

Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 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.



*We have seen
his star
at its rising
and have come
to do him homage*

**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)	Elaine Wieneke
Wed.	8:30 AM	(A)	Dorothy O'Toole
Thurs.	8:30 AM	(A)	Greg Luettel
Fri.	8:30 AM	(W)	Joe Springman
Sat.	5:00 PM	(L)	Parishioners
Sat.	7:00 PM	(K)	Rose & Ed Wieneke
Sun.	8:30 AM	(W)	Lorraine Balster
Sun.	10:30 AM	(A)	Jake & Lauretta Scheidt

Sacrament of Confession

Half- hour before weekend Masses

St. Adrian

Sacrificial Giving – January 1, 2012

Amount needed per weekend.....	\$3,844.00
Amount given	\$8,451.86

Ministry Schedule January 15, 2012: 10:30 AM

Readers: Dave Eickhoff & Brenda Parsley
Servers: Taylor Recker & Brooke Echter

Calendar Raffle Winner: Jennifer Lund

Wedding Congratulations to Kayla Anne Kruger and Mitchell Thomas Cox who were married last weekend. May God bless their marriage!

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

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

CDA Court Santa Maria #247 will meet on Thursday, January 19th in the Church Hall. Lunch Committee: Rosie Heitkamp & Mary Carol Lutmer.

Year End Finances: Thank you for your generous support of St. Adrian. We will be sending out contributions reports by January 31st. If you need yours sooner for any reason please contact Shannon Reker by phone 483-2319, (507-329-0392-Cell) or email staacct@frontier.com between 10 AM – 5 PM Monday – Friday. Thank you!

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.

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.

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sacrificial Giving – January 1, 2012

Amount needed per weekend.....	\$2,106.00
Amount given	\$1,337.00
Amount given: December 24	\$2,564.50

Ministry Schedule: January 15, 2012: 8:30 AM

Reader: Carolyn Penning
Servers: Ben Penning & Kyla Fuerstenberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Balster, Tarri Joens, Kathy Burkard

Calendar Raffle Winner: Shirley Meyer

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

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

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!

Wilmont Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, January 9th at 7:30 PM at the Jim Joens home. All members are strongly encouraged to attend. We will be making plans for the upcoming membership degrees. Hope to see you there!

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

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

St. Anthony

Sacrificial Giving – January 1, 2012

Amount needed per weekend..... \$1,296.00
Amount given.....\$1,245.00

Ministry Schedule: January 14, 2012: 5:00 PM

Reader: Melissa Weidert
Servers: Christina & Briana Loonan
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff & Jill Diekmann,
Mark Lorang

Calendar Raffle Winner: Caitlyn Veld

Word & Communion: There will be no service on Thursday, January 13th.

Mark Your Calendars for the **CCW Annual Soup Supper** on Saturday, February 4th, following the 5:00 PM Mass. Group 4 will be serving. All workers from Groups, 1, 2 and 3 should mail your donation of \$25.00 to Ruth Lorang. Non-workers are asked to mail \$10.00 to her as soon as possible. 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!

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.

2012 Church Support Envelopes are in the back of church. Please pick up your box of envelopes and for any family members. Please note that some envelope numbers were changed this year. Please be sure to use your new envelopes beginning January 1st. Thank you.

St. Kilian

Sacrificial Giving – January 1, 2012

\$1,740.00 (4 Envelopes)

Ministry Schedule: January 14, 2012 7:00 PM

Reader: Mary Brake
Servers: Mikayla Jeffers & Cassie Fuerstenberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Rob Fuerstenberg,
Karen Honermann, Anna Mae Fuerstenberg

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

Congratulations to the Second Graders who received First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 7th. They are: from St. Anthony- Evan Lenz; from St. Kilian- Tristin Hieronimus, Destiny Scroggs and Kyra VanBriesen; from Our Lady of Good Council- Macy Joens and Serenity Morrison; from St. Adrian- Julia Bullerman, Hiltyn Heitkamp, Laura Luettel, Heather Schock, Gabriel Thier, Makaya Weiss, Sarah Wieneke, Rita Farias, and Aaron Hernandez.

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.

4-Parish 10th graders must return your registration forms with your sponsor's name on it next week at class! There is a sponsor meeting planned for January 22nd, so we need their name and address to send them the information.

Come pray the Rosary and see the Rosary Stars with the Faith Formation Classes on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:30 PM at St. Adrian Church. In January, many "Marches for Life" are held in state capitols as well as our nation's capitol. While many of us can't make the trip to St. Paul or Washington D.C. on January 22nd, we can pray the rosary for the end of abortion in our local parish. Join us on the 11th for this intention. This is also National Vocation Awareness Week, so our second intention will be to pray for Vocations in our churches and our communities.

Feed Your Faith 2012: The tri-parishes of Pipestone, Jasper, and Woodstock are hosting "Feed Your Faith 2012". Raymond de Souza will be the speaker for four days beginning on Wednesday January 11th and concluding on Saturday January 14th. He will speak on a different topic each day of his visit. For more information please call St. Leo's Parish at 507-825-3152 or check the posters for time and places.

We are beginning the first *Catholic Movie Night* on January 15th at 4:00 PM at St. Adrian Church. The movie will be "The Scarlet and the Black" starring Gregory Peck and Christopher Plummer. The true story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty (Gregory Peck), a courageous Irish priest working in the Vatican during the German occupation. O'Flaherty devotes all his time and energy to hiding refugees and allied POW's from the Nazis, building a network of hundreds of people to help him with his efforts. O'Flaherty's activities are known by the German Gestapo chief Colonel Kappler (Christopher Plummer) and he has given orders to have the priest captured or killed if seen outside the Vatican walls. Come see this classic display of courageous righteousness; redemption and renewal!

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 - On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court, in the Roe vs. Wade decision, made its worst mistake in history. By declaring that children in the womb are not "persons," it opened the door to tens of millions of abortions. The website of the Alan Guttmacher Institute (the research arm of Planned Parenthood, which is the single largest source of abortions in America), states, "From 1973 through 2002, more than 42 million legal abortions occurred." It also points out that "24% of all pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) end in abortion," and that abortions after 21 weeks of pregnancy number somewhere around 18,000 per year in America. In 2002, there were 1.29 million abortions in our country. Indeed, as we mark another Roe vs. Wade commemoration, it is time for all of us to get involved in the efforts to end abortion. Visit www.TenStepsToEndAbortion.com to learn what you can do.

Why We Give...

This Sunday we celebrate Epiphany. This celebration is to commemorate the event of the three Magi from the east who came to pay homage and give gifts to the Christ Child. The majority of the Catholic world exchanges gifts on Epiphany. When you think about it, it makes more sense to give gifts on Epiphany; the day gifts were brought to Christ on the "first Christmas". Since the act of giving gifts at Christmas has its roots in the Magi's gifts for Christ it seems that our gift giving should be directed toward him rather than each other.

We should hope that when we give we are even helping others toward salvation by our assistance to them. We feel good about ourselves when we do something good for others. There is nothing wrong with enjoying the sense of fulfillment when we do something for another. But if the act of giving goes no further than you and me then the act itself is deprived of reaching its fullest and most noble height.

When I give it must always be for the sake of the other so that God may be glorified in the end. I should be more happy that the other person is helped by my kindness than that I flourish and become happy by my kindheartedness on behalf of the other. I should never give so as to achieve my own ends. I should be more concerned that in my giving God is exalted and praised than that I be blessed by Him and happy in Him. The act of giving to an-other benefits me only if the will to be benefited is secondary to the will to give to the other. The gift must be sincere. My giving must flow from a pure desire to benefit the other rather than to benefit me. Giving sincerely to an-other is of the same kind of generosity of God who loves us for our own sake. It follows then, that I can only be truly happy if I know how to adore God and praise Him all for his own sake. God is "other" to us. If I do not know Him as one who is worthy of adoration, then my union with Him will not bring me the blessedness of which it is capable.

The three Magi did not show homage to Christ for their sake, but to glorify God. You can glorify God too. I suggest starting with your own family; your spouse, your children and your parents. Welcome them into your life. Love them with the love of God not for yourself, but for them and for the greater glory of God.

Happy Epiphany!

Fr. Timothy J. Hall

