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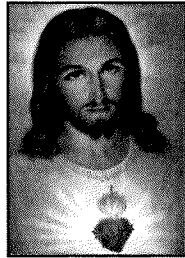
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Kingdom Come: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday of Advent

"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.

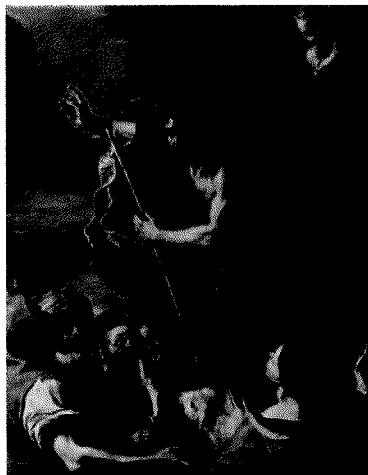
In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to Abraham, renewed in God's oath to David, will be fulfilled in His dynasty. And His name will be blessed forever.

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/posts/kingdom-come-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-second-sunday-in-advent>



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec. 6	5:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	
Sunday	Dec. 7	8:30 am (Minto)	+ Ambrose Miller by Cecilia Teske and family.	The Second Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Linda Babinski by family.	
Vigil Mass-Immaculate Conception	Dec. 7	7:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—A Holy Day of Obligation (Patronal Feast Day of USA) <i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i> <i>Our Lady of Loretto</i> <i>St. Damasus I, Pope</i> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
Monday-Immaculate Conception <small>Holy Day of Obligation</small>	Dec. 8	7:30 am (Minto)	+ Severina Teske Miller by Cecilia Teske and family	
		7:00 pm (Warsaw)	+ Douglas Steven Slominski by George Wosick.	
Tuesday	Dec. 9	7:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Henry Korczak by Janice Korczak.	
Wednesday	Dec. 10	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Aloys & Gertrude Lutovsky by Ray Lutovsky.	
Thursday	Dec. 11	8:00 am (Minto)	Special Intention by Brian & Kelly Schanilec.	
Friday	Dec. 12	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Leo & Mary Jean Altendorf by Marvin Altendorf family.	
Saturday	Dec. 13	8:00 am (Minto)	Rod & Joan Schanilec on their 50th wedding anniversary by Jimmy & Breanna Barta family.	The Third Sunday of Advent Gaudate Sunday
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ John & Johanna Paschke and John & Martha Durkin by Deb Slominski and family.	
Sunday	Dec. 14	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	
		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 30, 2025: **Minto** = \$1,931. **Warsaw** = \$2,465.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, December 13: Altar Servers: Jacob Hefta, Kole Kittelson, Jack Lane. **Lector:** Stephanie Nice
Sunday, December 14: Altar Servers: Ezra & Eli Robinson. **Lector:** Keith Zikmund.

WARSAW: Sunday, December 7: Altar Servers: James Vandal, Gabe & Griffin Gudajtes. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.
Sun., Dec. 14: Altars Servers: Krystian Gudajtes, Julian Risky, Edmund Sweeney, Joseph Sands. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WARSAW PNA LODGE will distribute blessed Oplatek wafers ("sharing wafers" - a Polish custom at Christmas time) at BOTH parishes. Look for them in the church entry on the **weekends of Dec. 15 & Dec. 22**. Please share with your family.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Envelopes for Christmas flowers were attached to previous 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, your name if you so wish, and if it is a memorial, in whose memory your donation is given. 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!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION is the weekend of Dec. 13 & 14. A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M, Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on **Sun., Dec. 21, 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Minto**, for both parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services will be on Sun., **Dec. 14**, at St. John Nepomucene, Pisek, 12 noon and at St. John's, Grafton, at 4:00 p.m.

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

DONATIONS: Please make all 2025 donations for the church by Dec. 31, 2025. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2025 donations.

THE WORD AMONG US FOR DEC./ADVENT AND THE 2026 CALENDARS have been set out in our parishes. Please take them.

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE will be up in Minto & Warsaw **until December 14**. Please take a tag from the tree and return a gift or food pantry items. Gifts must be new. Please no outdated food items. Please have all gifts and food at the church by Dec. 14. The final batch of gifts and food pantry items will be taken to Walsh County Social Services and the Walsh County Food Pantry in Grafton on **Dec. 15**. Warsaw parishioners, when you bring back a gift bag or food for the Food Pantry, you may dropped it off at either St. Stanislaus Church or Sacred Heart Church. All gifts and food from both parishes will be taken by Sacred Heart Church to Grafton. The first batch of items were taken to Grafton on Mon., Dec. 1. There were 63 gift bags taken to Walsh County Social Services (Many of the bags had more than one item in them.) and 151 food items taken to the Walsh County Food Pantry. Thank you for helping those in need at Christmastime.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES: Wed., **Dec. 10**. The girls meet with Mary Pat Jahner at her house in Warsaw from 6:45-8:00pm. The boys meet with Fr. Moen at the rectory in Warsaw from 7:00-8:15pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for grades K-8 on Wed., **Dec. 17**, 6:30-7:30pm in Minto.

SUNSET HOME BIRTHDAY PARTY: Sacred Heart Church will be the host for the monthly birthday party on Thurs., **December 11**, at the Sunset Home in Grafton held in honor of the Sunset Home residents who have their birthdays in December. The program by the Sacred Heart Church Choir starts at 2:00pm followed by lunch hosted by the Sacred Heart Altar Society. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to join the Sacred Heart Choir singing Christmas carols, please be at the Sunset Home dining room by 1:45pm.

THE WALSH COUNTY SALVATION ARMY will be accepting donations at the Forest River Café, Friday, **December 12**, from 7:00am-1:00pm and at the Minto Post Office, Saturday, **December 13**, from 8:00am-2:00pm.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK: Sat., **Dec. 13**, 9:30am-11:00am, St. Mary's Catholic Church basement, 216 Belmont Road, Grand Forks. Cookies are \$9.00 per pound. Containers are provided. All homemade. All your Christmas cookie baking done and all in one place. Breads & specialty items sold separately. Come and enjoy cider & coffee.

MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **Elmer Altendorf** by Jan Altendorf. In memory of **Bernice Glanner** by Jeff Glanner. In memory of **Bernard & Marge Novak and Budd & Louise Tibert** by Scott & Jennifer Lindenberger. In memory of **Lyle Mondry, Johnny & Martha Rudnik, and Raymond Rudnik** by Mary A. Mondry. In memory of **Francis & Cecelia Schriener** by Vern Schreiner. Donation from Edmund & Ann Jiskra. In memory of **Vic Sobolik** by Ryan & Jess Sobolik. In memory of **deceased relatives** by James & Breanna Barta.

ST. NICHOLAS WILL BE VISITING Sacred Heart Parish at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, **Dec. 6**, in addition to his visit at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, **Dec. 7**. He will be handing out treats to children of all ages on both days.

IN CELEBRATION OF ST. NICHOLAS WEEKEND — A LIGHT SOUP SUPPER will be served after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, **Dec. 6**. Menu: soups, sandwiches, bars. **A LIGHT BREAKFAST** will be served after the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, **Dec. 7**. Menu: breakfast sandwiches, fruit, muffins. All are invited to come downstairs after either (or both) of the Masses and **enjoy some Christmas cheer**. Both of these events are in the Sacred Heart Church basement and are sponsored by the Sacred Heart Altar Society. **These are FREE events**. No donations; No free will offering. **All are welcome—Non-parishioners and guests are also welcome!!**

A LECTOR IS NEEDED at Sacred Heart, Minto, for the **Sundays of July, 2026**. Contact Fr. Moen to volunteer.

THE 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES for Sacred Heart parishioners have been set out in the front entry of the church. Please pick up your box of envelopes. If you did not receive a boxed set of envelopes but would like one, please contact the parish office at 248-3589.

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

WARSAW

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **Linda Babinski** by Gary Babinski. In memory of **Frank & Florence, Mary Lou, and Mary Feltman** by Merlyn Feltman. In memory of **Joah Schuster Petersen** by Roger Schuster family. In memory of **Dawn Wosick** by George Wosick.

ST. NICHOLAS WILL BE VISITING St Stanislaus Parish at the 10:30am Mass on Sun., **Dec. 7**, and will be handing out treats to all the children.

COUPLE OF INSTRUMENTS TO GIVE AWAY at St. Stanislaus Church: (1) Blonde wood Wurlitzer spinet piano in the choir loft. (2) Orga-Sonic electronic organ in the church basement. Contact Fr. Moen if you are interested.

DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING: **Lead: Greg & Rondee Feltman**. Carol Gerszewski, Dale & Annie Gerszewski, Brian & Mary Schuster.

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

THE DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL will be **closed all day** on Christmas Eve Day, **Dec. 24**, and on Christmas Day, **Dec. 25**. The Chapel will be open for regular hours on Dec. 26, Dec. 31, and on Jan. 1.