

*Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 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.

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth to a virgin named Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace!
The Lord is
with you.



Behold, you will conceive
in your womb and bear
a son, and you shall
name him **JESUS**



**SAINT ADRIAN
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

**SAINT ANTHONY
SAINT KILIAN**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Tues 8:30 AM (L) Louis Hoffman
(Eucharistic Adoration Follows Mass)
Wed 8:30 AM (K) Arvin Loosbrock
Thurs 8:30 AM (A) Millie Klein
Fri 8:30 AM (W) Wagner Families

Christmas Eve

Sat 5:00 PM (L) JoAnn Scheffler
Sat 5:00 PM (W) Marv Vaske
Sat 8:00 PM (K) Bob Fuerstenberg
Sat 10:00 PM (A) Parishioners

Christmas Day

Sun 9:00 AM (A) Paul & Rita Cook

Word & Communion

Thursday 8:30 AM (L)

Sacrament of Confession

Half- hour before weekend Masses

St. Adrian

Sacrificial Giving – December 11, 2011

Amount needed per weekend.....\$3,844.00
Amount given.....\$5,151.00

Ministry Schedule December 24, 2011: 10:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass

Readers: Dave Eickhoff & Meredith Vaselaar
Servers: Mitchell Lonneman & Paige Bullerman

Ministry Schedule December 25, 2011: 9:00 AM

Christmas Morning Mass

Readers: Stacie Elias & Rod Scheidt
Servers: David Cook & Natalie Cook

Calendar Raffle Winner: Dan Dingmann Family

Christmas Masses: Please take note that next weekend is Christmas. There are **two** Masses set up for St. Adrian. **Christmas Eve Mass will begin with Lessons and Carols at 10:00 PM with Mass following.** On Christmas Day, Mass is at 9:00 AM. You are more than welcome to take part in both Masses.

Christmas Flower & Decoration Donations: Once again, you are invited to give a memorial donation for the Christmas Flowers, decorations and trees. Please put your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope or in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" with name of the person *printed* on it that you would like remembered.

Parish Finance Council will meet on Thursday, January 19, 2012 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 – December 11, 2011

Amount needed per weekend..... \$2,106.00
Amount given..... \$1,849.00

Ministry Schedule: December 24, 2011: 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass

Reader: Joan Joens
Servers: Taylor Schettler & Andrea Fuerstenberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Slater, Sharon Balster,
Beth Spartz

Calendar Raffle Winner: Jim Kremer

Christmas Masses: Please take note that next weekend is Christmas. Mass for Our Lady of Good Counsel will be Saturday evening with Lessons and Carols at 4:30 PM with Mass following. Programs for participation will be provided! Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Flower & Decoration Donations: Once again, you are invited to give a memorial donation for the Christmas Flowers, decorations and trees. Please put your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope or in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" with name of the person *printed* on it that you would like remembered.

Baptism: Congratulations and Welcome to Alana Joy Steve who was baptized on October 23, 2011. She is the daughter of Cory & Theresa Steve.

Super Bowl Fundraiser: The OLG 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. They will also be selling tickets before and after each Mass. Thank you for supporting our Fundraiser!



St. Kilian

Sacrificial Giving – December 10, 2011

\$510.00 (3 Envelopes)

Ministry Schedule: December 24, 2011 8:00PM Christmas Eve Mass

Reader: Marge Loosbrock & Lois Engels

Servers: Carli Jeffers & Courtney Vaske

Eucharistic Ministers: Kelli Brake, Jerry Brake

Anna Mae Fuerstenberg

Christmas Eve Mass: To help prepare our hearts for Jesus on this very special evening, Christmas Carols will be sung at St. Kilian, beginning at 7:30 PM (prior to the 8:00 PM Mass). Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Flower & Decoration Donations: Once again, you are invited to give a memorial donation for the Christmas Flowers, decorations and trees. Please put your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope or in an envelope marked “Christmas Flowers” with name of the person *printed* on it that you would like remembered.

Christmas Decorating will take place on Monday Evening, December 19th at 7:00 PM. Please come and “lend-a-hand.”

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.

4-Parish Class Night for grades 5-12 will be Wednesday, December 21st at 7:30 PM in both Wilmont and Adrian. Grades 9, 10, and 11 will be watching a Christmas video, so please allow a little more time for class - arrive to pick up the students around 9:00 PM. Most classes will experience a retelling of the Christmas story.

Second graders - remember to learn The Act of Contrition for First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 9:00 AM. There will be learning centers for the second graders and their parent(s) or other Catholic adult on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 from after school any time until 8:00 PM.

Coffee & Rolls: Our Lady of Good Counsel School Fundraiser families will be serving coffee and rolls on Sunday after the 8:30 AM Mass for the remainder of December and also for the month of January, with the exception of Christmas weekend. Everyone is invited,

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 10, 2011

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

Amount given..... \$1,037.00

Calendar Raffle Winner: Bob Holzmer

Ministry Schedule: December 24, 2011: 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass

Reader: Gene Metz, Lisa Diekmann, Melissa Weidert

Servers: Katie Wieneke & Nicole Knips

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Wieneke, Mary Metz,

Tom Diekmann, Roxanne Kemper, Jill Diekmann

Christmas Eve Mass: Beginning at 4:30 PM we will be having a “sing-a-long” of Christmas Carols at St. Anthony Church, prior to the 5:00 PM Mass. Once again, children will be invited to help with the procession to the crib. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Flower & Decoration Donations: Once again, you are invited to give a memorial donation for the Christmas Flowers, decorations and trees. Please put your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope or in an envelope marked “Christmas Flowers” with name of the person *printed* on it that you would like remembered.

Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 27th at 7:30 PM in the church basement.

2012 Church Support Envelopes are in the back of church. Please pick up your box of envelopes and any for 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.

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.

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.

Attention Senior Parents: Due to schedule conflicts, **Baccalaureate** will be held for our graduates at the 4-Parishes on the weekend of May 5th and 6th. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

The Diocese of Winona is pleased to announce a Rosary Essay Contest entitled "Gazing on Christ Through the Rosary." Contest is open to all Catholic school and home school students in grades 4-12. Contest kicks off on Thursday, December 8, 2011, and closes on Thursday February 2, 2012. Complete contest packets may be downloaded from the Diocesan website at www.dow.org or may be requested by mail by calling the Office of Catholic Education at (507) 858-1255. Catholic school students should be receiving their contest packets through their school.

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).

Right-to-Life- The National Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC is a shiny black wall that stretches 492 feet and lists the names of the 58,022 known Americans killed in that war. **If such a wall listed the names of the children killed by abortion since 1973, the wall would be about 60 miles long! The casualties of our wars put together are fewer than the casualties from abortion in a single year.**

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

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

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.

Preparing Your Family For Christmas...

I cannot think of a better reading to touch on the theology of marriage and family than that Gospel we just heard this weekend from Luke the Evangelist. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of protecting the sacrament of marriage and the life which springs from it. The Church too takes this very seriously, just read the following words from the beginning of the document On Human Life (*Humanae Vitae*) issued by Pope Paul VI in 1968:

The transmission of human life is a most serious role in which married people collaborate freely and responsibly with God the Creator. It has always been a source of great joy to them, even though it sometimes entails many difficulties and hardships.

The fulfillment of this duty has always posed problems to the conscience of married people, but the recent course of human society and the concomitant changes have provoked new questions. The Church cannot ignore these questions, for they concern matters intimately connected with the life and happiness of human beings.

It is so very fitting to reflect on these words at Christmas time. Christmas is about the joy of love and life. Marriage is too. We would not have Christmas without the love of God who gave his life. We do not have marriage without husband and wife loving each other to bring life.

To say that Christmas is a time for family without realizing that Christmas gushes forth from that love which makes the family would be remiss. The birth of Christ into the family of man at Christmas is a basic and essential component to God's plan of salvation. In the family we find God's way for man's safety and fulfillment for all. Blessed Pope John Paul II says: "The family is the basic cell of society. It is the cradle of life and love, the place in which the individual 'is born' and 'grows.'" Not only who we are, but what we will become, stems from our family. And he says, "...make the family aware of its identity as the primary social nucleus, and its basic role in society, so that it might itself become always a more active and responsible place for proper growth & proper participation in social life."

Signs of Christmas are becoming more vivid as Christmas Day draws near. As the Season of waiting and preparing during Advent becomes joy and elation at Christmas, take the time to prepare your family well so that the "cradle of life and love" entrusted to you is free to grow.

Advent Blessings,
Fr. Timothy J. Hall

Ave Maria, Dominus tecum
Hail Mary, the Lord is with you