

St. Stanislaus Parish Warsaw, ND

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Sacred Heart Parish Minto, ND



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# **Spiritual Sacrifices: Scott** Hahn Reflects on the Third **Sunday of Lent**

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it— to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan. He is the Lord the prophets said would come—to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples.

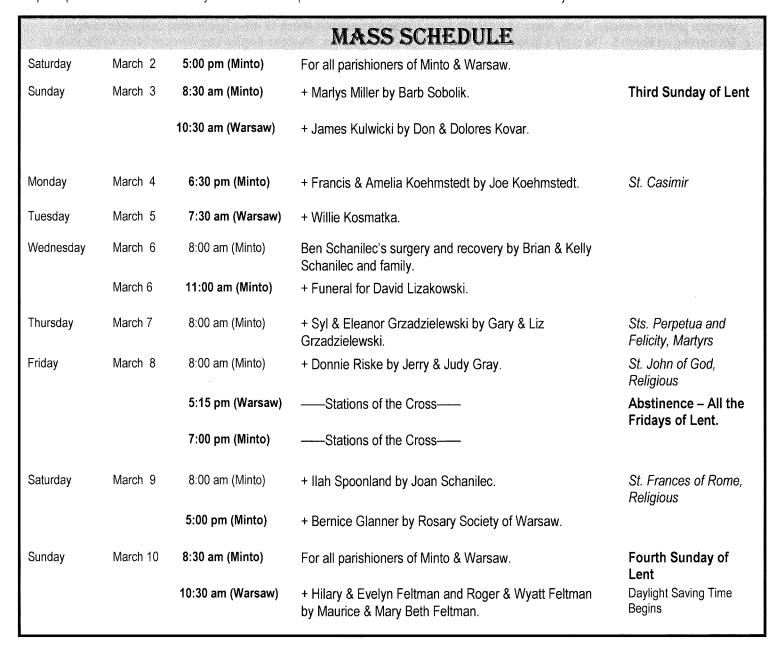
The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands.

Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves. Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices—only that Israel heed His commandments.

His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love, perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the Cross. This is the "sign" Jesus offers in the Gospel today—the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in the Epistle.

Jesus' body—destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later—is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple and together builds us into a dwelling place of God.

In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires. We are to offer praise as our sacrifice. This means imitating Christ—offering our bodies—all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others. https://stpaulcenter.com/audio/sunday-bible-reflections/spiritual-sacrifice-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-third-sunday-of-lent/



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 25, 2024:

**Minto** = \$1,947.

**Warsaw** = \$1,336.

## **LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

MINTO: Saturday, March 9: Altar Servers: Jacob Hefta, Kole Kittelson, Jack Lane. Lector: Lynn Lane.

Sunday, March 10: Altar Servers: Riley, Eli, & Ezra Robinson. Lector: Irene Evenson.

WARSAW: Sunday, March 3: Altar Servers: Joseph Vandal, Andrew Riske, Gabe & Griffin Gudajtes. Lector: Greg Feltman.

Sunday, March 10: Altar Servers: Damian Bushaw, James Vandal, Blake & Brayden Lizakowski. Lector: Greg Feltman.

#### **ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be on **Sunday, March 24**, 4:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, for both parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services are Sun., **Mar. 3**, 4:00pm at St. John's, Grafton. Sun., **Mar. 10**, 12 noon at St. John Nepomucene, Pisek.

<u>PRO-LIFE DAY OF RECOLLECTION</u> for high school and college students **Saturday**, **March 9**, 1:30pm to 8:00pm, St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw. Guests speakers, Mass, and dinner included. Free event. Online registration required by *March 4*. www.sgpmollahome.com/20th-anniversary Hosted by the St. Gianna & Pietro Molla Maternity Home of Warsaw.

**LENTEN PRO-LIFE MISSION:** All are welcome to attend a parish mission **March 10, 11, and 12** held at **St. Stanislaus Catholic Church** in **Warsaw**. Each evening the mission will begin at 5:15pm with a simple meal (free will offering), confessions at 6:00pm, and a talk at 6:30pm. Fr. Greg Haman will speak on Sunday, Fr. Joseph Christensen, FMI, on Monday, concluding with Fr. Jeff Eppler on Tuesday.

GOD'S GIFT APPEAL 2024: Last weekend was Commitment Weekend for the 2024 God's Gift Appeal for our parishes. If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge and return the envelope in the collection basket or mail it directly to Fargo. Extra commitment cards are located in the back of the church by the bulletins. The goal at Sacred Heart, Minto, is \$35,271 and the goal at St. Stanislaus, Warsaw, is \$26,167. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our diocesan church.

THE TRAVELING STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA from the World Apostolate of Fatima Fargo Division is still here at St Stanislaus Church and Sacred Heart Church for the month of March. If you would like to invite Our Lady to come to your home for a few days or up to one week, please sign up with **Bethany Plutowski**, our parishes' representative. Sign up sheets will be left at the church for the remaining time Our Lady is with us. Please call or text Bethany at **701-520-1935** if you need further information or to sign up anytime.

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 and the name of your loved one if your donation is a memorial. Please indicate which parish your donation is for. Thank you for helping our churches look beautiful for Easter!

THE CATHOLIC YEARBOOKS have been set out in back of the church in both parishes. Please pick up a copy. Thank you to the following sponsors: Altendorf Trucking & Express, Minto; Kilmer Excavating, Grafton; Walsh County Mutual Insurance Company, Minto; Grafton Drug, Grafton; North Valley Equipment/Lockwood, Grafton; Sobolik Excavation LLC, Ardoch; Brandt Construction, Pisek.

"SOMETHING SPECIAL/SOMETHING EXTRA!" - Women's book study for Lent held at the Sacred Heart Church dining room, Minto, on Tuesday evenings (with one exception Thurs., March 14 not March 12) at 7:15pm from now until March 19 with a Resurrection Celebration on April 2.

5th meeting on March 5. The study is based on the book, "A Place Called Golgotha: Meditations on the Last Words of Christ" by Elizabeth M. Kelly. For more information, please contact Joan Schanilec at 701-360-2499.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades K-8 on Wed., March 6 & 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Minto.

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

RICE BOWL: Join our faith community— and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States— in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. CRS Rice Bowls have been 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.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS - Permanent Diaconate Formation Classes will begin August, 2025, with applications opening this fall 2024. Interested men should contact <a href="mailto:vocations@fargodiocese.org">vocations@fargodiocese.org</a> to be added to the inquiry database for future communications. Informational dinners (wives included, if married) with Msgr. Schlesselmann and the diaconate formation team at (1) Grand Forks - St. Michael's Church, Tues., April 2, 2024, 6:00pm. RSVP by March 8. (2) Fargo - Holy Spirit Church, Tues., April 23, 2024, 6:00pm. RSVP by March 8. (3) Jamestown - St. James Basilica Church, Tues., May 7, 2024, 6:00pm. RSVP by April 16. More info (such as age requirements & RSVP link) available at <a href="https://www.fargodiocese.org/permanentdeacons">https://www.fargodiocese.org/permanentdeacons</a> FISH FRY at St. John's Parish Center, Grafton, March 8, 15, & 22, 5:00pm to 7:00pm. \$15.00. All you can eat. Free to ages 5 & under. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 3918. Dessert bar sponsored by St. John's Youth Group.

BINGO FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY: The Degree of Honor will be hosting a bingo party Sunday, March 3, from 2-4 p.m. at the Minto Community Center. We will be playing 15 games of bingo. Play all 15 games or as many games as you like. Cards are \$1.00 each for each game. 50% of the proceeds from each game will be paid out to the winner. Everyone is invited to attend.

THANK YOU!!! for all who are supporting our Dominican Republic Mission Trip from the Vandal family. Our February 10 fundraiser went well and was enjoyed by many. Please keep all involved in this trip and benefactors in your prayers. Also, please know that the money collected is helping to build a trade school to train the people in Dominican Republic the trades and trying to help them out of poverty. May God reward you.

#### **MINTO**

THANK YOU for the following donations: Easter Flowers: In memory of Roger DeVries by Stephanie Nice. From Anonymous. In memory of Evelyn Gruchalla by Bob Gruchala. In memory of Lee Kozel by George & Wilma Kozel. In memory of our deceased family members by Bill & Denise Lien. In memory of Donnie Riske by Bonnie Riske. In memory of David, Dorothy, & Stanley Slominski and Walter Paschke by Deborah Slominski. In memory of Lyle Mondry and Raymond Rudnik by Mary A. Mondry.

<u>CHURCH CLEANING:</u> The annual church cleaning sheets are on the counter in the church kitchen. There are still some areas of the church that need some extra cleaning. Please help if you can.

LENTEN FOOD PANTRY DRIVE from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, for the Walsh County Food Pantry for all kinds of non-perishable food items and non-food items. See the posters in the church for items especially needed. 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 person: Joan Schanilec. Kurt & Jennifer Kelley, Sam & Mary Mondry, Tim Mondry, Tyler & Janesa Narloch, Molly Pengilly, Rod & Joan Schanilec, Vern Schreiner.

OPEN HOUSE BABY SHOWER honoring Lili (Robinson) Schulte on Sat., March 9, 1:00-3:00pm, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Minto. It's a BOY!

### **WARSAW**

<u>PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST</u> on Palm Sunday, **March 24**, 9:00am to 1:00pm, St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw. Menu: pancakes, scrambled eggs, Langdon sausage, fresh fruit, orange juice, coffee. Free will offering. Everyone is welcome.

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

## DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

<u>OPEN HOLY HOURS:</u> Sundays at 2 p.m. and Tuesdays at 4 p.m. Please contact Joan at 701-360-2499 if you are interested in taking either of these holy hours on a short-term or long-term basis.