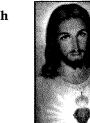


St. Stanislaus Parish Warsaw, ND Fst 1900

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacred Heart Parish Minto, ND Est. 1905



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Davids and Sauls: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Seventh Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

The story of David and Saul in today's First Reading functions almost like a parable. Showing mercy to his deadly foe, David gives a concrete example of what Jesus expects to become a way of life for His disciples.

The new law Jesus gives in today's Gospel would have us all become "Davids"—loving our enemies, doing good to those who would harm us, extending a line of credit to those who won't ever repay us.

The Old Law required only that the Israelites love their fellow countrymen. The new law Jesus brings makes us kin to every man and woman. His kingdom isn't one of tribe or nationality. It's a family. As followers of Jesus, we're to live as He lived among us—as "children of the Most High".

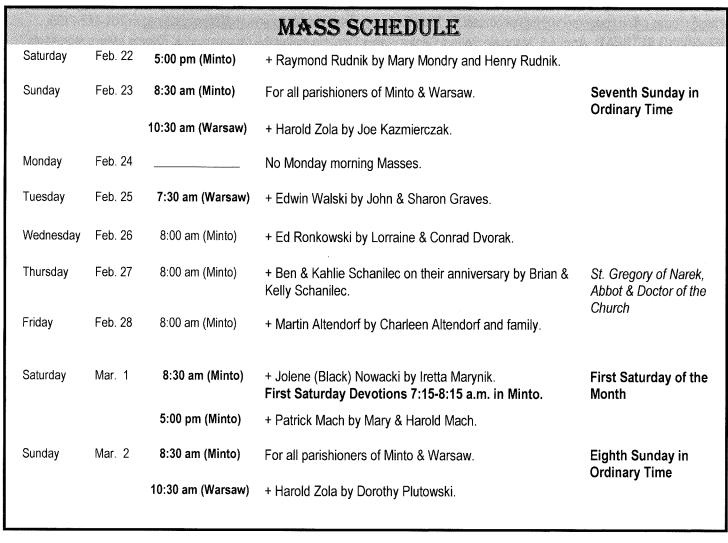
As sons and daughters, we want to walk in the ways of our heavenly Father, to "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Grateful for His mercy, we're called to forgive others their trespasses because God has forgiven ours.

In the context of today's liturgy, we're all "Sauls"—by our sinfulness and pride we make ourselves enemies of God. But we've been spared a death we surely deserved to die because God has loved and shown mercy to His enemies, "the ungrateful and the wicked," as Jesus says.

Jesus showed us this love in His Passion, forgiving His enemies as they stripped Him of cloak and tunic, cursed Him and struck Him on the cheek, condemned Him to death on a cross. "He redeems your life from destruction," David reminds us in today's Psalm.

That's the promise, too, of today's Epistle: that we who believe in the "last Adam," Jesus, will rise from the dead in His image, as today we bear the image of the "first Adam," who by his sin made God an enemy and brought death into

https://stpaulcenter.com/audio/sunday-bible-reflections/davids-and-sauls-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-seventh-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 16, 2025: Minto = \$2,939. Warsaw = \$1,043.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, March 1: Altar Servers: Jack Lane & Jacob Hefta. Lector: Lynn Lane.

Sunday, March 2: Altar Servers: Adin Kilichowski, Solomon Schanilec, Luke Sobolik. Lector: Irene Evenson.

<u>WARSAW</u>: <u>Sun., Feb. 23:</u> Altar Servers: Ben Gudajtes, Andrew Riske, Krystian Gudajtes, John Paul Kerian. <u>Lector</u>: Roman Perrault. <u>Sunday, March 2: Altar Servers:</u> Ben, Gabe, & Griffin Gudajtes, and Edmund Sweeney. <u>Lector</u>: Greg Feltman.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held on the Fridays of Lent in each parish: 5:15pm at St. Stanislaus, Warsaw & 7:00pm at Sacred Heart, Minto.

<u>THANK YOU</u> 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.

THE WORD AMONG US FOR LENT BOOKLETS have been set out in both churches. Please take a copy.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades 9-12 will be on Wed., Feb. 26.

<u>RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES</u> for grades K-8 on Wed., 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: Next weekend, March 1 & 2, is Commitment Weekend for the 2025 God's Gift Appeal. Please bring the personalized commitment card you received in the mail to Mass with you as we join together to support our Catholic Church. 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. You may also mail you God's Gift envelope directly to the Diocese of Fargo or put it in the collection basket in the next couple of weeks.

BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE 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.

<u>OPERATION RICE BOWL:</u> Join our faith community— and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States— in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Soon CRS Rice Bowls will be set out in back of our churches. Please take a Rice Bowl and help our sisters and brothers impacted by the injustice of global hunger by filling it with your spare change during the 40 days of Lent. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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 smarryuth@sfcretreats.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, 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.

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

LENTEN FOOD PANTRY DRIVE will be starting soon—from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday at Sacred Heart, Minto, for the Walsh County Food Pantry for all kinds of non-perishable food items and non-food items. No open packages or outdated items please. Please put items in the area where the Giving Tree is set up at Christmas time or in the green grassy area at the bottom of the ramp as you enter the church from the west side using the silver door.

<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.