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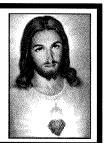
The Ascension of the Lord

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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.

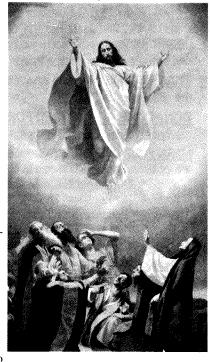
The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, 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.

https://stpaulcenter.com/audio/sunday-bible-reflections/



			MASS SCHEDULE	
Saturday	May 20	5:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	
Sunday	May 21	8:30 am (Minto)	+ Paul Spoonland by Rod & Joan Schanilec.	The Ascension of the Lord
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Evelyn T. Feltman by Theresa Nelson.	
Monday	May 22	-	No Monday morning Masses in Minto.	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Tuesday	May 23	7:00 pm (Warsaw)	For a safe and successful farming season.	Rogation Day
Wednesday	May 24	7:00 pm (Minto)	For a safe and successful farming season.	Rogation Day
Thursday	May 25	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Walter Paschke by Jason & Bethany Plutowski family.	St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin
Friday	May 26	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Paul Gourde by Polish National Alliance Lodge No. 3043 of Warsaw.	St. Philip Neri, Priest
Saturday	May 27	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Mark Tibert by Craig & Julie Nice	St. Augustine of
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ Vic Sobolik by his family.	Canterbury, Bishop
Sunday	May 28	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Pentecost Sunday
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Duane Babinski by LeRoy & Donna Kuta.	
Monday	May 29	9:00 am (Warsaw)	+ Deceased Veterans.	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church — Memorial Day

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, May 27: Altar Servers: Volunteers needed. Lector: Vern Schreiner.

Sunday, May 28: Altar Servers: Jack Kennedy & Bennett Kennedy. Lector: Joan Schanilec.

WARSAW: Sun., May 21: Altar Servers: Damian Bushaw, James Vandal, Krystian Gudajtes, Estefano Moncada. Lector: John Kerian. Sunday, May 28: Altar Servers: Ben Gudajtes, Jaxon Sands, Joseph Vandal, Damian Bushaw. Lector: John Kerian.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD'S GIFT APPEAL: Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2023 God's Gift Appeal. As of May 19 Sacred Heart Parish is 61.21% towards its goal of \$33,816 with 32.34% participation and St. Stanislaus Parish is 51.95% towards its goal of \$23,788 with 36.36% participation. 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 or mail it directly to the Diocese of Fargo. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended or worked at the Baccalaureate receptions in Minto and in Warsaw. Congratulations to all of the graduates!

<u>DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR CEMETERIES:</u> The mowing season is here and the cemeteries are in need of funds. Any memorial or donation will be greatly appreciated.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Catholic Charities North Dakota is turning 100 this year. They are hosting parties in the four cities where their offices are located. Everyone is invited to the parties no matter if they reside in that city or not.

June 6th: The Dakota Zoo in Bismarck will be open to the public with refreshments in the evening.

June 7th: The Roosevelt Zoo in Minot will be open to the public with refreshments in the evening.

June 20th: Bonanzaville in Fargo from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

June 21st: The Myra Museum in Grand Forks from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE IN GRAFTON: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Grafton, ND will be hosting a deanery-wide Eucharistic Conference on Saturday, June 17. The day starts with a 10am Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and is followed by guest speakers addressing the topics of Eucharistic Miracles and Bl. Carlo Acutis, the Eucharist in Sacred Art, and the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. There will also be time for prayer with Eucharistic Adoration and a Eucharistic Rosary. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3pm. A free lunch will be provided. Please contact St. John's parish office at 701-352-1648 to let them know how many will attend so they can better plan the meal. All are welcome!

CAMP SUMMIT: JULY 9-13 AT RED WILLOW BIBLE CAMP, BINFORD:

St. Pope John Paul II calls us to "be not afraid" when it comes to living out our faith as disciples. With all the chaos in the world, we must respond to the invitation by St. John Paul II to share the Gospel courageously with those around us. Camp Summit is for all youth entering grades 7, 8, & 9 who have a desire to deepen their relationship with the Lord. Throughout camp, campers will dive deeper into prayer, spend time in small group discussion, enjoy social and rec. breaks, and encounter the Lord through the Sacraments. This five-day experience is designed to encourage and equip the youth for discipleship to their family, friends, and communities. Camp Summit will take place at Red Willow Bible Camp in Binford, ND, July 9-13, 2023. The cost is \$350.00/camper. To learn more about this opportunity, visit: https://www.fargodiocese.org/campsummit or contact Brady Borslien at brady.borslien@fargodiocese.org/campsummit or contact Brady Borslien at brady.borslien@fargodiocese.org/

MADE FOR GREATNESS MEN'S RETREAT: JULY 14-16, 2023 AT STIKLESTAD LODGE, FORT RANSON. 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. This retreat has been filling up quickly and there are just a handful of slots left, so be sure to grab your spot before they are gone.

WOMEN'S EUCHARISTIC RETREAT WITH BISHOP FOLDA: OCTOBER 6-8, 2023, AT MARYVALE RETREAT CENTER, VALLEY CITY.

Although registration is not yet open, mark your calendars for October 6-8, 2023 and save the date for this Women's Eucharistic Retreat with Bishop Folda at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. This will be a smaller retreat with limited spaces available, so keep an eye on https://www.fargodiocese.org/retreat-schedules for more details in the weeks to come.

BINGO FOR THE SUMMER! Sundays, June 11, July 9, and August 13, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Park River. \$5.00 per card. 20 games. Cash & assorted prizes. Bring your friends!

MINTO THURSDAY NIGHT COOKOUTS! Join the fun on Harvey Avenue (Main Street) on Thursday nights in Minto from 5:00-7:00 p.m. from June 8 through August 10. 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.) Host organization on Thursday, June 8, is the Minto American Legion Auxiliary. Everyone is welcome!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: MAY 21, 2023 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Seventh Sunday of Easter): "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 do not 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

THANK YOU for the following donation: St. Patrick's Cemetery: In memory of Irene Schanilec by the Irene Schanilec family.

ROLLS AFTER MASS will be served on Sunday, June 4, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Minto. Menu: pastries, caramel rolls, fruit, juice, and coffee. Free will offering. Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Altar Society. Everyone is welcome!

FLOWERS FOR MEMORIAL DAY ON SACRED HEART & ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERIES may stay until Sun., June 18. Please take all flowers and wreaths off no later than the evening of June 18 so that they are not in the way of the mowers.

<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 class-room/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.

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

WARSAW

MAY CHURCH CLEANING: Lead: Jason & Bethany Plutowski. James & Eleri Kerian, Mark & Sheila Vandal, Mary Beth Feltman.

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

<u>WELCOME</u> to new adorers to the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel! Lucas Mondry and Jimmy Barta are taking the 10:00 p.m. Holy Hour on Mondays.

LOOKING FOR ADORERS to take the open Holy Hours on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and Fridays at 5:00 p.m.