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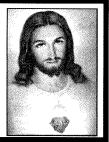
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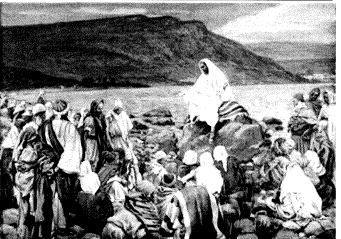


Fruits of the Fig: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Lent

In the Church, we are made children of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God who makes known His name and His ways to Moses in today's First Reading.

Mindful of His covenant with Abraham, God came down to rescue His people from the slave drivers of Egypt. Faithful to that same covenant, He sent Jesus to redeem all lives from destruction, as today's Psalm tells us.

Paul says in today's Epistle that God's saving deeds in the Exodus were written down for the Church, intended as a prelude and foreshadowing of our own Baptism by water, our liberation from sin, our feeding with spiritual food and drink. Yet the events of the Exodus were also given as a "warning"—that being children of Abraham is no guarantee that we will reach the promised land of our salvation.



At any moment, Jesus warns in today's Gospel, we could perish, not as God's punishment for being "greater sinners" but because, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we stumble into evil desires, fall into grumbling, forget all His benefits.

Jesus calls us today to "repentance"—not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives. We're called to live the life we sing about in today's Psalm, blessing His holy name, giving thanks for His kindness and mercy.

The fig tree in His parable is a familiar Old Testament symbol for Israel. As the fig tree is given one last season to produce fruit before it is cut down, so too Jesus is giving Israel one final opportunity to bear good fruits as evidence of its repentance.

Lent should be for us like the season of reprieve given to the fig tree, a grace period in which we let "the gardener," Christ, cultivate our hearts, uprooting what chokes the divine life in us, strengthening us to bear fruits that will last into eternity. https://stpaulcenter.com/audio/sunday-bible-reflections/fruits-of-the-fig-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-third-sunday-of-lent/

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MASS SCHEDULE				
Saturday	March 19	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ John & Martha Durkin by Walter & Evelyn Paschke.	
Sunday	March 20	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Third Sunday of Lent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Harry Czapiewski by Wallace & Evelyn Feltman.	
Monday	March 21	6:30 pm (Minto)	+ Ernest Misialek by Eleanore Narloch.	
Tuesday	March 22	8:00 am (Minto)	+ J. D. Miller by Brian & Kelly Schanilec.	
Wednesday	March 23	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Francis & Amelia Koehmstedt by the Koehmstedt family.	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Thursday	March 24	8:00 am (Minto)	+ LuAnn Jacobson by Remi & Betty Beauchamp	St. Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr
Friday	March 25	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Esther Narlock by JoAnn Riske.	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
		5:15 pm (Warsaw)	Stations of the Cross (Fr. Christensen)	
		7:00 pm (Minto)	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	March 26	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Stanley Zolondek by Sacred Heart Altar Society.	
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ Peter & Dorothy Kilichowski by family.	
Sunday	March 27	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Raymon Carlson by Fr. Peter Sharpe.	(_assais ourisas)
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<u>CONFESSIONS</u> 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 13, 2022: Minto = \$5,665 Warsaw = \$796

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, March 26: Altar Servers: Volunteers needed. Lector: Lynn Lane.

Sunday, March 27: Altar Servers: Jack & Bennett Kennedy. Lector: Irene Evenson.

WARSAW: Sun., March 20: Altar Servers: Jaxon Sands, James Vandal, Damian Bushaw, Julian Riskey. Lector: Greg Feltman. Sun., March 27: Altar Servers: Ben Gudajtes, Andrew Riske, Dominic Bushaw, Braydon Lizakowski. Lector: Greg Feltman.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE this weekend March 19 & 20 at both parishes. A second collection basket will be set out.

EASTER FLOWERS: Envelopes for Easter flowers were attached to a previous bulletin and are also available in back of the church. 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 and if it is a memorial for someone. Thank you for helping our churches look beautiful for Easter!

GOD'S GIFT APPEAL: Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2022 God's Gift Appeal. Sacred Heart is 39.98% towards its goal of \$30,742 and St. Stanislaus is 34.70% towards its goal of \$21,625. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the back of the church and return it in the collection basket or mail it to the Diocese of Fargo. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

<u>LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE</u> will be on **Sunday**, **April 10**, 4:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, for both parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services are Sun., **Mar. 20**, 4:00pm at St. John's, Grafton. Sun., **Mar. 27**, 12 noon at St. John Nepomucene, Pisek.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: A devotion during Lent that is declining in practice is the Stations of the Cross. Stations are scheduled for all the Fridays of Lent including Good Friday. They will be held in Warsaw at 5:15 p.m. and in Minto at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross as many times as possible during Lent in either parish. Families with children are encouraged to attend and instill a love of this ancient devotion in their families.

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

OPERATION RICE BOWL: OVERCOMING DISASTER - In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes, and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Please pick up your family's Rice Bowl from the back of the church. Rice Bowls can be returned to the church after Easter. If you did not get a Rice Bowl, you may make a cash or check donation using your own envelope labeled Rice Bowl and putting it in the collection basket. Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart Church with Rice Bowl on the memo line. Thank you for helping the world's poorest of the poor this Lent.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASS for grades 9-12, Wed., March 23, St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, 6:45-8:00pm with a meal for the students from 6:15-6:45pm.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades K-8 on Wed., March 23, 6:30-7:45pm in Minto.

"NO GREATER LOVE" LENTEN STUDY for all area women Monday, March 21, and Thursday, March 24, 7:15pm, Sacred Heart Church dining room, Minto. About the DVD based study: "Filmed on location in the Holy Land, 'No Greater Love' is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us that will help us to grow closer to Jesus than we ever have been before. Dr. Sri guides us through the last hours of Christ's life as we walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary."

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BISHOP FOLDA: Bishop Folda of the Diocese of Fargo will be leading Stations of the Cross at the Fargo abortion clinic (Red River Women's Clinic at 521 1st Ave. N., Fargo) at 10:00 a.m. on Good Friday, April 15. Station booklets will be provided for participants. A clear sound system will be used so the Bishop can be heard by all in attendance. You are asked to stay on the sidewalk and not block access to any driveways, store fronts, or pedestrians. Please join us for Stations for Life with Bishop Folda at the Fargo abortion clinic on Good Friday.

<u>FULL-TIME TEACHER AND SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEEDED:</u> St. John's Elementary School in Wahpeton, ND is accepting applications for the following positions: First Grade Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year and School Counselor, available immediately. To apply submit a letter of application, resumé, transcripts, ND Licensure, references to: Renee Langenwalter at <u>renee.langenwalter@k12.nd.us</u>. For more information, call 701-642-6116.

FULL-TIME BUSINESS OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED: Real Presence Radio is hiring a full-time Business Office Assistant position located at the Fargo main office. The Assistant's main duties are Accounts Receivable, data processing, and day-to-day operations assigned by the Business Manager including financial, clerical functions and record-keeping. For more information about the position, please call Joyce at 877-795-0122. To apply for the position, please send your resume and three references to joyce@realpresenceradio.com

FISH FRY on Friday, March 25 and April 1 & 8 from 5:00pm-7:00pm at St. John's Parish Center, Grafton. \$12.00—All you can eat; \$6.00 ages 6-12; free to ages 5 and under. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 3918. Also dessert bar sponsored by St. John's Youth Group.

<u>SPAGHETTI BENEFIT FUNDRAISER</u> for **Cynthia (Jelinek) Schiernbeck** on Sun., **March 27**, 10:30am to 1:00pm, St. Mary's Church, Park River. Free will donation. Also Bake Sale & Basket Auction.. Cynthia has cancer.

MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: Easter Flowers: In memory of Mark Tibert by Darrin Rudnik. In memory of Elmer Altendorf by Marvin & Sherrie Altendorf. In memory of Stanley Zolondek by Jeff & Bernice Glanner. In memory of our parents, Leonard & Evelyn Gruchalla and Dick & Dora Marynik, by Robert & Doreen Gruchala. In memory of Lee Kozel by George & Wilma Kozel. Donation from Kurt & Jennifer Kelley. Sacred Heart Cemetery: In memory of Louie Slominski, Sr., by Shirley Schultz and by Gary & Shelly Syverson.

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. Especially needed items: dish soap, deodorant, paper towels, cake mixes, canned peas, canned carrots, boxed meals like Hamburger Helper. 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 silver door on the west side of the church.

<u>SIMPLE SUPPER:</u> Sacred Heart Altar Society will be hosting a simple supper on **April 1** prior to the 7:00pm Stations of the Cross. Supper will be served from 6:00pm-6:50pm. No charge. All are welcome.

MARCH CHURCH CLEANING: Kurt & Jennifer Kelley, Tim Mondry, Tyler & Janesa Narloch, Molly Pengilly, Rod & Joan Schanilec, Vern Schreiner.

WARSAW

CONGRATULATIONS to Peter Gilbert Sweeney, son of Victor & Paige Sweeney, who was baptized on March 6, 2022, at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Warsaw.

THANK YOU for the following donations: St. Stanislaus Cemetery: In memory of Lennae Kosmatka by George Wosick and by American Legion Auxiliary Grafton Unit No. 41. Donations from George Wosick and from Krystian Gudajtes.

<u>DAILY MASS IN WARSAW:</u> Fr. Moen is discerning the possibility of adding a daily Mass in Warsaw each week. If you have an interest in this, please let him know.

<u>ADULT PRAYER GROUP</u> at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, meets at 8:00pm usually every **Thursday**. Join us when you can. Questions, call Bethany Plutowski 701-520-1935. Also info is on Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Adult-Prayer-Group-St-Stanislaus-101208802288971.