

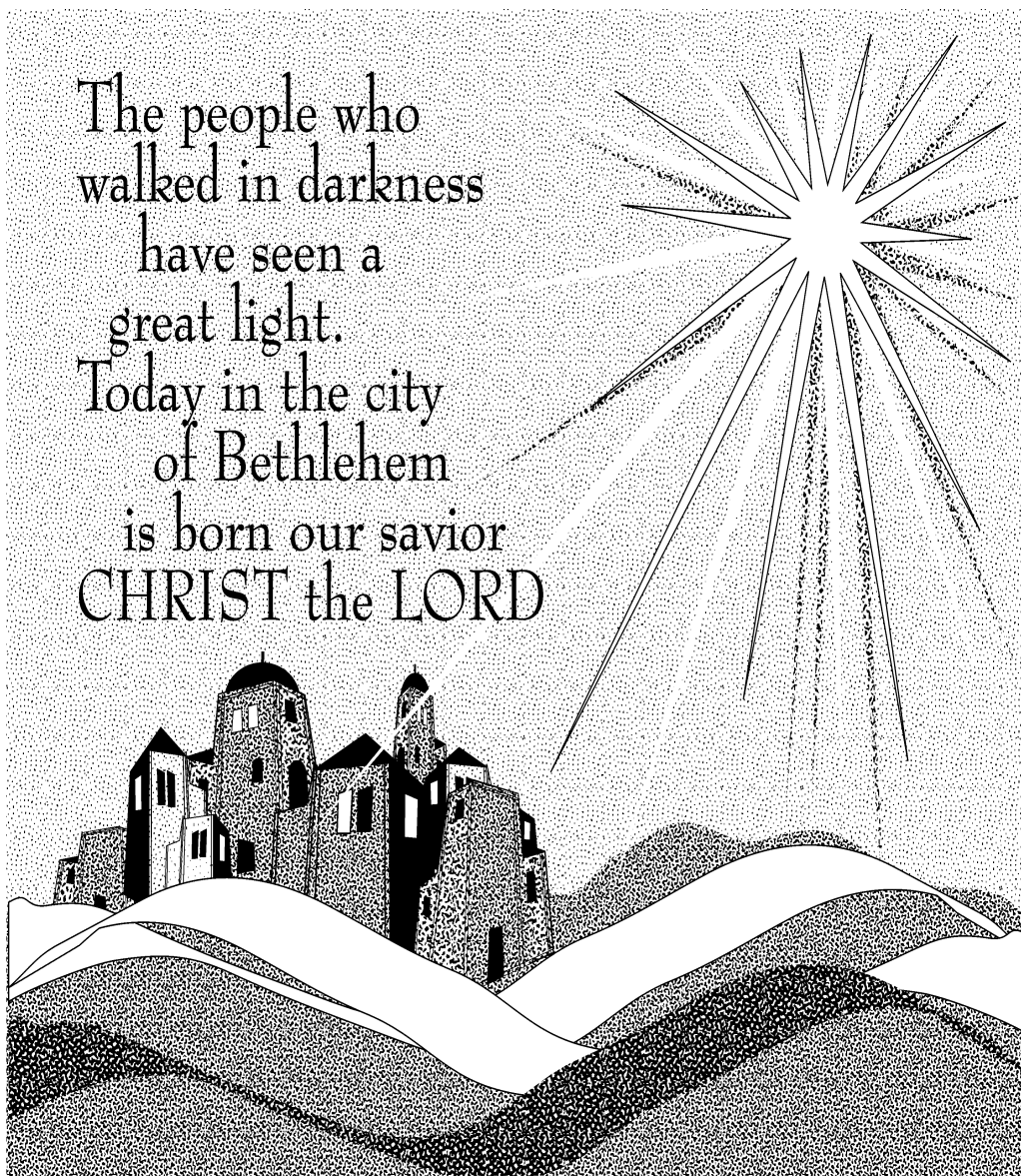
*Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord  
December 25, 2011*

**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 people who  
walked in darkness  
have seen a  
great light.  
Today in the city  
of Bethlehem  
is born our savior  
**CHRIST the LORD**

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**SAINT ADRIAN  
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

**SAINT ANTHONY  
SAINT KILIAN**

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## Liturgy of the Eucharist

Tues 8:30 AM (L) NO MASS  
Wed 8:30 AM (K) Tom Hoffman  
Thurs 8:30 AM (A) Lorraine Wieneke  
Fri 8:30 AM (W) Heinrich Hakenward  
Sat 5:00 PM (L) Chad Wieneke  
Sat 7:00 PM (K) Jim Loosbrock  
Sun 8:30 AM (W) Parishioners  
Sun 10:30 AM (A) Ed & Margaret Dorn

## Word & Communion

Thursday 8:30 AM (L)

## Sacrament of Confession

Half- hour before weekend Masses

## St. Adrian

### Sacrificial Giving – December 18, 2011

Amount needed per weekend.....\$3,844.00  
Amount given.....\$3,811.06

### Ministry Schedule January 1, 2012: 10:30 AM

Readers: John Faber & Julie Wieneke  
Servers: Elissa Thier & Elizabeth Thier

### **Calendar Raffle Winner:** Marilyn Madison

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

**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.

**Daily Mass:** Starting Wednesday Morning January 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Parishioners:** This is a friendly reminder that the end of the year is coming up. This means it is time to get tax papers ready. We try to record contributions as accurately as possible for your tax purposes. Any donations made through Jan 2 will be recorded for you as 2011 contributions. Letters will be going out in January. Thank you for all your support this year and in the future. Happy Holidays! If you have any questions you can direct them to Shannon Reker, Parish Bookkeeper. I will be starting full time right after Christmas and will be able to help you quickly. [staacct@frontier.com](mailto:staacct@frontier.com) or 483-2319.

## Our Lady of Good Counsel

### Sacrificial Giving – December 18, 2011

Amount needed per weekend..... \$2,106.00  
Amount given..... \$2,459.00

### Ministry Schedule: January 1, 2012: 8:30 AM

Reader: Sharon Balster  
Servers: Cole Spartz & Jena Joens  
Eucharistic Ministers: Gene & Carol Bertrand,  
Cindy Penning

### **Calendar Raffle Winner:** Tom Penning

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**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. Thank you for supporting our Fundraiser!

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

*Glory to God in the Highest*

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

**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 – December 17, 2011

Amount needed per weekend..... \$1,296.00  
Amount given..... \$3,808.86

**Calendar Raffle Winner:** Clare VandeVelde

### Ministry Schedule: December 31, 2011: 5:00 PM

Reader: Deb Lutmer  
Servers: Brittney Loonan & McKenzie Wieneke  
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff & Jill Diekmann,  
Mark Lorang

**Thank You:** With grateful hearts, we thank everyone who helped with Christmas preparations. Our gifts of time, talent and treasure helped celebrate the Birth of Jesus with reverence and joy. May God bless you!

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

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

**Parish 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. Statements were mailed to homes in December.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 17, 2011

\$565.00 (6 Envelopes)

### Ministry Schedule: December 31, 2011 7:00PM

Reader: Karen Honermann  
Servers: Tyler & Tucker Madison  
Eucharistic Ministers: Rob Fuerstenberg, Fran Scroggs, Anna Mae Fuerstenberg

**Winter Weekday Mass:** Beginning in January, there will be NO Wednesday morning Mass. Weekday Mass will begin again in Lent.

**Christmas Thank You:** A special thank you to everyone who helped with the many Christmas preparations! We also thank those who donated memorial money towards the flowers and decorations. Our gifts of time, talent and treasure helped celebrate the Birth of Christ with reverence and joy!

**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.

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

**Second graders** - remember to learn The Act of Contrition for First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> from after school any time until 8:00 PM.

**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.

**Christmas Flowers & Decorations:** Thank you to the many families who donated. The memorials will be posted at a later date.

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

**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](http://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.

**Respect Life - Happy Birthday, Jesus!** Let us pray that all women will welcome the gift of life, just as our Blessed Mother welcomed, in joyful anticipation, the birth of the Infant Jesus. Let us all pray for and support those women pregnant today who are confused and unsure. "A new baby is like the beginning of all things—wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities."-  
Eda J Leshan.

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

**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.

**CDA Court Madonna #839 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 the 8:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel. You can win the following prizes:


- \*Homemade Quilt created by Carol Balster
- \*2 End Tables made by Isaac Joens Woodworking
- \*\$50 Cash donated by Lenz Excavating
- \*Monthly Mystery Treat where the winner will receive a treat once a month for 1 year beginning March, 2012.

*\*All prizes delivered locally\**

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.

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

*For unto us  
a child is born  
unto us a son is given*



## **The Christmas Infant...**

Christmas brings with it a great amount of joy, and it should since ultimately God wants us to be happy because he loves us. The lover always delights in the joy of His beloved. We experience happiness when we receive good gifts from people, and we are very happy when we see the joy in the eyes of somebody who has received a precious gift from us. Most of these gifts which we receive are from our family members on whom we depend for affection, support and protection. When we receive a gift from them, we receive them.

God the Son came into this world by means of natural birth as an infant to be a gift to the human family. This was no accident. God could have easily come into the world by any means. But God chose to become incarnate (made flesh) as an infant through the natural birth of a woman betrothed to a husband. What is especially remarkable about the incarnation is that not only did God come to us by natural birth; he did not skip any of the steps yet he added his own divine attribute. The Bible tells us that the Virgin Mary actually conceived the child in her womb, which is normal, but, just to add a Divine quality to the process, God allowed Mary to remain a virgin through the whole process; she was a virgin at conception, a virgin at delivery (no pain, blood or risk) and even remained a virgin throughout her life. God chose this extraordinary approach to such an ordinary means to emphasize the origin of true joy.

Christmas is a great season of immense joy. It should be. God wants it to be. It is joy filled because it is about the promise of new life and renewal. That is why God chose to come to us by way of becoming an infant to a human family. Christmas is joy filled because it is about love that keeps generating more love. And that is what marriage and family is about too. Babies have a way of generating a lot of love in their families. There is a purity and innocence about Christmas that stems from the virgin birth of Jesus. I think that is why we long to see snow at Christmas; we want to see everything pure and white. Christmas is about being together with loved ones; with extraordinary people whom we are acquainted with through ordinary means; with God who becomes part of the human family; with people who care for us as we care for them. With them we experience love, renewal and even new life. No, it is not by accident that God comes to us as a Child. God teaches us by what he says and by what he does. He is telling us all that there is a pathway to innocence, purity, joy and salvation in the family.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Timothy J. Hall