

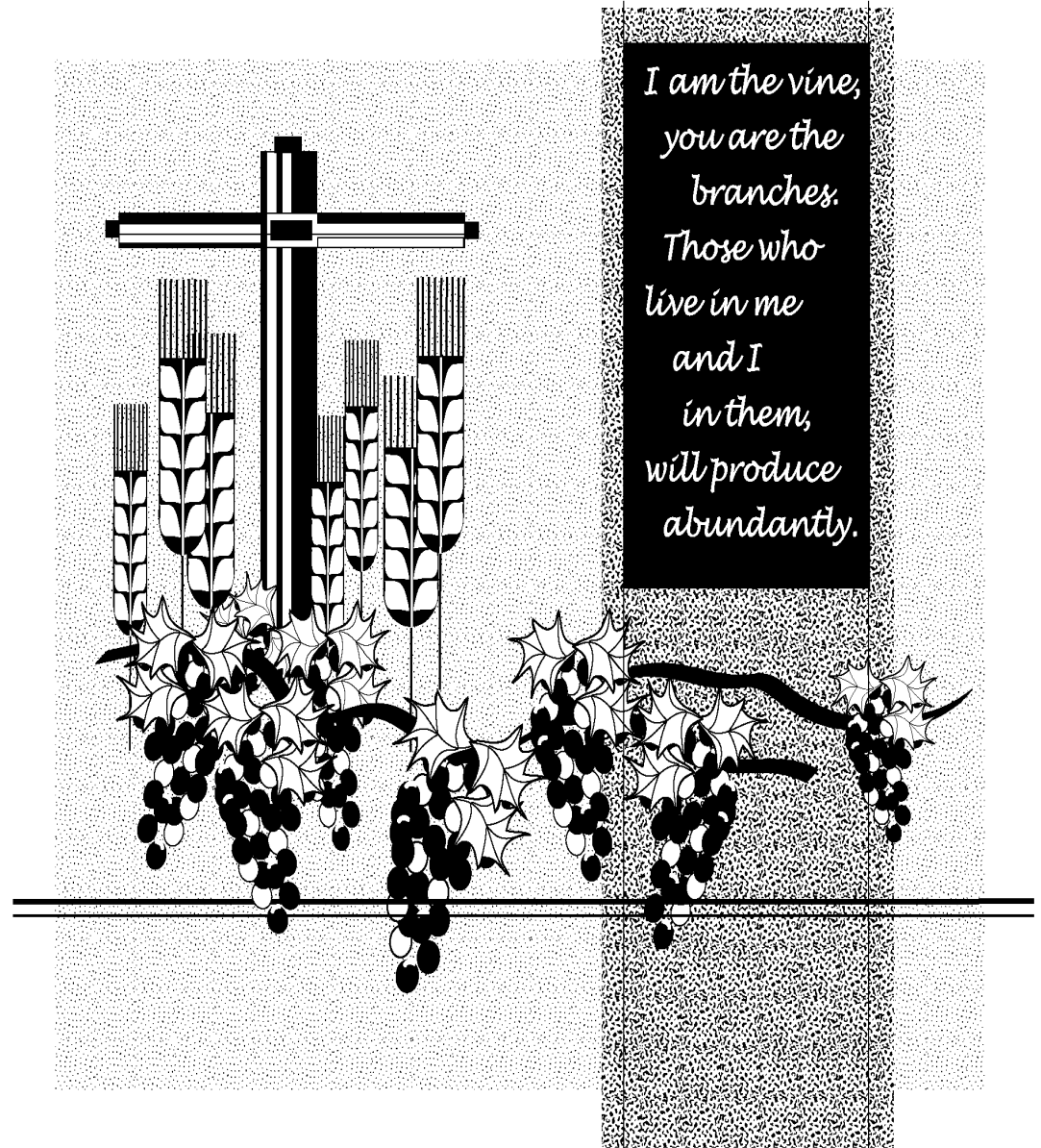
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2012

BAPTISM

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

MARRIAGE

Please make arrangements at least six months in advance. After confirming the church date, your first visit will be with Fr. Timothy Hall. Please call the St. Adrian Rectory Office at (507) 483-2317. Marriage Preparation Course is required.



**SAINT ADRIAN
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

**SAINT ANTHONY
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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Tues. 8:30 AM (L) NO MASS
Wed. 8:30 AM (K) NO MASS
Thu. 8:30 AM (A) Dorothy Veal
One Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri. 8:30 AM (W) Bud Kuhl
Sat. 5:00 PM (L) Parishioners
Sat. 7:00 PM (K) Frances Sell
Sun. 8:30 AM (W) Arleen Gerber
Sun. 10:30 AM (A) Sonny & Gen Honermann
Sun. 2:30 PM (ANH) Carol Reuter

Sacrament of Confession

Half-hour before weekend Masses

St. Adrian

Sacrificial Giving – April 29, 2012

Amount needed per weekend.....\$3,844.00
Amount given.....\$1,854.51

Ministry Schedule: May 13, 2012: 10:30 AM

Readers: Susan Bullerman & Rod Scheidt
Servers: Paige Bullerman & Elissa Thier

Calendar Raffle Winner: To be announced next week.

Council of Catholic Woman will meet on Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00 PM in the church hall. We encourage all CCW members to attend this Wednesday's meeting as we will be discussing issues such as changes to our bi-laws, meeting dates, VP and Presidents for the coming year, as well as our current concerns facing our ladies aide circles. Please set this date aside as this is imperative that all ladies attend. Lunch Committee: Henrietta Bullerman & Renee Wolf.

Council of Catholic Woman will be serving lunch at the Adrian Nursing Home after the 2:30 PM Mass on Sunday, May 13th. Lunch Committee: Jane Heitkamp & Pam Konz.

CCW members are asked to contact Pam Konz (483-2480) if they are able to work at the farewell gathering for Father Hall on Sunday, May 27th. This will be a potluck which we ask you to bring a dish to pass as well as your own beverages.

Knights of Columbus: The spouses of deceased Knights of Columbus members are invited to join the Knights of Columbus members and their spouse/guest for an Appreciation Streak Fry to be held on Thursday, May 17th starting at 5:00 PM in the church hall. If interested, please RSVP to stadriankofc@iw.net or phone 507-483-2494.

Catholic Daughter of the Americas Court Santa Maria #247 will meet on Thursday, May 17th at 1:30 PM at the Education Center. We will honor our 50 year members and we will also vote for our new officers. Lunch committee will be the CDofA officers. Please join us for this great achievement.

In Loving Memory: In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the Family and Friends of Barney Honermann. May fond memories comfort them during this difficult time.

Sympathy: We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Donna Scheidt. We pray that God will bring them peace and comfort.

Parish Finance Council will meet on Thursday, May 24th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Rectory.

Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Rectory.

Rental of the St. Adrian Education Building will be done through Pam Konz in the Faith Formation Office. Call 483-2480 or 483-2835 when you would like to rent the building for family events, wedding showers and other gatherings.

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sacrificial Giving – April 29, 2012

Amount needed per weekend.....\$2,106.00
Amount given.....\$1,255.00

Ministry Schedule: May 13, 2012: 8:30 AM

Reader: Kristi Schettler
Servers: Logan Lenz & Kyla Fuerstenberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Gene & Carol Bertrand,
Carolyn Penning

Calendar Raffle Winner: Rich Kuhl

All Catholic Daughters of Americas Court Madonna #839 members are invited to come to the Our Lady of Good Counsel kitchenette on Tuesday, May 8th, at 7:30 PM for an appreciation evening! Please let your officer team treat you as a sign of our appreciation! A short meeting will be held in which we will vote in our new court officers. We will also be drawing for the winner of the 50/50 raffle! Hope to see you there for an evening of sisterhood fun!

Baptismal Congratulations: We welcome Colton and Jarret Joens, the sons of Eric and Ali Joens, who were baptized on Sunday May 6th. We pray that God will continue to bless their family.

The OLGC Catholic Daughters of America is hosting a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 13th from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. The brunch will follow the Mass for the May Crowning in honor of Mary. Area children are invited to gather at 8:20 AM before the 8:30 AM Mass to process in with flowers to honor Mary. The brunch will be held immediately afterwards in Marian Hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring in photos of their mothers and Grandmothers to the brunch to be displayed on a table of honor for all mothers. For reservations call Joan at 507-926-5957 or Cindy at 507-926-5445.

Spiritual Adoption Program: Month 3

Hi! I'm three months old now. I'm about 3 inches long and I weigh one ounce. That's not much, but I'm fully formed and can even suck my thumb! Please keep praying for me. Thank You!

Finance Council members: Please take note that the Finance Council meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, May 8th has been changed to Tuesday, May 15th.

Parish Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

St. Anthony

Sacrificial Giving – April 29, 2012

Amount needed per weekend.....	\$1,296.00
Amount given.....	\$1,394.00

Ministry Schedule: May 13, 2012: 5:00 PM

Readers: Laura Lorang
Servers: Jake Diekmann (D) & Nick Lorang
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Lorang, Stephanie Diekmann, Carey Simmons

Calendar Raffle Winner: Betty Reker

Parish Finance Council will meet on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Rectory.

Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 28th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Rectory.

Catholic Daughters of Americas Court St. Bernard #886 will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 9th beginning at 6:45 with the rosary for our spiritual adoption babies followed by a potluck supper. Father Hall will be our special guest and we will be entertained by Shelly Loosbrock presenting her humorous speech. A short meeting will follow. Lunch committee: Deb Wieneke, chairperson and Patti Johnson.

The Rosary will be prayed on **Wednesday evenings at 6:45 PM**, during the month of May at St. Anthony Church. Please join the Catholic Daughters St. Bernard #886 as we dedicate this special prayer for all unborn babies in our Spiritual Adoption program. Everyone from the 4-Parish Cluster is invited.

Open House Bridal Shower for Lydia Mesner bride to – be of Brandon Diekmann will be held on Saturday May 12th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Lismore Legion Hall. The couple is registered at Target, Sears, and The Hut in Slayton. Everyone is invited.

St. Kilian

Sacrificial Giving – April 29, 2012

\$40.00 (2 Envelopes)

Ministry Schedule: May 13, 2012 7:00 PM

Readers: Mary Brake
Servers: Tucker & Tyler Madison
Eucharistic Ministers: Doug Brake, Kelli Brake, Anna Mae Fuerstenberg

St. Kilian Parish Pastoral & Finance Council will meet on Thursday, June 7th at 7:30 PM in the school.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

Congratulations to the Seniors of the 4-Parishes: St. Adrian: Carissa Aggen, David Cook, Kody Henning, Dylan Kruger, Tasha Lange, Brenda Parsley, Jase Pater, Jennifer Recker, Tony Reker, Sydne Springman, Austyn Thier, and Rona Vaselaar. St. Anthony: Dylan Johnson, Alex Knips, Gary Knips, Nate Lynn, Nick Lynn, Brandon Weidert, Nina Weidert, and Morgan Wieneke. St. Kilian: Dalton Jeffers and Jensen Wolf. Our Lady of Good Counsel: Ashley Balster, Nathan Burkard, Max Slater and Shay VonHoltum. God bless them and keep them faithful as they step into adulthood!

Save the date - A 4-Parish farewell potluck will be held for Fr. Hall on Sunday, May 27th at St. Adrian Church following the 10:30 AM Mass. Everyone is welcome - bring a dish to pass and your best wishes for Fr. Hall's new assignment. For anyone from any of the parishes who would like to help in the kitchen please call Pam Konz at 483-2480 to volunteer.

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal: Next weekend, there will be a special collection for Catholic Charities. Please review the one-page flyer you received in the mail describing the appeal. You may place your donation in the collection box and mail directly to Diocese of Winona. Please be generous.

Stuebenville N in Rochester will be held **July 13-15th**. Registration cost is \$50. Please let Pam Konz know if you are ready to register. For more information go to www.partnershipforyouth.org.

Totally Yours (Totus Tuus) Summer Bible School registration forms were handed out to grades 1-4 at release time classes. Please fill yours out and return to the Faith Formation Office listed on the form by May 31st. Registration forms are also available in the back of the churches or in the Faith Formation Offices. **Totally Yours** will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel July 15-19 for grades 7-12 and July 16-20 for grades 1-6.

Quo Vadis Days are set. This year's session for young men entering 9-12th grades in the Fall of 2012 will be held June 12-15. We will focus on the vocation of priesthood and prayer, while including the usual recreational activities that have been a part of **Quo Vadis Days** from the beginning. All forms needed for registration are on the diocesan website: <http://www.dow.org/Departments/Vocations.aspx>. The deadline for registration is June 9.

The Diocese of Winona is sponsoring a Rosary Art Contest in conjunction with its summer event "Turning Our Gaze to Christ." Open to all Faith Formation and Home School students in grades 4-12, the contest challenges young artists to pray the Rosary and then create art based on the contest theme "Gazing on Christ Through the Rosary." Complete contest rules, entry forms, parent/catechist and student guides are available on line at www.dow.org. Free admission to "Turning Our Gaze to Christ" is included with entry in the art contest. Contact the Office of Faith Formation at faithformation@dow.org or at (507) 858-1255 for more information.

Respect Life – ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES ends Sunday, May 6th after three full days of offering the Rosary across the world for the intention of *ending surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons*. There is still time to offer a rosary for the babies, and please continue to do so in the future. For information on this event, see www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org or write to **Saint Michael the Archangel Organization, P. O. Box 41257, Memphis Tennessee 38174**

May Liturgy Schedules for St. Kilian, St. Anthony, and Our Lady of Good Counsel are at the entrance of church. Schedules for all 4-parishes are also available on our web page.

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

Pruning The Branches...

The Lord's image of the vine and the branches is familiar to anyone who gardens (John 15:1-8). Many plants need to be pruned regularly to control their growth and increase their fruitfulness. The raspberries growing by the rectory are a good example of this: the older shoots will not produce much, so they must be cut away to allow the new shoots, those that will bear fruit, to grow.

God the Father is the master gardener; the Lord is the vine; we are the branches. One thing we can expect for sure in this life is that God will be pruning us! There are two kinds of pruning the Lord mentions: he cuts away completely those branches that do not bear fruit, and he prunes those who are bearing fruit so that they will produce more.

Some branches are all leaves and no fruit: they look good, but there is nothing under the surface. Many judge themselves by the wrong standards: by how they look, what they own, how important their job is, how much authority they have, or how healthy they are at the moment. All of these things are leaves on the branch: they glorify the *branch*. We are given these things *in order to bear fruit*. What our Lord is looking for is *fruitfulness*. A branch that only cares for itself is a branch full of leaves.

A fruitful branch is one that *does* something. To be fruitful is to have a life that includes acts of kindness and selflessness for others. Saint Paul lists some of the ways that we know we are producing fruit in Galatians: we will see *love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, self-control, chastity*.

Branches that exist only for themselves – all leaves and no fruit-are in the end worthless, and are thrown on the fire to be burnt. But God also prunes the branches that do bear fruit so that they will produce more. How does this happen? He prunes us by means of the *Word* he has spoken: in other words, through the Scriptures. Listening to and being challenged by the Word of God has the effect of allowing God to prune us of our unfruitfulness.

Happy Easter,

Fr. Timothy J. Hall, priest

