blessing*. We are continuing the reflections on prayer. In the creation accounts (see *Gn* 1-2), God continually blesses life, always. He blesses the animals (1:22), He blesses the man and the woman (1:28), finally, He blesses the Sabbath, the day of rest and the enjoyment of all of creation (2:3). It is God who blesses. On the first pages of the Bible, there is a continual repetition of blessings. God blesses, but men give blessings as well, and soon they discover that the blessing possesses a special power that accompanies the person who receives it throughout his or her entire life, and disposes the person's heart to allow God to change it (see Second Vatican Council Const. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 61).

At the world's beginning, therefore, there is a God who "speaks well"[1], who blesses. He sees that every work of His hands is good and beautiful, and when He creates man, and creation is complete, He recognizes that he is "very good" (*Gn* 1:31). Shortly thereafter, the beauty that God had imprinted within His work will be altered, and the human being will become a degenerate creature, capable of spreading evil and death in the world; but nothing will ever take away God's original imprint of goodness that God placed in the world, in human nature, in all of us: the capacity of blessing and of being blessed. God did not make a mistake with creation nor with the creation of man. The *hope of the world* lies entirely in *God's blessing*: He continues to *desire our good*[2], He is the first, as the poet Péguy said,[3] to continue to hope for our good.

God's greatest blessing is Jesus Christ; His Son is God's greatest. He is a blessing for all of humanity, He is the blessing that saved us all. He is the eternal Word with which the Father blessed us "while we were yet sinners" (*Rm* 5:8). St Paul says: the Word made flesh and offered for us on the cross. St. Paul proclaims with emotion God's plan of love. And he says it this way: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved" (*Eph* 1:3-6). There is no sin that can completely erase the image of Christ present in each one of us. No sin can erase that image that God has given us – the image of Christ.

(To read more, go to http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20201202_udienza-generale.html)



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec. 5	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ David Slominski by Deb Slominski and family.	
Sunday	Dec. 6	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Second Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Harry Czapiewski by Margaret Czapiewski and family.	St. Nicholas Day in both parishes
Monday	Dec. 7	_____	No morning Mass in Minto.	<i>St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>
		7:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	<i>Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception</i>
Tuesday	Dec. 8	7:30 am (Minto)	+ Richard Kilichowski by Jane Evenson.	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
		7:00 pm (Warsaw)	+ Conrad P. Barnes, Sr., by Victor & Paige Sweeney.	<i>A Holy Day of Obligation (Dispensation is still in effect)</i>
Wednesday	Dec. 9	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Leo Bosh by Kurt & Jennifer Kelley.	<i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i>
Thursday	Dec. 10	8:00 am (Minto)	+ LuAnn Jacobson by Degree of Honor.	
Friday	Dec. 11	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Louise Schanilec by Rose Marie Kerner.	<i>St. Damasus I, Pope</i>
Saturday	Dec. 12	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Marcellene Zola by Harold Zola & family.	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ John J. & Madeline Schanilec by Jim Schanilec.	
Sunday	Dec. 13	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Third Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Alan Ebertowski by Polish National Alliance Lodge 3043.	

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.

Confessions in Minto will be in the confessional area & confessions in Warsaw will be in one of the classrooms in the church basement.

WEEKLY OFFERING November 29, 2020: Minto = \$4,175 Warsaw = \$3,462

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Sat., Dec. 12: Lector: Ann Mondry.

Sun., Dec. 13: Lector: Keith Zikmund.

WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 6: Altar Servers: Dominic Bushaw, Jaxon Sands, Damian Bushaw. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

Sun., Dec. 13: Altar Servers: Simon Plutowski, Ben Gudajtes, Andrew Risky, Gabe Gudajtes. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. NICHOLAS DAY is on Sun., Dec. 6, at the end of Mass in both parishes. St. Nick will be handing out treats to children of all ages.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on Sun., Dec. 13, 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, for both parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services are Sun., Dec. 6, at 7:00 pm at St. Edward's in Drayton. Sun., Dec. 13, at 12 noon at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek. Sun., Dec. 20, at 4:00 pm at St. John's in Grafton.

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 during the Christmas season!

DONATIONS: Please make all 2020 donations for the church by **Dec. 31, 2020**. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2020 donations.

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

THE 2021 CALENDARS have been set out in back of the church. Please take them.

BLACK AND INDIAN COLLECTION: This weekend, a second basket will be set out by the regular collection basket for the 136th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Envelopes are in your boxed set of envelopes or you may use your own plain white envelope clearly marked "Black and Indian Collection". Thank you for your generosity.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION on Dec. 12 & 13. Your donation helps religious communities provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please be generous. Envelopes are in your boxed set of envelopes or you may use your own envelope clearly marked "Retirement Fund for Religious". A second basket will be set out by the regular collection basket.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for grades 1-8 are being held this year at **St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw**. Classes for **grades 5-8** will be held on **Wed., Dec. 9**, from **6:15 to 7:15pm** with the parents' session in the church. Next religious ed. classes for **grades 1-4** will be held on **Wed., Jan. 6**, and for **grades 5-8** on **Wed., Jan. 13**. Additional sacramental preparation classes for **grades 2 & 3** will be held on **Wed., Jan. 20 & 27**, at Warsaw from 6:15 to 7:15pm.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES **Wed., Dec. 9 & 16**, from **7:15pm to 8:15pm** at **Sacred Heart Church, Minto**. No classes on **Wed., Dec. 23 & 30**, because of Christmas break.

FR. MOEN WILL BE POSTING THE WEEKEND MASS after 6pm on Saturdays at "Sacred Heart and St. Stanislaus Catholic Churches' " Facebook page. Also Fr. Moen has recorded a Holy Hour in the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. You can watch it on the parishes' Facebook page or go to the parishes' website www.sh-ss.org.

FOR THOSE OF YOU who are able to make a weekly contribution to the church, please mail it to the parish office, PO Box 316, Minto ND 58261; drop it off at the parish office, or put it in the weekend collection basket.

FAMILY ADVENT CALENDAR CHALLENGE for the Walsh County Food Pantry. For every day from Dec 1 to Dec. 24, add an item to a box for the Food Pantry. Substitute items as you see fit. On Jan. 4-7, donate the contents to the Walsh County Food Pantry. Monetary donations are welcome also. Mail them to Walsh County Food Pantry, 344 West 15th St., Grafton ND 58237. A list of items was attached to last weekend's bulletins. There is also a list on the bulletin board in back of the church.

MINTO

CONGRATULATIONS to Deklynn Danneel Anderson, daughter of Ryne & Kimberly Anderson, who was baptized on Saturday, November 28, 2020, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Minto, ND.

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Sacred Heart Cemetery:** In memory of **Janice Wysocki** by Isabel Niswonger. **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **Rita Rudnik** by the Felix Rudnik family. In memory of **Raymond Rudnik** by Henry Rudnik, by Tammy Rudnik & family, and by Mary A. Mondry. In memory of **Lyle Mondry** by Mary A. Mondry.

2021 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.

THE GIVING TREE is up at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, **until Sunday, Dec. 13**. Please take a tag and return a gift in a **gift bag**. Gifts must be new. There are tags for infants, children, & adults. Suggestions: For infants - diaper sizes 2, 3, & 4; sleepers, t-shirts, blankets. For toddlers and children - mittens, gloves, caps, hats, socks, nightclothes, and toys. For teens—gift cards. For adults - gloves, slippers, caps, scarves, small throws or fleece blankets (especially for the elderly), and gas cards. These items 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. Items will be taken to Grafton on **Mon., Dec. 14**. Please help those in need during the Christmas season. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Due to limited space, you may put your gifts and food pantry items under the tree like always or you may put your gifts and food pantry items in the green grassy area at the bottom of the ramp as you go in the silver door on the west side of the church. *On Mon., Nov. 30, forty-four gift bags were taken to Walsh County Social Services in Grafton for area families.*

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

WARSAW

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **Johnny & Martha Rudnik** by Henry Rudnik, by Tammy Rudnik & family, and by Mary A. Mondry.

HENNING RESTORATION is repainting the areas damaged from the storm and reinstalling the communion rail gates. They started in November. The project will take about a month to complete.

THE GIVING TREE will be up at St. Stanislaus **until Dec. 13**. Please take a tag and help those in need during the Christmas season. The gifts will be taken to Walsh County Social Services and the food pantry items will be taken to the Walsh County Food Pantry at St. John's in Grafton on **Mon., Dec. 14**. See the above Giving Tree announcement for gift ideas.

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

WELCOME TO NEW ADORERS Frank and Cynthia Janousek! They will be taking the Holy Hour at 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

WELCOME TO NEW ADORER Mary Schuster! She will be taking the Holy Hour on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.