



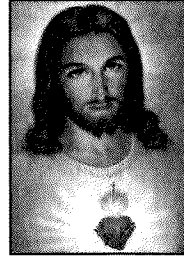
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**May 17, 2026**  
**Ascension of the Lord**

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

In today's first reading, 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". 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 first Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	May 16	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ Susan Gudajtes by John Gudajtes.	
Sunday	May 17	8:30 am (Minto)	+ Corrinne Chapman by Kevin & Shelley Schuster	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b>
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	For all parishioners of Warsaw & Minto.	
Monday	May 18	_____	No morning Masses in Warsaw or Minto this week. Fr. Moen is on vacation.	<i>St. John I, Pope &amp; Martyr</i>
Tuesday	May 19	_____	No Mass.	
Wednesday	May 20	_____	No Mass.	<i>St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i>
Thursday	May 21	_____	No Mass.	<i>St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>
Friday	May 22	_____	No Mass.	<i>St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>
Saturday	May 23	_____	No morning Mass in Minto.	
		5:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw. (Fr. Christensen)	
Sunday	May 24	8:30 am (Minto)	+ Jon Koehmstedt by Joe Koehmstedt.	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Donald L. Schuster by the Kowalski family.	
Monday	May 25	9:00 am (Minto)	For deceased veterans.	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> <b>Memorial Day</b>

**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 10, 2026: **Minto** = \$2,546. **Warsaw** = \$10,924.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**MINTO: Saturday, May 23: Altar Servers:** Adin Kilichowski. **Lector:** Vern Schreiner.

**Sunday, May 24: Altar Servers:** Jack & Bennett Kennedy. **Lector:** Joan Schanilec.

**WARSAW: Sun., May 17: Altar Servers:** Blake, Brayden, & Bennett Lizakowski, and John Paul Kerian. **Lector:** John Kerian.

**Sunday, May 24: Altar Servers:** Nolan, Braxton, & Leo Segler. **Lector:** John Kerian.

## ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FR. MOEN** will be going on vacation starting May 18. He will return late on Saturday, May 23. In case of an emergency, please call Father Jeff Eppler in Grafton 314-750-8937.

**BRYAN'S LEGACY BLOOD DRIVE** Friday, **May 22**, 9:15am to 3:00pm, St. Joseph's Hall (east of St. Gianna's Home), 15615 County Road 15, Warsaw, ND. Bryan lived selflessly, always looking for ways to make a difference in the lives of others. In his memory, please consider donating blood and helping save lives. To schedule an appointment, call Mary Pat 701-360-1363 or Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or scan the QR code on one of the posters. For more information, go to vitalant.org .

**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR CEMETERIES:** The mowing season is here and the cemeteries are in need of funds to pay for mowing expenses. Any memorial or donation is greatly appreciated. At Sacred Heart Parish we have three cemetery funds—Sacred Heart Cemetery, St. Patrick's Cemetery, and St. John's Cemetery. Please specify which cemetery your donation is for.

**GOD'S GIFT APPEAL:** If you have not yet, made a donation to the God's Gift Appeal, you may still do so. The goal in Minto is \$31,436 and the goal in Warsaw is \$25,674. As of May 15, Minto has raised 48.29% of its goal; Warsaw has raised 66.79% of its goal. You may mail your God's Gift envelope directly to the Diocese of Fargo or put it into the collection basket in the next few weeks.

**2026 MASSES:** Please limit Mass requests for the second half of 2026 to one or two Masses per family. Masses above the limit will be forwarded to the Diocese of Fargo to be offered by diocesan priests who are in need of Masses.

**THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLETS FOR JUNE** have been set out in our parishes. Please take a copy.

**A BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND PROGRAM** for widowed, separated, and divorced, will take place **June 26-28** at the St. Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson, starting Friday at 6:30 pm and ending Sunday at 4 pm. "Let go of the pain and get ready to live again. Real results, real hope." For more information and an application, contact Bonnie (Fargo) at 701-318-0949 or leave a message on our hotline at 701-277-8784.

**MINTO COOKOUTS:** This year **Sacred Heart Church** is on the schedule to be one of the hosts along with the Degree of Honor for the **Thursday Night Cookout** on **Thursday, June 18**, from **5:00-7:00pm** on Harvey Avenue, the main street of Minto. If you would like to help that night, please call the parish office at 248-3589 or contact Doreen at 248-3635. Menu: hamburgers, brats, hotdogs, beans, sauerkraut, ice cream, & more. The first cookout of the season is on Thurs., May 28, and will be hosted by the Walsh County Historical Museum. All proceeds go to local groups and organizations. Free-will offering. (Suggested: \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth.) To-go meals are available. Everyone is welcome!

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—MAY 17, 2026 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD:** "I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

## MINTO

**DECORATION OF GRAVESITES FOR MEMORIAL DAY.** Gravesites in Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's cemeteries may be decorated until Sunday, **May 31**. Please take all flowers and wreaths off no later than the evening of May 31 or they will be discarded. We ask you to remove all other 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.

**PARISH LIBRARY:** 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.

**SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING** Monday, **June 1**, 7:00pm, church basement. All members are encouraged to attend.

**MAY CHURCH CLEANING: Lead: Sue Kilichowski.** Wally Ebertowski, Doreen Gruchala, Elaine Kilichowski, Mark & Sue Kilichowski, Denise Lien, Tina Lien, Patrick & Diane Riske.

## WARSAW

**THANK YOU** for the following donations: **St. Stanislaus Building Fund and St. Stanislaus Cemetery:** In memory of **John & Emelia Goroski** by Gary & Stephanie Goroski.

**FLOWERS FOR MEMORIAL DAY ON ST. STANISLAUS CEMETERY** may stay until Sunday, **May 31**. Please take all flowers and wreaths off no later than the evening of May 31 or they will be discarded.

**MAY CHURCH CLEANING: Lead: James & Eleri Kerian.** Gabe & Joan Brien, Mary Beth Feltman, Jason & Bethany Plutowski.