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Fourth Sunday of Lent

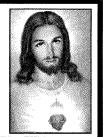
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Eyesight to the Blind: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind. The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ.

As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth, Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay. As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent."

Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will. He is the new source of life-giving water: the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism.

This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him, David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus.

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church.

In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing. With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord."

"The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light," trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.

https://stpaulcenter.com/audio/sunday-bible-reflections/eyesight-to-the-blind-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-fourth-sunday-of-ient/

MASS SCHEDULE				
Saturday	Mar. 18	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ Raul Rodriguez, Sr., by family.	
Sunday	Mar. 19	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ William & Palagia Zola by the Harold Zola family.	Laetare Suriday
Monday	Mar. 20	6:30 pm (Minto)	+ Francis & Amelia Koehmstedt by Joe Koehmstedt.	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	Mar. 21	7:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Lois Kosmatka by Sacred Heart Society of Warsaw.	,
Wednesday	Mar. 22	8:00 am (Minto)	+ J. D. Miller by Brian & Kelly Schanilec.	
Thursday	Mar. 23	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Matt Gerszewski by friends & neighbors.	St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop
Friday	Mar. 24	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Kris Peterka by Rod & Joan Schanilec.	Abstinence—Fridays of Lent
		5:15 pm (Warsaw)	——Stations of the Cross——	
		7:00 pm (Minto)	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	Mar. 25		No morning Mass in Minto.	The Annunciation of the Lord
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Funeral Mass for Irene Schanilec.	
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ Dorothy, Stanley, & David Slominski by Deb Slominski and family.	
Sunday	Mar. 26	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Fifth Sunday of Lent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Willie Kosmatka.	

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 March 12, 2023: Minto = \$1,352.**Warsaw** = \$957.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, March 25: Altar Servers: Volunteers needed. Lector: Lynn Lane.

Sunday, March 26: Altar Servers: Jack Kennedy, Bennett Kennedy. Lector: Irene Evenson.

<u>WARSAW: Sun., Mar. 19:</u> Altar Servers: Damian Bushaw, James Vandal, Krystian Gudajtes, Estefano Moncada. Lector: Greg Feltman. <u>Sunday, March 26:</u> Altar Servers: Ben Gudajtes, Jaxon Sands, Joseph Vandal, Damian Bushaw. Lector: Greg Feltman.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER FLOWERS: Envelopes for Easter flowers were attached to a previous bulletin. Please return the envelope by putting it in the collection basket or mailing it to the parish office, PO Box 316, Minto ND 58261. You may also use your own plain white envelope clearly marked "Easter Flowers" with your name if you so wish. Please indicate which parish your donation is for. Thank you for helping our churches look beautiful for Easter! HOLY LAND COLLECTION will take place at the Good Friday service on April 7. You may turn in your donation early by using the envelope in your boxed set of envelopes or your own envelope marked Holy Land with your name on it if you so wish and by putting it in the collection basket any time starting now. Thank you for helping the Christians in the Holy Land.

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 in Minto.

<u>SINCE ST. PATRICK'S DAY</u> fell on a Friday this year, Bishop Folda has allowed the faithful to fulfill their duty of abstinence on an alternate day. They may instead abstain from meat on another day between **March 13-23**.

REGIONAL SYNOD LISTENING SESSION RESCHEDULED TO THURSDAY, MAY 4: Join Bishop Folda at St. John's Catholic Church in Grafton (Thursday, **May 4**, from 6:30-9:00pm) for the next phase of the Fargo Diocese Synod. We will be gathering to discuss the questions: 1) Top 3 things that are working well at our parish/Diocese; 2) Top 3 challenges to address in our parish/Diocese; and 3) What is one step I might be called to take to respond? Everyone is invited!

<u>GOD'S GIFT APPEAL:</u> Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2023 God's Gift Appeal. Sacred Heart Parish is 41.09% towards its goal of \$33,816. and St. Stanislaus Parish is 15.72% towards its goal of \$23,788. If you have not made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the church entry or by the bulletins and return it in the collection basket, mail it to the parish office, or mail it directly to the Diocese of Fargo. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

<u>LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE</u> will be on **Sunday**, **April 2**, 4:00pm at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, for both parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services will be on Sun., **Mar. 19**, 12 noon at St. John Nepomucene, Pisek. Sun., **Mar. 26**, 3:00pm, at St. Boniface, Walhalla.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades 9-12 on Wed., March 22, 6:45-8:00 p.m., St. Gianna Home, Warsaw.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades K-8 on Wed., March 29, 6:30 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church in Warsaw for children and parents.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S COFFEE CLUB will have their last session on Wednesday morning, March 22, in the Sacred Heart Church dining room. Coffee will be served at 6:30 a.m. with the "Into the Breach" video starting at 6:45. The meeting will conclude about 7:30 a.m. Questions? Call Keith Zikmund at 701-520-9751 or Rod Schanilec at 218-779-0768.

<u>PREPARING ONE'S HEART FOR LENT!</u> The last session of "Follow Me", an 8-week study on the Gospel of John, will be at 7:15pm on *Thursday, March 23,* at the Sacred Heart Church dining room. Call Joan at 701-369-2499 for more info.

OPERATION RICE BOWL — DRIVEN BY A DREAM: Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Gloriose and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Gloriose and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS: Have you ever been to a retreat led by your peers? Do you want to meet other like-minded young adults and grow in your relationship with God? Do you need a "retreat" from the world around you? Experience God in a personal and REAL way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up April 14-16, 2023 at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults 16 - 22 years are invited to attend. Details and application at https://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm or call Dori at 952-210-2219. Applications are due no later than Monday, March 27.

MADE FOR GREATNESS MEN'S RETREAT: For the first time ever in the Diocese of Fargo, Bishop Folda will be presenting the Made for Greatness Men's Retreat on July 14-16 at Stiklestad Lodge near Fort Ransom, ND. Made for Greatness retreats are known for their invigorating brotherhood, great food, and profound spiritual insights, all within a fully masculine context. Situated in the midst of the National Eucharistic Revival, the theme for the retreat will be "My flesh for the life of the world" (John 6:51). Come and be formed by the spiritual father of our diocese and encounter our Eucharistic Lord in a way you never have before. You can find out more information or register at www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat. We expect this retreat to fill up quickly, so be sure to secure your spot today.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST Sunday, March 19, 11:00am to 1:00pm, St. Mary's Church, Park River. Menu: pancakes, egg bake, sausage. Free will offering. Proceeds benefit the charitable causes of the Knight of Columbus 5055. Everyone welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY March 24 & 31, 5:00-7:00pm, St. John's Church, Grafton. \$15.00 per plate. Children 5 and under free. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 3918. Also dessert bar available sponsored by St. John's Youth Group.

<u>ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST</u> Sunday, **March 26**, 9:00am to 2:00pm, Forest River Legion Hall, Forest River. Menu: pancakes, sausages, ham, scrambled eggs, bars, and a beverage. Proceeds to go to the Forest River Community Fund. Free will offering. Everyone is welcome.

MINTO

<u>THANK YOU</u> for the following donations: <u>Easter Flowers:</u> In memory of Felix & Rita Rudnik, Rudy Rudnik, and Bernice Glanner by Dan & Deb Musser and family. Donation from Jan Altendorf.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORTS for 2022, Catholic Yearbooks, and The Word Among Us for Lent are available by the bulletins. Please take a copy. LENTEN FOOD PANTRY DRIVE from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday at Sacred Heart, Minto, for the Walsh County Food Pantry. All kinds of non-perishable food items and non-food items are needed, but especially needed are canned vegetables, bar soap, body wash, instant potatoes, any type of soup, pork & beans, toothpaste. 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.

MARCH CHURCH CLEANING: Lead: Mary E. (Mrs. Sam) Mondry. Kurt & Jennifer Kelley, Sam & Mary Mondry, Tim Mondry, Tyler & Janesa Narloch, Molly Pengilly, Rod & Joan Schanilec, Vern Schreiner.

WARSAW

THANK YOU for the following donation: **St. Stanislaus Church:** In memory of **Rita Kosmatka** by David & Barbara Riskey.

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<u>ST. STANISLAUS ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING:</u> Monday, March 20, at 6:00pm in the St. Stanislaus Church basement, Warsaw. Discussion will center around upcoming spring events including the Palm Sunday Breakfast.

<u>ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH BREAKFAST, WARSAW:</u> Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023, from 9:00am – 1:00pm. Menu will include Langdon sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sweet breads, and fruit. Free will offering. Everyone is welcome.

MARCH CHURCH CLEANING: Lead: Joseph Kazmierczak, Sr. Johnathon & Marissa Kazmierczak, Austin & Sarah Lessard, Steven & Lisa Schuster.