



St. Stanislaus Parish
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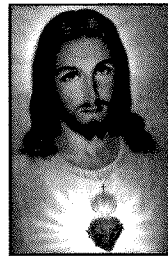
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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Heart and Mouth: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's readings we hear Jesus speaking in Galilee as well as a Jewish sage named Sirach writing in Jerusalem more than a century earlier. The two of them touch upon a single truth: The words that come out of us make known the hidden thoughts within us. Speech reveals the secrets of the heart.

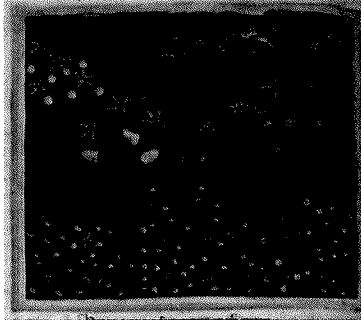
Sirach teaches that speaking is "the test of men" and their character. One who is upright will utter words that are truthful and encouraging to others. But one whose heart is cluttered with "refuse" will be exposed, since the "fruit" of his mouth speaks volumes about the "tree" that produces it. Sirach also compares the testing of our words to clay fired in a kiln—if properly prepared, a useful vessel emerges; but if the clay is not fully dried, it will break apart in the extreme heat.

In a similar way, Jesus insists that a person speaks "out of the abundance of the heart." He too compares our speech, whether good or bad, to what grows on a tree: "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit."

Both readings urge us to make wholesome speech a habit. After all, much about who we are is brought to light through what we say. But there's an additional step: The Lord is asking us to look inward, to examine our hearts and fill them with the "good treasure" that God desires.

Why do purity of heart and speech matter so much? Because, as Jesus declares elsewhere: "by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned". They matter because they help to decide our final judgment, and this is where the Second Reading comes in. Paul reminds us that God will destroy death forever, and if we are to share in this victory and live forever with the Lord, then we must take all steps necessary to give our hearts and lips to what is good.

<https://stpaulcenter.com/audio/sunday-bible-reflections/heart-and-mouth-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-eighth-sunday-in-ordinary-time/>



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Mar. 1	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ Patrick Mach by Mary & Harold Mach.	
Sunday	Mar. 2	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Harold Zola by Dorothy Plutowski.	
Monday	Mar. 3	_____	No Monday morning Masses.	<i>St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i>
Tuesday	Mar. 4	7:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Harold Zola by Eleanor Bergeron.	<i>St. Casimir</i>
Ash Wednesday	Mar. 5	7:30 am (Minto)	+ LaVerne Mahar Costello by Judy & Jerry Gray.	Ash Wednesday—The Holy Season of Lent begins
		7:00 pm (Warsaw)	Poor Clares of Belleville, IL by Mark & Sheila Vandal family.	A day of Fast and Abstinence
Thursday	Mar. 6	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Gert Ronkowski by Lorraine & Conrad Dvorak.	
Friday	Mar. 7	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Elmer Altendorf by Marvin Altendorf family.	First Friday of the Month
		11:00 am (Warsaw)	First Friday Traditional Latin Mass in Warsaw. (Fr. Robert Wapenski)	Abstinence—all the Fridays of Lent
		5:15 pm (Warsaw)	—Stations of the Cross—	<i>Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs</i>
		7:00 pm (Minto)	—Stations of the Cross—	
Saturday	Mar. 8	8:00 am (Minto)	Living & deceased members of the Sacred Heart Altar Society.	<i>St. John of God, Religious</i>
		5:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	
Sunday	Mar. 9	8:30 am (Minto)	+ Our parents by Rod & Joan Schanilec.	First Sunday of Lent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Leon, Margaret, & Harold Schuster and Mary Ann Thiel by Iretta Marynik.	Daylight Saving Time begins.
Monday	Mar. 10	6:30 pm (Minto)	+ David Lizakowski by Theresa Lutovsky and Paulette.	

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 February 23, 2025: Minto = \$3,280. Warsaw = \$2,375.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, March 8: Altar Servers: Jacob Hefta, Kole Kittelson, Jack Lane. Lector: Lynn Lane.

Sunday, March 9: Altar Servers: Eli & Ezra Robinson. Lector: Irene Evenson.

WARSAW: Sunday, March 2: Altar Servers: Ben, Gabe, & Griffin Gudajtes, and Edmund Sweeney. Lector: Greg Feltman.

Sunday, March 9: Altar Servers: Krystian Gudajtes, James Vandal, Julian Risky, Joseph Sands. Lector: Greg Feltman.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held on the Fridays of Lent in each parish: 5:15pm at St. Stanislaus, Warsaw & 7:00pm at Sacred Heart, Minto.

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.

THE WORD AMONG US FOR LENT BOOKLETS have been set out in both churches. Please take a copy.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades 9-12 will be on Wed., **March 12**. There are no RE classes on Ash Wednesday, **March 5**. Please attend one of these Ash Wednesday Masses in place of class: **7:30am** at Sacred Heart, Minto or **7:00pm** at St. Stanislaus, Warsaw.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades K-8 on Wed., **March 12 & 26**, 6:30-7:45 p.m., St. Stanislaus Church in Warsaw. There are no RE classes on Ash Wednesday. Please attend one of these Ash Wednesday Masses on **March 5** in place of class: **7:30am** at Sacred Heart, Minto or **7:00pm** at St. Stanislaus, Warsaw.

GOD'S GIFT APPEAL: This weekend, **March 1 & 2**, is Commitment Weekend for the 2025 God's Gift Appeal. Please put the personalized commitment card you received in the mail into the collection basket. God's Gift Appeal materials were mailed to registered households this past week. Extra commitment envelopes are in back of the church. The goal in Minto is \$32,171.56 and the goal in Warsaw is \$25,064.67. You may also mail your God's Gift envelope directly to the Diocese of Fargo or put it in the collection basket in the next couple of weeks.

BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE to benefit the Pregnancy Help Center of Park River. Please return your baby bottle to the church as soon as possible. Thank you for your commitment to life.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. CRS Rice Bowls have been set out in back of our churches. Please take a Rice Bowl and **help our sisters and brothers impacted by the injustice of global hunger** by filling it with your spare change during the 40 days of Lent. Your donations are needed now more than ever. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Living Our Faith, Building Our Future: It is not too late to make a donation or a pledge. As of Feb. 5, Sacred Heart was 74.68% towards its goal of \$157,089. with 28.92% participation. St. Stanislaus was 129.74% towards its goal of \$121,884. with 36.36% 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.

SECOND SATURDAY OF REFLECTION - The Father's House, St. Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND, **March 8**, 10:00am – 3:00pm (includes lunch). Facilitated by Sr. Mary Ruth Huhn, OSF. Suggested donation: \$30. Newcomers welcome. Register online at <https://forms.office.com/r/qvVtezHnt9> or contact Sr. Mary Ruth with questions at smaryruth@sfcetreats.org or 701-242-7195.

LENTEN MISSION Sunday-Tuesday, **March 9, 10, & 11**, St. Michael's Catholic Church, Grand Forks. Evening prayer at 6:50pm in the church each night. Theme: Pilgrims of Hope. Presenter: Fr. Joseph Christensen, FMI, Chaplain at the St. Gianna & Pietro Molla Maternity Home, Warsaw. Soup supper on March 9 at 6:00pm. Free will offering.

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT: Fr. Sean Mulligan will lead a silent retreat inspired by the prayer methods and exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It will be held at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND, beginning in the afternoon of Thursday, **May 8**, and concluding with dinner on Saturday, **May 10**. For a complete schedule, or to register please visit: <https://fargodiocese.net/womens-retreat>. If you have questions, contact Jennie Korsmo at jennie.korsmo@fargodiocese.org or 701-356-7901. Only 11 spots remain.

MARDI GRAS AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HIGHWAY 17 E., PARK RIVER, Tuesday, **March 4**, 11:00am to 1:00pm. **Soup & Sandwich Lunch & Bake Sale**. Free-will offering. Tasty home-made soups, egg salad & ham sandwiches. Take-out available—request at ticket table. Sponsored by St. Mary's Altar Society. Please join us!!!

ALLAN SITZER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER FISH FRY Friday, **March 7**, 2025, at the Minto Community Center. 5:00pm until gone. Free will offering. Meal includes walleye, baked potato and coleslaw. To go meals available. All are welcome.

MINTO

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the annual church cleaning over the past few weeks and on Feb. 22. There are still some areas that need cleaning. It is not too late to help. The cleaning sheets are on the counter in the church kitchen.

YOUTH (Ages 18 and younger) you can still enter the drawing. If you participate in the annual general church cleaning for 30 minutes or more, please complete a slip (located in kitchen) with your name and phone number to be entered into a drawing to win 1 of 2 gift cards to Northdale (\$20). One entry per person. Remember to date/initial the task(s) that you complete on the cleaning list. Drawing will be held during the May Altar Society meeting.

LENTEN FOOD PANTRY DRIVE from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, for the Walsh County Food Pantry for all kinds of non-perishable food items and non-food items. No open packages or outdated items please. Please put items in the area where the Giving Tree is set up at Christmas time or in the green grassy area at the bottom of the ramp as you enter the church from the west side using the silver door.

MARCH CHURCH CLEANING: Lead person: **Joan Schanilec**. Kurt & Jennifer Kelley, Sam & Mary Mondry, Tim Mondry, Tyler & Janesa Narloch, Molly Pengilly, Rod & Joan Schanilec, Vern Schreiner.

WARSAW

THANK YOU for the following donation: **St. Stanislaus Altar Society:** In memory of **Linda Babinski** by James & Kim LaHaise.

MARCH CHURCH CLEANING: Lead family: **Joseph Kazmierczak, Sr.** Johnathon & Marissa Kazmierczak, Austin & Sarah Lessard, Steven & Lisa Schuster.

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

OPEN HOLY HOUR - Fridays at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Joan at 701-360-2499 if you are interested in taking this holy hour on a short-term or long-term basis.

Diocese of Fargo

Lent & Easter Regulations

The penitential days for the universal Church are each Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Easter. The following regulations are observed in this sacred season:

Abstinence

Catholics 14 years of age or older must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. It is only on the other Fridays of the year that abstinence may be substituted by another form of penance.

Fasting

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 (inclusive) are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. There is a limit of one full meal and no food between meals on those days. Two smaller meals are permitted as needed to maintain one's strength.

Sacrament of Penance

All the faithful who have reached the age of reason are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Lent is a good time to fulfill this precept of the Church. Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion without previously having been to sacramental confession (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), 1457).

Holy Communion

Catholics who have received their First Holy Communion are obliged to make a worthy reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Lenten or Easter seasons.

Other Lenten Observances

Each weekday of Lent is also an obligatory day of penance. Some recommendations include the participation in daily Mass, increased prayer or spiritual study, self-imposed fasting or abstinence, works of charity, and participation in traditional Lenten Devotions (parish missions, Stations of the Cross, rosary).



The proper context for all Lenten discipline is the conversion of our hearts. As the Catechism states, however, "interior conversion urges