

*First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2011*

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 prepare
for the
Lord
through
the
Season
of Advent*



*Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know
when the time will come.*

**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	(K) "Poor Souls"
Thurs	8:30 AM	(A) Lorna Falty's
One Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
Fri	8:30 AM	(W) Lorraine Balster
Sat	8:00 AM	(A) Joseph & Ella Kellen
Sat	5:00 PM	(L) Ed & Rose Wieneke
Sat	7:00 PM	(K) Wendell Loosbrock
Sun	8:30 AM	(W) Marlin Mitchell
Sun	10:30 AM	(A) Parishioners

Word & Communion

Thurs. 8:30 AM (L)

Sacrament of Confession

Half- hour before weekend Masses

St. Adrian

Sacrificial Giving – November 20, 2011

Amount needed per weekend.....\$3,844.00
Amount given.....\$2,906.00

Ministry Schedule: December 4, 2011: 10:30 AM

Readers: John Faber & Julie Wieneke
Servers: Brenna Erlandson & Mackenzie Wagner

Calendar Raffle Winner: Rita Domagala

First Saturday Mass: It is with great joy that I announce the return of First Saturday Marian Devotions at St. Adrian. Mass will be said the first Saturday of every month in honor of The Blessed Virgin Mary. The return of this devotion will begin next Saturday December 3rd with an 8:00 AM Mass. Confessions will be heard beginning at 7:15 AM. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday Morning Advent Penance & Adoration will be held at St. Adrian's Church on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM. You may come for part or all of the scheduled time. Everyone is welcome.

Church Cleaning: The CCW will begin their Fall Cleaning the week of November 28 through December 3rd. Please mark your calendars as your chairperson will be contacting you.

The CCW will once again be putting together the "goodie plates" for the home bound people on Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00 AM in the church hall. Please

bring yourself and your plates of "goodies" to this gathering.

Parish Finance Council will meet on Thursday, December 15th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Rectory.

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

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sacrificial Giving – November 20, 2011

Amount needed per weekend..... \$2,106.00
Amount given..... \$1,602.00

Ministry Schedule: December 4, 2011: 8:30 AM

Reader: Gary Sieve
Servers: Marty Slater & Kurt Christians
Eucharistic Ministers: Don Hendel, Tarri Joens,
Kathy Burkard

Calendar Raffle Winner: Alan Balster

Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2011 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 – November 19, 2011

Amount needed per weekend..... \$1,296.00
Amount given..... \$ 465.00

Calendar Raffle Winner: Milton Hebig

Ministry Schedule: December 3, 2011: 5:00 PM

Reader: Lisa Diekmann
Servers: Nick Lorang & Katie Wieneke
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Metz, Tom Diekmann,
Mary Ann Loosbrock

Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting on Monday, November 28th at 7:30 PM in the church basement.

Thank You: The family of Cletus Spieker wishes to extend sincere gratefulness to the faith community for their participation in Cletus' final celebration of life. Special thanks to Fr. Hall, Roxanne, the KC's, liturgical ministers and those who helped with the funeral luncheon. May God bless your kindness.

Calendar Raffle Tickets: St. Anthony Parish now has their calendar raffle tickets available. If you need more tickets, please contact the parish office.

Eucharistic Ministry Training: There will be an updating session for **all** Eucharistic Ministers from St. Anthony Parish on Wednesday, November 30th at 7:30 PM in the church. We would also like to invite any new adults who may be interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist to this training session. If you have any questions, please call Roxanne.

Spaghetti Supper: St. Anthony CCW will be having a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, December 10th after the 5:00 PM Mass. Mark the date on your calendar, come & share a meal, and then take some baked goods home from the CDA for more enjoyment! Everyone is welcome!

CD of A Court St. Bernard #886 will be holding their annual Christmas Bake Sale on Saturday December 10th before and after the 5:00 PM Mass. Ladies, get out those wonderful recipes and start baking!!!

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

St. Kilian

Sacrificial Giving – November 19, 2011

\$615.00 (6 Envelopes)

Ministry Schedule: December 3, 2011: 7:00 PM

Reader: Marge Loosbrock

Servers: Joseph Brake & Dalton Jeffers

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry & Julie Brake

Linda Fuerstenberg

St. Kilian's Christmas Potluck is set for Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00 PM in the school. Begin thinking about something "yummy" to bring!

Adrian Nursing Home: St. Kilian CCW will host the Word & Communion Service on Sunday, December 11th at 2:30 PM. Serving Committee: Lois Engels, Tory Bohlke and Theresa Wieneke.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

4-Parish Class Night for grades 5-11 will be held on Wednesday, November 30th, at both St. Adrian and Our Lady of Good Counsel. It's time to prepare for Advent!

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 Food Collection: Once again, the need for our local food shelves is up and unfortunately donations seem to be down. To help feed the hungry, we will have a special food collection for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please bring your donations to church and place them in the boxes provided at the entrance of church. Items needed include: non-perishable food items, **new** adult warm gloves, scarves, ear muffs and **new** children's socks, warm gloves, mittens and caps. All of these items will be donated to the Manna Food Shelf (Nobles County Food Shelf).

Raymond De Souza, from the Diocesan Office of Apologetics and Evangelization, is making a return visit to our parishes. He will speak about "*Our Lady of Fatima's request for First Saturday Devotion and what it means for us today*". Please make plans to attend this talk which will be at 7:00 PM Monday December 5th in the Education Center at St. Adrian Parish.

Catechists from all 4 parishes are required by the Diocese to participate in the *Virtus* "Protecting God's Children" program. To enable as many catechists as possible to meet together we are planning two times to gather- Monday, November 28th at 7:00 PM at St. Adrian and Sunday, December 4th at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Catechists may attend either place regardless of where they teach. The night will consist of two short well-made videos and discussion.

CDA Court Madonna #839 of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Wilmont is sponsoring a raffle fundraiser. Drawing for the prizes offered for this fundraiser will be held on February 12, 2012, at a CDA breakfast following Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Each ticket is \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00 and can be purchased from Cindy Balster at the United Prairie Bank in Wilmont (926-5155) or contact her at home at 926-5179. Proceeds go towards many CDA charities.

Looking for Christmas Gifts? CDA Court Madonna #839 has the perfect gift idea for you. We are selling Christian based puzzles – Faces of Christ, Faces of Mary, and Let the Children Come to Me. Each puzzle is 500 pieces and is 100% American made! The cost is \$20.00 for each puzzle. Teresa Fuerstenberg has these puzzles for you to purchase at the United Prairie Insurance Agency (926-0017) in Wilmont or contact her at home at 472-8478 or Joan Joens at 926-5957. Proceeds go towards many CDA charities.

December Liturgy Schedules for St. Anthony, St. Kilian and Our Lady of Good Counsel are located at the entrance of church. Please pick up your copy. Liturgical schedules for all 4-parishes are also available on line at www.frontiernet.net/~stadrian.

Advent Reading: In order to better prepare for the coming of Christ, there are reading materials for families at the entrance of the church. Please take home a copy for your time of prayer.

2012 Church Calendars: The new Church Calendars may be found at the entrance of church. We thank the Dingmann Funeral Home for furnishing these calendars for the 4-Parishes.

Right-to-Life- Here is an interesting web site. It is named after Susan B. Anthony, an early feminist who believed that human life needed to be protected. The organization works in the spirit and tradition of the original suffragists. Susan B. Anthony herself called abortion “*child murder.*” Alice Paul, author of the original 1923 Equal Rights Amendment, reportedly said the early feminists believed that “*Abortion is the ultimate exploitation of women.*” Modern feminist and actress Patricia Heaton echoes this theme, saying, “*The early feminists were pro-life. And really, abortion is a huge disservice to women, and it hasn't been presented that way.*” To learn more, see www.sba.org.

2011 Tree of Lights: Once again the annual Tree of Lights Ceremony will take place at four different communities. The Adrian Ceremony will be held on December 14th at 7:00 PM at Adrian Country Living. You will find the forms to fill out at the entrances of the churches in our 4-parish cluster.

WACCW Lenten Retreat: The Worthington Area CCW will be sponsoring an all day Lenten Retreat on Saturday March 3, 2012 at the Shalom Hill Farm near Windom, MN. The retreat and meal will be paid for by the WACCW. Please save the date.

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

A black large hoop earring was found after the Confirmation Mass held at Our Lady of Good Counsel. If you lost yours please contact Pam Konz at 483-2480.

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

Watching & Waiting!

Last week, while on retreat at St. John's Abbey, I spent most of my time in quiet prayer and reflection. During those silent days, I reflected on the illumination of God's word in my life, especially in regards to the Sacrament of Baptism and the season of Advent. It really doesn't seem possible that Advent has arrived: this season of hope and “unfulfilled expectancy”.

Yet, once again, the Church begins a new liturgical year – Cycle B – the year of the Gospel of Mark. Time marches on, with or without my permission.

Today's gospel addresses the very important issue of time: *Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.* During the season of Advent, the Church is inviting us into a period of stillness and quiet preparation for the coming of Christ. This time of “Holy Expectation” is a call to prepare our hearts for the *three advents of Christ*: a) the birth of the baby Jesus, b) the coming of Christ at the end of time, and c) the coming of Christ within us. Advent is an invitation to recognize the need to strengthen our personal relationship with Christ so that we may truly experience Christ's love and peace. No matter how many demands are made of us, we need to stay awake to the present moment, because we truly *do not know when the Lord is coming!* We may not know where, when, or how but we do know that Christ will come again.

As we wait in joyful hope, our Advent task is to let God reshape our hearts and minds. I invite you to take home a copy of “Five Minutes with the Word” and/or read the daily scripture passage from the Advent Calendars that were in last week's bulletin. I also strongly encourage you to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance (check the advent calendar for many times and places). Advent is a time of new life, new hope and new beginnings; our God is a God of new beginnings. Advent is also known as a time of giving and receiving. We receive the sacraments and stories of prophets and saints, and we are invited to give God the gift of self, by sharing real gifts of time, talent, and treasure with those we love and with those who need our generosity.

As we wait in joyful anticipation, God is also waiting – waiting for us to realize that God is always present in our lives – waiting for us to be the hands, feet, hearts, and perhaps the voices of Christ in the world today. As the Apostle Paul reminds us in today's second reading, *we are not lacking in any spiritual gift as [we] await for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ... he will keep [us] firm to the end... God is faithful.* Yes, God is faithful and God is coming again. Yes, God is watching and yes God is waiting for us. May our Advent journey be a holy time of rediscovering God's presence in our lives, waiting in joy for our own new birth in God's eternal kingdom!

Advent Blessings,

Roxanne

