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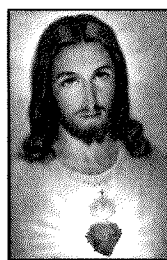
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A Mother's Greeting: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Advent

On this last Sunday before Christmas, the Church's Liturgy reveals the true identity of our Redeemer: He is, as today's First Reading says, the "ruler . . . whose origin is from . . . ancient times." He will come from Bethlehem, where David was born of Jesse the Ephrathite and anointed king.

God promised that an heir of David would reign on his throne forever.

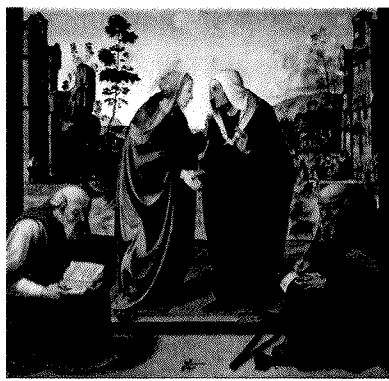
Jesus is that heir, the One the prophets promised would restore the scattered tribes of Israel into a new kingdom. He is "the shepherd of Israel" sung of in today's Psalm. From His throne in heaven, He has "come to save us."

Today's Epistle tells us that He is both the Son of David and the only "begotten" Son of God, come "in the flesh". He is also our "high priest," from the mold of the mysterious Melchizedek, "priest of God Most High," who blessed Abraham at the dawn of salvation history.

All this is recognized by John when he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. Elizabeth, too, is filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. She recognizes that in Mary "the mother of my Lord" has come to her. We hear in her words another echo of the Psalm quoted in today's Epistle. Elizabeth blesses Mary for her faith that God's Word would be fulfilled in her.

Mary marks the fulfillment not only of the angel's promise to her, but of all God's promises down through history. Mary is the one they await in today's First Reading—"she who is to give birth." She will give birth this week, at Christmas. And the fruit of her womb should bring us joy—she is the mother of our Lord.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE IN BOTH PARISHES!!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec. 21	5:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	
Sunday	Dec. 22	8:30 am (Minto)	+ Dick & Mae Korynta by Raymond & Kathy Korynta.	Fourth Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Harold Zola by Dorothy Plutowski.	
Monday	Dec. 23	_____	No Monday morning Masses.	<i>St. John of Kanty, Priest</i>
Tuesday	Dec. 24	7:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Florian & Cecelia Babinski by Gary Babinski.	
		11:00 am-12 noon (Minto)	Extra Confession Time in Minto.	
		7:30 pm (Warsaw)	Tony & Vicky Gudajtes and family. (Fr. Christensen)	Vigil Masses for Christmas <i>Children's Christmas Eve Procession in Warsaw.</i> <i>Children's Christmas Eve Procession in Minto</i>
Wednesday Christmas Day	Dec. 25	8:30 am (Minto)	+ Syl & Eleanor Grzadzielewski by Judy Gray and family.	The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day A Holy Day of Obligation
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	For all parishioners of Warsaw & Minto.	
Thursday	Dec. 26	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Joe & Anna Rudnik by Don Rudnik and family.	<i>St. Stephen, The First Martyr</i>
Friday	Dec. 27	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Martin Altendorf by Elizabeth Nice.	<i>St. John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>
Saturday	Dec. 28	8:00 am (Minto)	Living & deceased members of the Sacred Heart Altar Society.	<i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ Mary Stoltman.	
Sunday	Dec. 29	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph Sunday
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Harry Czapiewski by Margaret Czapiewski and family.	

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 December 15, 2024: **Minto** = \$3,269. **Warsaw** = \$2,101.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, December 28: Altar Servers: Volunteers needed. Lector: Stephanie Nice.

Sunday, December 29: Altar Servers: Adin Kilichowski, Solomon Schanilec, Luke Sobolik. Lector: Keith Zikmund

WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 22: Altar Servers: Ben Gudajtes, Andrew Riske, Krystian Gudajtes, John Paul Kerian. Lector: Trevor Slominski.

Sunday, Dec. 29: Altar Servers: Ben, Gabe, & Griffin Gudajtes and Edmund Sweeney. Lector: Trevor Slominski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASSES FOR JANUARY 1, 2025, MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD—A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Sacred Heart, Minto: Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Tues., Dec. 31, and Mass at 8:30am on Wed., Jan. 1. St. Stanislaus, Warsaw: Wed., Jan. 1, Mass will be at 10:30 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROCESSION at Warsaw and at Minto on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at the beginning of the Christmas Eve Masses. Children should meet in the church basement 20 minutes before Mass to get into their costumes. All children are welcome to participate.

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 the weekend of 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Envelopes for Christmas flowers were attached to a previous bulletin. 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!

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades 9-12 will be on Wed., Jan. 8. No RE classes on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1 because of Christmas break.

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

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 FROM THE WARSAW AND MINTO PARISHES: The final batch of gifts and food pantry items was taken to Walsh County Social Services and to the Walsh County Food Pantry in Grafton on Dec. 17. There were 112 gift bags taken this time plus 75 bags from two weeks ago for a grand total of 187 bags of gifts. Many of the bags had more than one item in them. We took over 362 items to the Walsh County Food Pantry. Thank you to all for your generosity!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Living Our Faith, Building Our Future: It is not too late to make a donation or a pledge. As of Dec. 12, Sacred Heart was 66.28% towards its goal of \$157,089. with 26.51% 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.

MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of all of our deceased loved ones by Tyrone & Rachel Denault. In memory of Ernie Walski, Roman & Dorothy Rudnik, Hubert & Shirley Dvorak, and Isabel Niswonger by Mike & Mary Dvorak. In memory of our parents Arnold & Mary Lou Stanislawski and Joe & Clementine Lunski by Kenny & Debbie Lunski. In memory of Lee Kozel by George & Wilma Kozel. In memory of Walter & Christine Misialek by Chris Misialek.

SACRED HEART CHOIR PRACTICE on Sunday, December 22, right after the 8:30am Mass in Minto. Anyone who is interested in singing for Christmas is welcome to attend. All ages and people from all parishes are welcome.

THE SACRED HEART CHURCH CHOIR will be singing a half hour before the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass on Tues., Dec. 24 and a half hour before the 8:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass on Wed., Dec. 25.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been set out in the entry of the church. Please pick up your boxed set of envelopes for 2025.

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

THANK YOU for the following donations: **St. Stanislaus Cemetery:** In memory of Roger Feltman by Jared & Robbyne Sands, by Merlyn & Dolores Grabanski, by Tony & Vicky Gudajtes, by Paul & Linda Paschke, by Harold & Mary Mach, by Mike & Michelle Such, by Lee & Sheila Czapiewski, by Richard Schmuck, by Lee & Linda Lessard, by Gary & Linda Babinski, by Robert & Linda Kilichowski, by Sue Ellen Tibert, by Frances Schuster, by Jody Gerszewski, by Ken Slominski, by Gerald & Mary Mozinski, by Glenn & Jane Schuster, by Gary & Janet Berger, by Jeff Duray, by Jerry & Ellen Misialek, by Dennis & Linda Slominski, by Twyla Stenvold, by Delaine McGurran, by Doug & Colleen Anderson, by David & Karen Kamrowski, by Henry & Karen Duray, by Jennette Feltman, by Robert O'Toole, by Darrell Slominski, by Larry Czapiewski, by Art & Joane Wosick, by Richard Wosick, by Lynn Kvidt, by Gary & Bev Slominski, by Perry & Duane Paschke, by Jim Schanilec, by Dennis & Helene Feltman, by Francis & Paula Kilichowski, by Art & June Selseth, by Harold & Joan Mondry, by Merlyn Feltman, by Greg & Rondee Feltman, by Cecelia Grembowski, by Maurice & Mary Beth Feltman, by Ken & Carolyn Safranski, by Jerome & Cathy Kujawa, by Louis Zola, by Sally Grabanski, by George & Wilma Kozel, by Harold Grabanski, by Larry Grabanski, by Jim & Nancy Narlock, by Doug & Ann McCann, and by Rodney & Lorraine Risky. **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of Dean Schuster by Roger & Sandy Schuster. In memory of Dawn Wosick by George Wosick. Donations given in memory of Steve & Joann Slominski and in memory of Frank & Florence Feltman. Donations from Michael & Patricia Bittles and from anonymous.

THE ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH CHOIR will be singing a half hour before the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass on Tues., Dec. 24.

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

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

THE DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL will be closed all day on Christmas Eve, Tues., Dec. 24, and all day on Christmas Day, Wed., Dec. 25. The Chapel will reopen at the regular time of 12 noon on Thurs., Dec. 26. There will be regular chapel hours on Tues., Dec. 31, and on Wed., Jan. 1.