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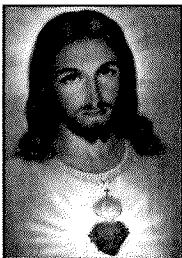
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Watch for Him: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Advent

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading.

In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne—to save and shepherd His people.

Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves.

And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him?

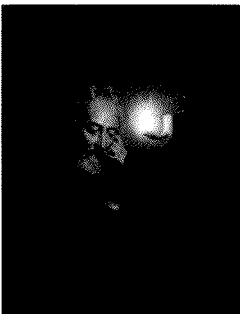
God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love.

In Jesus, we have seen the Father. The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him.

As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift—especially the Eucharist and penance—to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end—if we let Him.

So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel: be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

<https://stpaulcenter.com/posts/watch-for-him-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-first-sunday-of-advent>



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Nov. 29	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ David Slominski by Deb Slominski and family.	
Sunday	Nov. 30	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	The First Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Ben, Julia, & Luke Schuster and their Grandma Martha by the Weninger family.	
Monday	Dec. 1		No Monday morning Masses in Minto.	
Tuesday	Dec. 2	7:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Frieda Walski by Michael Ginter.	
Wednesday	Dec. 3	8:00 am (Minto)	For our godchildren by Rod & Joan Schanilec.	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Thursday	Dec. 4	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Syl & Effie Lizakowski by John & Gloria Mozinski.	St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Friday	Dec. 5	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Joseph Korynta by Raymond & Kathy Korynta.	First Friday of the Month
		11:00 am (Warsaw)	First Friday Traditional Latin Mass in Warsaw. (Fr. Robert Wapenski)	
Saturday	Dec. 6	8:30 am (Minto)	+ David Lizakowski by Penny Lizakowski.	First Saturday of the Month
			First Saturday devotions 7:15-8:15 a.m. in Minto.	St. Nicholas, Bishop
		5:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	
Sunday	Dec. 7	8:30 am (Minto)	+ Ambrose Miller by Cecilia Teske and family.	The Second Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Linda Babinski by family.	
Vigil Mass-Immaculate Conception	Dec. 7	7:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday-Immaculate Conception	Dec. 8	7:30 am (Minto)	+ Severina Teske Miller by Cecilia Teske and family	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—A Holy Day of Obligation
Holy Day of Obligation		7:00 pm (Warsaw)	+ Douglas Steven Slominski by George Wosick.	(Patronal Feast Day of USA)

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 November 23, 2025: Minto = \$2,535. Warsaw = \$611.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, December 6: Altar Servers: Jack Lane & Jacob Hefta. **Lector:** Stephanie Nice
Sunday, December 7: Altar Servers: Adin Kilichowski, Luke Sobolik, Solomon Schanilec. **Lector:** Keith Zikmund.
WARSAW: Sunday, November 30: Altars Servers: James Vandal, Gabe & Griffin Gudajtes. **Lector:** Sandy Schuster.
Sunday, December 7: Altar Servers: James Vandal, Gabe & Griffin Gudajtes. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU for your response for Mass requests for 2025. The calendar filled up quickly. For now with new Mass requests, one or two Masses will be offered locally and the others will be sent to the Diocese to be offered by other diocesan priests.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Envelopes for Christmas flowers were attached to last weekend's bulletins. Please return the envelope or your own plain white envelope clearly marked "Christmas Flowers" by putting it in the collection basket any time starting now. Donations can also be mailed to the parish office, PO Box 316, Minto ND 58261. Please indicate which parish your donation is for, your name if you so with, and if it is a memorial, in whose memory your donation is given. If no parish is indicated, the donation will go to the parish (Minto or Warsaw) at which you are a registered member or to the parish at which it is received. Thank you for helping our churches look beautiful for Christmas!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Monday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, are Sun., Dec. 7, 7:00pm and Mon., Dec. 8, 7:30am. Mass at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, will be Mon., Dec. 8, at 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: **St. Stanislaus, Warsaw:** Christmas Eve Mass on Wed., Dec. 24, will be at 7:30 p.m. (Fr. Christensen) and the Christmas Day Mass on Thurs., Dec. 25, will be at 10:30 a.m. (Fr. Moen) **Sacred Heart, Minto:** Christmas Eve Mass on Tues., Dec. 24, will be at 10:00 p.m. (Fr. Moen) and the Christmas Day Mass on Thurs., Dec. 25, will be at 8:30 a.m. (Fr. Moen)

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on Sun., Dec. 21, 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, for both parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services will be Sun., Nov. 30, 7:00pm at St. Edward's, Drayton, and on Sun., Dec. 14, at St. John Nepomucene, Pisek, 12 noon and at St. John's, Grafton, at 4:00 p.m.

DONATIONS: Please make all 2025 donations for the church by Dec. 31, 2025. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2025 donations.

2026 CALENDARS have been set out in both churches. Please pick them up.

THE WORD AMONG US FOR DEC./ADVENT have been set out in our parishes. Please pick up a copy.

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE will be up in Minto & Warsaw **November 15 through December 14.** Please take a tag from the tree and return a gift in a gift bag. Gifts must be new. Gifts for those in need will be taken to Walsh County Social Services and food pantry items will be taken to the Walsh County Food Pantry in Grafton on Dec. 1 & 15. Please no outdated food items. Thank you for helping those in need at Christmastime. Warsaw parishioners, when you bring back a gift bag or food for the Food Pantry, you may dropped it off at either St. Stanislaus Church or Sacred Heart Church. All gifts and food from both parishes will be taken by Sacred Heart Church to Grafton.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES: Wed., Dec. 3. The girls meet with Mary Pat Jahner at her house in Warsaw from 6:45-8:00pm. The boys meet with Fr. Moen at the rectory in Warsaw from 7:00-8:15pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for grades K-8 on Wed., Dec. 3, 6:30pm-7:30pm in Minto.

SUNSET HOME BIRTHDAY PARTY: Sacred Heart Church will be the host for the monthly birthday party on Thurs., **December 11**, at the Sunset Home in Grafton held in honor of the Sunset Home residents who have their birthdays in December. The program starts at 2:00pm followed by lunch. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to join the Sacred Heart Choir singing Christmas carols, please be at the Sunset Home dining room by 1:45pm.

THE WALSH COUNTY SALVATION ARMY will be accepting donations at the Forest River Café, Friday, **December 12**, from 7:00am-1:00pm and at the Minto Post Office, Saturday, **December 13**, from 8:00am-2:00pm.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK: Sat., Dec. 13, 9:30am-11:00am, St. Mary's Catholic Church basement, 216 Belmont Road, Grand Forks. Cookies are \$9.00 per pound. Containers are provided. All homemade. All your Christmas cookie baking done and all in one place. Breads & specialty items sold separately. Come and enjoy cider & coffee.

MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Sacred Heart Cemetery:** In memory of **Georgene Kowalski Robinson** by Jerry & Ellen Misialek, by Bonnie Riske, and by Sue Ellen Tibert.

THANK YOU to the family of Mary Ronkowski who made a donation to Sacred Heart Church as Mary requested. The church purchased four swinging processional torches and stands in remembrance of Mary Ronkowski.

THANK YOU to the following who worked to put the decorative rock around Sacred Heart rectory this fall: Keith & Helen Zikmund, Jimmy Barta, Jack Kennedy, Kole Kittelson, Jakob Kittelson, Jack Lane, and Jacob Hefta. Also, thank you to Keith & Helen for their work with the new shrubbery and landscaping around the rectory.

ST. NICHOLAS WILL BE VISITING Sacred Heart Parish at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, Dec. 6, in addition to his visit at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 7. He will be handing out treats to children of all ages on both days.

IN CELEBRATION OF ST. NICHOLAS WEEKEND — A LIGHT SOUP SUPPER will be served after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, Dec. 6. Menu: soups, sandwiches, bars. **A LIGHT BREAKFAST will be served after the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 7.** Menu: breakfast sandwiches, fruit, muffins. All are invited to come downstairs after either (or both) of the Masses and **enjoy some Christmas cheer.** Both of these events are in the Sacred Heart Church basement and are sponsored by the Sacred Heart Altar Society. **These are FREE events.** No donations; No free will offering. All are welcome—Non-parishioners and guests are also welcome!!

A LECTOR IS NEEDED at Sacred Heart, Minto, for the **Sundays of July, 2026.** Contact Fr. Moen to volunteer.

DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING: **Lead: Jodi Hefta.** Jason & Jodi Hefta, Layne & Traci Kittelson, Nick & Lynn Lane, Scott & Peggy Lutovsky, Suzie Nelson, Mark & Michele Spale.

WARSAW

ST. NICHOLAS WILL BE VISITING St Stanislaus Parish at the 10:30am Mass on Sun., Dec. 7, and will be handing out treats to all the children.

COUPLE OF INSTRUMENTS TO GIVE AWAY at St. Stanislaus Church: (1) Blonde wood Wurlitzer spinet piano in the choir loft. (2) Orga-Sonic electronic organ in the church basement. Contact Fr. Moen if you are interested.

DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING: **Lead: Greg & Rondee Feltman.** Carol Gerszewski, Dale & Annie Gerszewski, Brian & Mary Schuster.

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

THE DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL will be **closed all day** on Christmas Eve Day, Dec. 24, and on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. The Chapel will be open for regular hours on Dec. 26, Dec. 31, and on Jan. 1.

THANK YOU to Lucas Mondry for joining the sub list for the Adoration Chapel. He can be reached at 701-520-5114.