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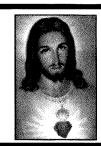
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sacred Heart Parish

Minto, ND

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Rich in Poverty: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The blessings and woes we hear in today's Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament.

That wisdom is summed up with marvelous symmetry in today's First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous—those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Lawwill prosper like a tree planted near living waters. The wicked, who put their "trust in human beings," are cursed to wither and

Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes. Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state.

The rich are "the insolent" of today's Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord.

We've already seen today's dramatic imagery of reversal in Mary's Magnificat. There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted.

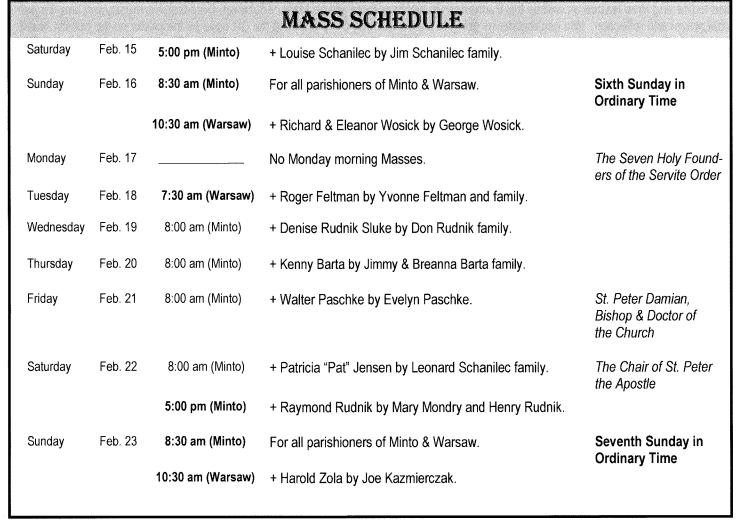
That's the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty, we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even dying "on account of the Son of Man," we find everlasting life.

The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity—in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life.

But not only that. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we're to be pitied if our hope is "for this life only."

The blessings of God mean that we'll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile, feast at the heavenly table of the Lord, "leap for joy" as John the Baptist leapt in his mother's womb, and rise with Christ, "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep."

https://stpaulcenter.com/audio/sunday-bible-reflections/rich-in-poverty-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-sixth-sunday-in-ordinary-time/



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 February 9, 2025: Warsaw = \$1.504.Minto = \$1,964.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, February 22: Altar Servers: Volunteers needed. Lector: Jan Altendorf.

Sunday, February 23: Altar Servers: Jack & Bennett Kennedy. Lector: Irene Evenson.

<u>WARSAW</u>: <u>Sunday, Feb. 16:</u> Altar Servers: Andrew Riskey and Blake, Brayden, & Bennett Lizakowski. <u>Lector:</u> Roman Perrault. <u>Sunday, February 23:</u> Altar Servers: Ben Gudajtes, Andrew Riske, Krystian Gudajtes, John Paul Kerian. <u>Lector:</u> Roman Perrault.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES, MARCH 5: 7:30am at Sacred Heart, Minto and 7:00pm at St. Stanislaus, Warsaw.

THANK YOU for your response to Mass requests for 2025. The calendar filled up quickly. For now with new Mass requests, one or two Masses will be offered locally and the others will be sent to the Diocese to be offered by other diocesan priests.

FINANCIAL REPORTS are by the bulletins in each parish. Please take a copy.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades 9-12 will be on Wed., Feb. 19.

<u>RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES</u> for grades K-8 on Wed., Feb. 19 and Feb. 26, 6:30-7:45 p.m., St. Stanislaus Church in Warsaw. Feb. 26 is a make-up class due to a class that was canceled because of stormy weather.

GOD'S GIFT APPEAL Commitment Weekend is **March 2**, 2025. God's Gift Appeal materials will be mailed to registered households the last week of February. The goal in Minto is \$32,171.56 and the goal in Warsaw is \$25,064.67.

<u>BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE</u> to benefit the Pregnancy Help Center of Park River. Please return your baby bottle to the church as soon as possible. Thank you for your commitment to life.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Living Our Faith, Building Our Future: It is not too late to make a donation or a pledge. As of Feb. 5, Sacred Heart was 74.68% towards its goal of \$157,089. with 28.92% participation. St. Stanislaus was 129.74% towards its goal of \$121,884. with 36.36% participation. Please make checks payable to Living Our Faith, Building Our Future. You may mail your donation directly to the Diocese of Fargo or you may put your Living Our Faith envelope into the collection basket.

<u>SECOND SATURDAY OF REFLECTION</u> - The Father's House, St. Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND, March 8, 10:00am – 3:00pm (includes lunch). Facilitated by Sr. Mary Ruth Huhn, OSF. Suggested donation: \$30. Newcomers welcome. Register online at https://forms.office.com/r/qvVtezHnt9 or contact Sr. Mary Ruth with questions at srancy.newcompressions.org or 701-242-7195.

<u>LIFE-GIVING RETREAT:</u> April 4-6, Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City. No matter the circumstances, divorce always represents broken dreams and broken hearts. While much of the attention goes to the men and women trying to navigate the tidal wave of loss and hurt, often left in the wake are the children whose sense of security and identity have also been shattered. This can be true even for those who were already adults when their parents' relationship ended. Life-Giving Wounds is a new ministry to help adults who have experienced the breakdown of their parents' relationship, no matter at what age it happened and to allow Christ to bring new life through those very wounds. Find out more information or register for the retreat by visiting www.fargodiocese.org/lgw.

AT THE FEET OF ST. JOHN PAUL II, a retreat presented by Tim Mosser, Director of Respect Life Office, Diocese of Fargo, April 11-13, Friday-Sunday, (Note date change), Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City. You are invited to a retreat that opens up St. John Paul II's life changing teaching called the "Theology of the Body". This teaching on the total vision of the human person will then be applied to life and love issues as well as the Eucharist. In addition, there will be Mass, Adoration, Confessions, music, and time for personal prayer and reflection. You can register by going to Maryvalend.org or by scanning the QR code on the poster on the bulletin board.

<u>WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT:</u> Fr. Sean Mulligan will lead a silent retreat inspired by the prayer methods and exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It will be held at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND, beginning in the afternoon of Thursday, **May 8**, and concluding with dinner on Saturday, **May 10**. For a complete schedule, or to register please visit: https://fargodiocese.net/womens-retreat. If you have questions, contact Jennie Korsmo at jennie.korsmo@fargodiocese.org or 701-356-7901. Only 11 spots remain.

BENEFIT LUNCH & SILENT AUCTION for the family of Crystal & Aaron Balek on Sat., February 22, 11:00am-3:00pm, St. Timothy's Church, 1207 Oldham Ave., Manvel. Sloppy Joe lunch. Free will donation. Silent Auction 11:00am-2:30pm. Aaron's parents are Mary Ellen (Mondry) and Gene Balek of Manvel. All proceeds benefit the Aaron and Crystal Balek family for living expenses and for Crystal's medical expenses. If you would like to make a donation or donate a basket for the silent auction, please call Rita Bry (701-740-1120), Vicki Fruetel (218-791-9149), or Kathy Hawkins Pearce (701-317-2130).

MARDI GRAS AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HIGHWAY 17 E., PARK RIVER, Tuesday, March 4, 11:00am to 1:00pm. Soup & Sandwich Lunch & Bake Sale. Free-will offering. Tasty home-made soups, egg salad & ham sandwiches. Take-out available—request at ticket table. Sponsored by St. Mary's Altar Society. Please join us!!!

MINTO

<u>THANK YOU</u> for the following donations: <u>St. Patrick's Cemetery:</u> In memory of **Peggy Niswonger** by Nick & Lynn Lane and by Eric & Mary Stanislowski. <u>Sacred Heart Cemetery:</u> In memory of **Jay Duray** by Kimball & Julie Lutovsky.

GENERAL CHURCH CLEANING at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, February 22. We need your help to clean those areas of the church that don't get attention in the regular monthly cleanings. Cleaning will begin at 9:00am. Coffee and snacks will be available. If you cannot attend on February 22, the cleaning list is available now in the kitchen. ALL PARISHIONERS are encouraged to help with this deep cleaning of the church building. There are tasks available for all ages and abilities. Thank you to everyone who keeps our church looking so beautiful. Contact Lynn Lane (430-8956) if you have any questions! YOUTH (Ages 18 and younger): If you participate in the general church cleaning for 30 minutes or more, please complete a slip (located in kitchen) with your name and phone number to be entered into a drawing to win 1 of 2 gift cards to Northdale (\$20). One entry per person. Remember to date/initial the task(s) that you complete on the cleaning list. Drawing will be held during May Altar Society meeting.

<u>FEBRUARY CHURCH CLEANING:</u> Lead person: Sherrie Altendorf. Sylvia Cortez, Christian & Makenzie Miller, John & Dawn Miller, Zach & Jordan Miller, Mike & Toni Pulak, Tarek & Kassia Schanilec.

WARSAW

<u>FEBRUARY CHURCH CLEANING:</u> Lead family: Tony & Vicky Gudajtes. Merlyn Feltman, Lee & Heidi Gudajtes, Dylan & Sami Slominski.

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

<u>OPEN HOLY HOUR</u> - Fridays at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Joan at 701-360-2499 if you are interested in taking this holy hour on a short-term or long-term basis.