

*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
The Mother of God
January 1, 2012*

BAPTISM

During Mass on the weekends outside of Lent. If outside of Mass, Sunday afternoon only. If this is your first child to be baptized, you must meet with either Fr. Timothy Hall or Roxanne Kemper for instructions. Please call either the St. Adrian Rectory Office at (507) 483-2317 or St. Anthony Rectory Office at (507) 472-8262 prior to setting the date of the baptism.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements for Marriage must be made at least six months in advance. Your initial visit will be with Fr. Timothy Hall (507) 483-2317. Subsequent meetings, including theology & spirituality will be lead by Fr. Hall. Relationship skills and liturgy will be lead by Roxanne Kemper, Pastoral Assistant.

*The shepherds went
in haste to
Bethlehem and
found Mary
and Joseph
and the infant.*

*When they saw this
they made
known the message
that had been told to
them about this child.*

*And Mary
kept all these things,
reflecting on
them in her heart.*



**SAINT ADRIAN
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

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SAINT KILIAN**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Tues. 8:30 AM (L) NO MASS
Wed. 8:30 AM (A) Mary Ellen Kellen
Thurs. 8:30 AM (A) Linda Luedke
One Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri. 8:30 AM (W) Auggie Schettler
Sat. 8:00 AM (A) Lawrence Neuroth
First Saturday Devotion
Sat. 5:00 PM (L) Jack Hebig Family
Sat. 7:00 PM (K) Tom & Lucy Hebig
Sun. 8:30 AM (W) Parishioners
Sun. 10:30 AM (A) Tim Henning

Word & Communion

Thursday 8:30 AM (L)

Sacrament of Confession

Half- hour before weekend Masses

St. Adrian

Sacrificial Giving – December 25, 2011

Amount needed per weekend.....\$3,844.00
Amount given December 24.....\$2,315.00
December 25.....\$3,310.11

Ministry Schedule January 8, 2012: 10:30 AM

Readers: Troy Loosbrock & LuAnn Oertli
Servers: Jase Pater & Zach Loosbrock

Calendar Raffle Winner: Vida Konz

Sympathy: We extend our prayers of sympathy to the family and friends of Marianne Mauch. May God continue to bring you comfort.

CCW will be serving at the Nursing Home after the 2:30 PM Mass **this** Sunday, January 1, 2012. Please note the date has changed for this month.

CCW will meet on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 PM. in the church hall. Lunch Committee: Carolyn Elias & Lynnette Domeyer.

Encyclical Study: The second part of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference Program, the study of Pope Benedict's encyclical "God Is Love" will begin on Sunday, January 8. Anyone interested is invited to meet at the St. Adrian Education Building after 10:30 Mass.

Recycle your empty ink cartridges in the box at the west end of St. Adrian Church.

Daily Mass: Starting Wednesday morning January 4th, 8:30 AM Mass will be scheduled for St. Adrian until Lent begins. Please note that we will also continue to have the Thursday Morning Mass.

Parish Finance Council will meet on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Rectory.

Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Rectory.

Year End Contributions: Just a reminder this is the last week to contribute towards your 2011 church support for tax benefits. You will receive your contribution statement letter in January. If you have any questions, please call Shannon Reker at 507-483-2319 or e-mail at staacct@frontier.com.

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sacrificial Giving – December 25, 2011

Amount needed per weekend..... \$2,106.00
Will be reported next week.

Ministry Schedule: January 8, 2012: 8:30 AM

Reader: Carol Bertrand
Servers: Logan Lenz & Kayla Rodenberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Paulzine, Mark Slater,
Gary Sieve

Calendar Raffle Winner: Cindy Balster

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Madonna #839, Wilmont, will resume our monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7:30 PM. We will be meeting in the kitchenette at the OLG School. Teresa Slater will be serving lunch. We will be discussing some very important upcoming events. All CDA members are encouraged to attend! Come and see what we are all about! We still have a variety of puzzles for sale. Contact Teresa Fuerstenberg at the Wilmont Insurance Company or, our Regent Joan Joens if you are interested!

Coffee Rolls: OLG School Fund families will be serving coffee and rolls after 8:30 AM Mass during the month of January.

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Super Bowl Fundraiser: The OLGC School Fund is selling raffle tickets for their 2012 Super Bowl Fundraiser. The tickets are \$5.00 each. The 1st prize is a 4 day stay at Recreational Springs Resort, Lead, SD + \$300.00 cash (Some exclusions will apply/Not Transferrable) 2nd Prize is \$300.00 Cash, 3rd Prize is \$150.00 Pic (Hy-Vee Card). If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket please contact Kevin & Teri Spartz 926-5924, Keith & Shelly Spartz 926-5994, Gina Newman 926-5220, Isaac & Sarah Joens 926-5424, Rick & Cindy Penning 926-5445, Mike & Erin Hoffman 370-2180. Thank you for supporting our Fundraiser!

Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

Parish Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.

St. Anthony

Sacrificial Giving – December 24, 2011

Amount needed per weekend..... \$1,296.00
Amount given..... \$3,115.00

Ministry Schedule: January 7, 2012: 5:00 PM

Reader: Brandon Weidert
Servers: Olivia Weidert & Alexia Kemper
Eucharistic Ministers: Cliff & Tammi Altman,
Shirley Wieneke

Calendar Raffle Winner: Kent Lorang

Christmas Un-Decorating will take place next Saturday, January 7th after the 5:00 PM Mass. Yes, it has been a short season but we would really appreciate your help – especially those who help with the large trees! Thank you.

CD of A Ct. St. Bernard will meet on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 PM in the church basement. Lunch Committee: Ellen Henning and Kate McCann. Our 11th Annual Baby Shower for Helping Hands Pregnancy Center in Worthington will begin January 11th and run through the entire month. Items needed are: diapers, clothing (newborn to 12 months), blankets, cribs, playpens and strollers. Cash donations are always welcome too. **Everyone** from our parish is invited to donate to our annual baby shower!

Thank You: Once again, with grateful hearts, we give thanks to everyone who helped make the Christmas Eve Mass a prayerful and joyful evening. As we begin 2012, may we continue to work together to bring God's love and presence into the world.

Tax Time: It's still not too late to pay your church support or give a special donation to use for your 2011 tax deductions. Our financial books will remain open for a short time. Thank you.

Fund-Raiser: Please place your clean aluminum cans from those holiday gatherings in the wagon located in the parking lot for recycling. All proceeds go towards general maintenance.

St. Kilian

Sacrificial Giving – December 24, 2011

\$1,375.00 (6 Envelopes)

Ministry Schedule: January 7, 2012 7:00PM

Reader: Amelia Brake
Servers: Joseph Brake & Carli Jeffers
Eucharistic Ministers: Fran Scroggs, David Brake
Lois Engels

Thank You: Once again, with grateful hearts, we give thanks to everyone who helped make the Christmas Eve Mass a prayerful and joyful evening. As we begin 2012, may we continue to work together to bring God's love and presence into the world.

Winter Weekday Mass: Beginning this week, January 4th, there will be no Wednesday morning Mass. Weekday Mass will begin again in Lent.

Year-End Finances: As the year comes to an end, please remember that those who wish to pay their church support, for tax purposes, should do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

Winter Weekday Mass: As we journey further into winter and begin to worry about blowing snow and travel safety, once again we will implement the winter weekday mass policy: *if Adrian school starts late or is cancelled because of bad weather, there will be NO weekday Mass.* This policy should keep everyone safe and from having to guess whether or not there will be daily mass.

The second-grade First Reconciliation Faith Sharing Centers will be held on Wednesday, January 4th from after school any time until 8:00 PM for the second graders and their parent(s) or other Catholic adult. This will take about 1 ½ hours and is to prepare for their First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 7th.

Second graders- remember to learn The Act of Contrition for **First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 7th at 9:00 AM.** We will have brunch in the church hall afterwards to celebrate. We ask the parishes to keep these children in their prayers.

4-Parish Class night for grades 5-11 on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:30 PM will be “Rosary Stars”, a video explaining how to pray the rosary, including praying it. Everyone from the 4-Parishes is invited to attend and pray the rosary with the youth. A cupcake rosary will be served following the prayer.

Faith Formation Tuition is due for students grade 1-11 at \$25.00 per child. Please send your payment to your home parish for grades 5-11 and to St. Adrian for grades 1-4. Thank you to everyone who has already done this.

4-Parish Music Sing-Along: We invite all cantors, choir members, organists and musicians to our second evening of preparation for the revised Roman Missal on Monday, January 16th at 7:00 PM in St. Anthony Church. We will discuss our successes, as well as any challenges, we may be experiencing with the revised music. In preparation for Lent, we will sing through the new Chant Mass. Refreshments will be served. All parish musicians are invited!

4-Parish Ministry Fair: Please mark your calendars for the weekend of January 21st/22nd when our 4-parishes will be having a ministry fair, following all the Masses. Material will be available on the various liturgical ministries, as well as parish organizations. Sign-up sheets will be available for all new volunteers. If you are unable to attend your home parish that weekend, you will be able to register at any of the 4-parishes. Everyone is invited!

Respect Life - The beginning of the Liturgical Year helps us live anew the expectation of God who took flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, God who makes himself little, who becomes a child; it speaks to us of the coming of a God who is close, who chose to experience human life from the very beginning in order to save it totally, in its fullness. And so the mystery of Lord's Incarnation and the beginning of human life are closely and harmoniously connected and in tune with each other in the one saving plan of God, the Lord of the life of each and everyone. ~Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Celebration of First Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2010.

The Faith Formation Calendar on the web site has been updated for the current months! Check it out!

The Meaning of Life...

By now you are thinking to yourself – or perhaps even saying out loud – “Great! Now he thinks he has the answer to the meaning of life! Next week he will probably be telling us that he has the answer to why men and women are so different from each other!” Well, cheer up ducky! Because I do have the answer to that question for you too and you will not have to wait for next week to learn it.

Last week I wrote in my column that it was no accident that God was born into a family. He could have come to us by any means, but he chose the natural means by way of husband and wife who love and respect each other and live together as a family. Our faith, you see, is about love and life and new life and renewal and joy and protection and charity toward others and limitless love and endless promises and unity and creation and procreation and education and continuation of values for the salvation of souls. The family of Our Lord had to do all that your family has to do. It has to be the place where love starts and becomes known to us and is entrusted to us to keep growing so that it can come to fulfillment in the end. This is what our faith is about; it is what life is about. Jesus, who is fully God is love, was entrusted to Joseph and Mary, husband and wife, that love would reach its fullest potential in Him.

I want all of you who are married and preparing for marriage to share in that noble task of making your homes and families a place where love reaches its fullest potential. Below you will find three (3) internet links to websites designed to catechize about the purpose of Christian marriage and family. The first one, ‘for your marriage’, has insight from couples in all stages of marriage on how their faith applies to their marriage. The second link ‘unique for a reason’ explains the necessity of the sexual difference. The third link centers on the purpose and need for children in marriage. Both of the later apply to all adults as well.

The sacrament of Holy Matrimony is a wonderful gift to us. I will defend it to the end. I will stand with the Church to uphold its meaning and purpose against all the threats the culture of death pose against it. Can you join me? It will bring joy to the world!

www.foryourmarriage.org

www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/sexual-difference-video/

www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/children-video/

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Timothy J. Hall

May God bless us in his mercy!