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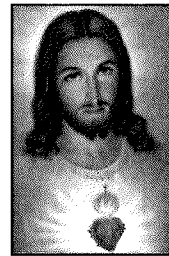
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First Sunday of Advent

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Heads Up: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Advent

Every Advent, the Liturgy of the Word gives our sense of time a reorientation. There's a deliberate tension in the next four weeks' readings—between promise and fulfillment, expectation and deliverance, between looking forward and looking back.

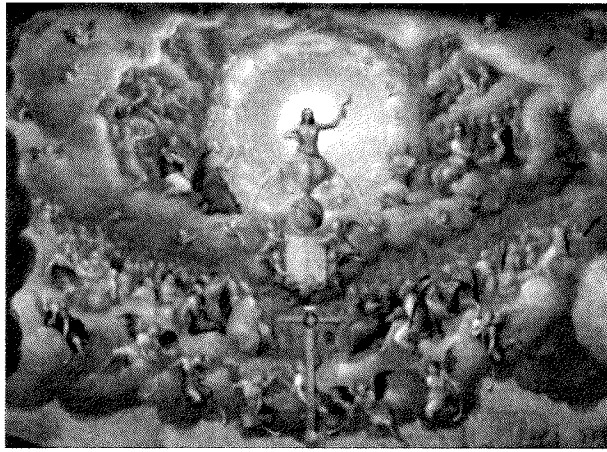
In today's First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah focuses our gaze on the promise God made to David, some 1,000 years before Christ. God says through the prophet that He will fulfill this promise by raising up a "just shoot," a righteous offspring of David, who will rule Israel in justice.

Today's Psalm, too, sounds the theme of Israel's ancient expectation: "Guide me in your truth and teach me. For you are God my savior and for you I will wait all day."

We look back on Israel's desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the "just shoot," the God and Savior for Whom Israel was waiting.

Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends grave urgency to the words of Jesus in today's Gospel. Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability—turmoil in the heavens; roaring seas; distress among the nations and terrified people. He evokes the prophet Daniel's image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a "theophany," a manifestation of God.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Nov. 30	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ Our grandparents by Nick & Lynn Lane.	
Sunday	Dec. 1	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	First Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Harold Zola by Michael Ginter.	
Monday	Dec. 2	_____	No Monday morning Masses in Minto.	
Tuesday	Dec. 3	7:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Harold Zola by Eleanor Bergeron.	<i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>
Wednesday	Dec. 4	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Isabel Niswonger by Sacred Heart Altar Society.	<i>St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>
Thursday	Dec. 5	8:00 am (Minto)	Priests who served at Sacred Heart Church by Sacred Heart Altar Society.	
Friday	Dec. 6	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Joseph Korynta by Raymond & Kathy Korynta.	First Friday of the Month <i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i>
		11:00am (Warsaw)	First Friday Traditional Latin Mass in Warsaw. (Fr. Robert Wapenski)	
Saturday	Dec. 7	8:30 am (Minto)	Living & deceased members of the Sacred Heart Altar Society.— First Saturday Devotions 7:15-8:15 a.m. in Minto.	First Saturday of the Month—St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
		5:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	
Sunday	Dec. 8	8:30 am (Minto)	+ LaVerne Mahar Costello by Lucas Mondry.	Second Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Dawn Wosick by George Wosick.	
Vigil Mass—Immaculate Conception		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. 9	7:30 am (Minto)	+ Mary Ellen Kangas by Nick & Lynn Lane.	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – A Holy Day of Obligation
		7:00 pm (Warsaw)	+ Leona Ebertowski by Norleen Lane.	

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 24, 2024: Minto = \$2,144. Warsaw = \$3,092.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, December 7: Altar Servers: Jack Lane & Jacob Hefta. Lector: Stephanie Nice.

Sunday, December 8: Altar Servers: Eli & Ezra Robinson. Lector: Keith Zikmund

WARSAW: Sunday, December 1: Altar Servers: Ben, Gabe, & Griffin Gudajtes, and Edmund Sweeney. Lector: Trevor Slominski.

Sunday, December 8: Altar Servers: Krystian Gudajtes, James Vandal, Julian Risky, Joseph Sands. Lector: Trevor Slominski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Since December 8 falls on a Sunday this year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been transferred to Monday, **December 9**, and along with it, the obligation to attend Mass. Mass times for the Immaculate Conception are Sunday, Dec. 8, 7:00pm at Sacred Heart, Minto. Monday, Dec. 9, 7:30am at Sacred Heart, Minto, and 7:00pm at St. Stanislaus in Warsaw. The Sun., Dec. 8, 7:00pm Mass does **NOT** fulfill both your Sunday obligation and your holy day obligation to attend Mass.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on Sun., **Dec. 15, 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Minto**, for both parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services will be Sun., **Dec. 1**, at 7:00pm at St. Edward's in Drayton; Sun., **Dec. 8**, at 4:00 pm at St. John's in Grafton; Sun., **Dec. 15**, 12 noon at St. John Nepomucene, Pisek.

WARSAW PNA LODGE will distribute blessed Oplatek wafers ("sharing wafers" - Polish custom at Christmas time) at BOTH parishes. Look for them in the church entry on **Sunday, Dec. 15 & Dec. 22**. Please share with your family.

DONATIONS: Please make all 2024 donations for the church by **Dec. 31, 2024**. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2024 donations.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION on **December 7 & 8**. "Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Envelopes are in your boxed set of envelopes or use your own envelope marked Retirement Fund for Religious and include your name and parish if you so wish.

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 wish, 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!

FALL BOOK STUDY FOR WOMEN! Last meeting on Tues., **Dec. 3**, 7:15pm, dining room of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Minto. **Please read chapters 6 & 7**. For more information, contact Joan at 701-360-2499 (cell).

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades 9-12 will be on Wed., **Dec. 4**.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades K-8 on Wed., **Dec. 4**, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church in Warsaw.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, MINTO, will be providing the entertainment and lunch for the **monthly birthday party at the Lutheran Sunset Home in Grafton**, on **Thurs., Dec. 12**. Program at **2:00pm** followed by a lunch of open-face sandwiches and Christmas goodies. All are welcome to attend this free event. If you would like to join the choir in singing Christmas carols (People of all ages are welcome.), please be at the Sunset Home dining room by 1:45pm. **Everyone is invited to watch the program or to sing**. If you have any questions, you may call the parish office at 248-3589.

2025 CALENDARS have been set out in back of both churches. Please pick them up.

THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLETS FOR ADVENT have been set out in back of our churches. Please pick up a copy.

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE will be up in Minto and in Warsaw from **Nov. 16 through Dec. 15**. Please take a tag and return a gift in a gift bag. Gifts must be new. There are tags for infants, children, & adults. These gifts will go to **Walsh County Social Services** to be distributed to those in need. Also there are tags for non-perishable food items and for non-food items for the **Walsh County Food Pantry** at St. John's Church in Grafton. No outdated items or open packages please. Food pantry items do not have to be put into gift bags. **Needed are all types of soups, bar soap, dish soap, shampoo, deodorant, canned meats, canned vegetables, jello, pudding, pasta, women's hygiene products**. Please help those in need during the Christmas season. In Minto, you may put your gifts and food pantry items under the tree in the church like always or you may put your gifts and food pantry items in the green grassy area at the bottom of the ramp as you enter the church through the silver door on the west side of the church. The first batch of gifts will be taken to Grafton on **Dec. 2** and the final batch of gifts will be taken on **Dec. 16**.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Living Our Faith, Building Our Future: It is not too late to make a donation or a pledge. As of Nov. 21, Sacred Heart was 65.64% towards its goal of \$157,089. with 25.90% participation. St. Stanislaus was 119.68% towards its goal of \$121,884. with 31.82% participation. Please make checks payable to Living Our Faith, Building Our Future. You may mail your donation directly to the Diocese of Fargo or you may put your Living Our Faith envelope into the collection basket.

"GIFTS FROM THE HARVEST" (corn, beans, wheat, cattle, etc.): By making a donation from the harvest, farmers are able to take advantage of some tax benefits that are more generous than a straight cash donation. Forms are in back of the church.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA Sun., **Dec 8**, 10:30am-2:00pm, St. John the Evangelist Church, Grafton. Lunch of pulled pork sandwiches & French fries (free will donation), Mini-affle, Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Ice Cream Sundaes, and Santa too. Everyone is welcome!

GOLDEN AGE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY Sun., **Dec. 8**, 1:00-5:00pm, Golden Age Club house, Minto. Bingo at 3:00pm. Potluck supper at 4:00pm.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK Sat., **December 14**, 9:30am-11:00am, St. Mary's Catholic Church basement, 216 Belmont Road, Grand Forks. All of your Christmas cookie baking done for you. All homemade. \$9.00/lb. Containers are provided. Breads & specialty items sold separately. Enjoy cider and coffee! Sponsored by St. Mary's Social Concerns.

MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: **St. Patrick's Cemetery:** In memory of **Eugene & Arlene Mach** by Jerry & Ellen Misialek and by Frank & Phyllis Miller. In memory of **LeRoy P. McCann** by Jenette Feltman.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY is on Sun., **Dec. 8**. St. Nick will be visiting at the end of the 8:30am Mass and will be handing out treats to children of all ages.

A LIGHT BREAKFAST will be served after the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, **Dec. 8**, Sacred Heart Church basement, Minto. Menu: breakfast sandwiches, tater tots, fruit, quick breads. All are invited to come downstairs after St. Nick's visit and **enjoy some Christmas cheer**. Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Altar Society. This is a **FREE event**. Everyone is welcome!!

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

WARSAW

ST. STANISLAUS ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING Tuesday, **December 3**, 5:00pm, church basement. All are welcome to attend.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY is on Sun., **Dec. 8**. St. Nick will be visiting at the end of the 10:30am Mass and will be handing out treats to children of all ages.

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