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The Ascension of the Lord

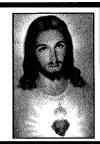
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# The Good News: Scott Hahn reflects on the Ascension of the Lord

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf.

Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy

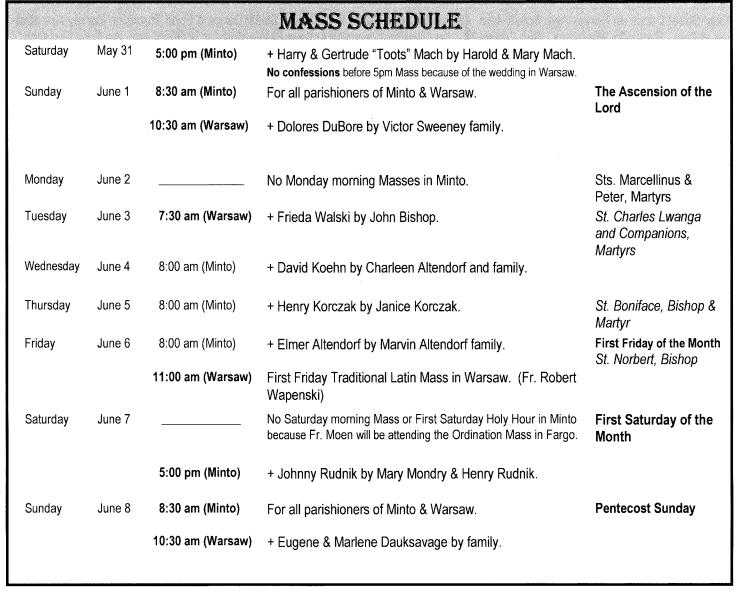
Spirit". The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life, we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit, we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord". The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace. Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.

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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 May 25, 2025:

**Minto** = \$2,145.

**Warsaw** = \$1,863.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, June 7: Altar Servers: Jack Lane & Jacob Hefta. Lector: John Mozinski.

Sunday, June 8: Altar Servers: Ezra & Eli Robinson. Lector: Sam Mondry.

<u>WARSAW</u>: <u>Sunday, June 1:</u> Lector: Mark Vandal. <u>Sunday, June 8:</u> Lector: Mark Vandal.

## **ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANK YOU** for your response for 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.

**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR CEMETERIES:** The mowing season will soon be here and the cemeteries are in need of funds. Any memorial or donation will be greatly appreciated. In Minto we have three cemetery funds. Please specify which cemetery your donation is for.

**GOD'S GIFT APPEAL:** If you have not yet made a donation or a pledge, please do so as soon as possible. The goal in Minto is \$32,171.56 and the goal in Warsaw is \$25,064.67. As of May 21, Sacred Heart was 50.87% towards its goal with 29.34% participation. \$16,365.40 has been donated or pledged. St. Stanislaus was 64.89% towards its goal with 31.76% participation. \$16,265.00 has been donated or pledged. You may mail your God's Gift envelope directly to the Diocese of Fargo or put it in the collection basket. Extra commitment envelopes are in back of the church.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Living Our Faith, Building Our Future: It is not too late to make a donation or a pledge. As of May 15, Sacred Heart was 75.13% towards its goal of \$157,089. with 30.12% participation. \$118,015.00 has been donated or pledged. St. Stanislaus was 130.15% towards its goal of \$121,884. with 37.50% participation. \$158,637.17 has been donated or pledged. 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>A BEGINNING EXPERIENCE</u> for divorced, separated, and widowed people will be held **June 20-22** in Hankinson, ND. Please call 701-277-8784 if interested or go to the web at <a href="https://www.beginningexperience-easternnorthdakota.org">www.beginningexperience-easternnorthdakota.org</a> to learn more.

**RACHEL VINEYARD RETREAT: HOPE AND HEALING:** Have you, or someone you know, suffered from the physical, emotional, or spiritual effects of a past abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard** offers a safe, non-judgmental and confidential weekend retreat for anyone – including women, men, couples, grandparents, or siblings - who struggle with the feelings of loss or guilt that can accompany an abortion experience. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in the Diocese of Fargo is scheduled for **August 8-10**. For more information, contact Sherry at 701-520-1229 or Tim at 701-799-2051 or email **rvregis-ter@yahoo.com.** All inquiries are strictly confidential.

MINTO THURSDAY NIGHT COOKOUTS: June 5 from 5:00-7:00pm on the main street of Minto, Harvey Ave. Menu: hamburgers, brats, hotdogs, condiments, beans, sauerkraut, chips, lemonade, and ice cream. All proceeds go to local groups and organizations. Free-will offering. (Suggested: \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth.) To-go meals are available. Hosts on June 5 will be the Minto American Legion Auxiliary. Everyone is welcome!

MINTO DAYS June 19, 20, 21, & 22. Thurs., June 19 - Main Street Cookout hosted by the Minto Museum. Fri., June 20 - PNA Golf Tournament, Fair Oaks, Grafton. Cornhole Tournament. Band on Harvey Ave—9pm to 12 midnight. Food trucks. Sat., June 21 - 5K at 9am. Craft Show 10am-2pm, Minto Park. Also in the park, 10:30am-1:30pm, Kids' Games & more, Food Trucks, Concessions. Kids' Street Dance on Harvey Ave. from 2-4pm. Legion Baseball Game in the park. Street Dance & Food Trucks on Harvey Ave starting at 7pm. Fireworks when dark. Sun., June 22 - Jim Gudajtes Memorial Antique Ride—starts at 10:30am from the Tony Gudajtes Farm. Car & Bike Show 10am-4pm. Museum Alive—Gates open at noon. City Parade at 1pm. At the Museum—Polish Food and Concessions, Kids' Games, Kenny and the Classics, PNA Costume Show, Kids' Pedal Tractor Pull—registration at 3:30pm, Shutt the Front Door Décor, Crafters, Vendors. Penny candy, nickel ice cream cones, dime popcorn. Doors close at 5pm. Everyone is welcome for this fun weekend in Minto! See poster for contact numbers and more information.

POLISH DAY - ASSUMPTION CHURCH, FLORIAN will be held Sunday, June 22, in Florian, MN. Mass @ 10:30am at Assumption. Church followed by a fundraiser dinner 11:30am - 1:00pm in the church basement. Proceeds going towards Assumption Church Building Fund. Dolina Polish Folk Dancers and Cathy Erickson & MaryJo from 1pm - 4pm in the Parish Hall. Fun for the entire family!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS: JUNE 1, 2025 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (REVELATIONS 22:13) This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school.

Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

### MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donation: Sacred Heart Cemetery: From George & Wilma Kozel.

DECORATION OF GRAVESITES FOR MEMORIAL DAY. Gravesites in Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's cemeteries may be decorated prior to and one week after Memorial Day (the evening of June 1). After that time, we ask you to remove decorations so that they do not interfere with the care of the cemetery. Any remaining items that are stuck in the ground will be set on the monument or moved to "short" edges of the monument foundation so that they do not interfere with the lawn mower. We encourage you to remove them so that they do not get damaged. Although items may remain on the monument, we do not guarantee that they will not get damaged. Potted plants are allowed if placed on the monument or secured in a way that does not interfere with the lawn mower.

A LIGHT BREAKFAST will be served on Sunday, June 29, after the 8:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, to celebrate the June feast days, especially The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Patron of Sacred Heart Church) on June 27 and the Immaculate Heart of Mary on June 28 plus the other June feast days. Menu will be egg and ham or sausage breakfast sandwiches, fruit, and quick breads or muffins. This is a free event in celebration of The Sacred Heart of Jesus, the patron of our church, and His mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Altar Society. Everyone is invited!

<u>PARISH LIBRARY:</u> All are welcome to visit the parish library at Sacred Heart Church and to check out books. The library is located in the classroom/ramp room south of the dining room. There are directions on how to check out books and a clipboard to sign them out. There are many books that are duplicates of the ones in the Adoration Chapel that you are able to sign out. If questions, please call the church office at 248-3589.

JUNE CHURCH CLEANING: Lead person: Phyllis Barta. Brian & Kelly Dauksavage, Mike Farder & Phyllis Barta, John & Lynette Kennedy, Kenny & Debbie Lunski, Chris Misialek, Shelley Schuster.

### WARSAW

<u>FLOWERS FOR MEMORIAL DAY ON ST. STANISLAUS CEMETERY</u> may stay until Sun., **June 1**. Please take all flowers and wreaths off no later than the evening of June 1 or they will be discarded.

JUNE CHURCH CLEANING: Lead family: Roger & Sandy Schuster. Art & Joane Wosick, Robert & Kristin Wosick.