

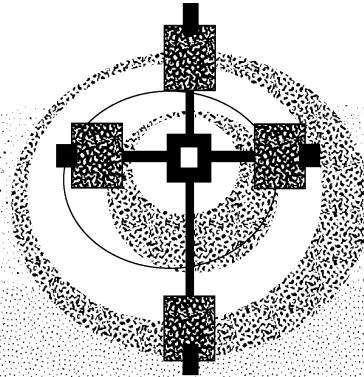
**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 18, 2012**

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.



Just as Moses lifted up
the serpent in the desert

so must the

SON of MAN

be lifted up

so that everyone
who believes in HIM

may have

ETERNAL LIFE

**SAINT ADRIAN
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

**SAINT ANTHONY
SAINT KILIAN**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Tues. 8:30 AM (L) Sr. Adrienne Dorn
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues. 6:30 PM (K) Valery Bruns
Thurs. 8:30 AM (A) Kay & Linda Luedke
Fri. 8:30 AM (W) Mary Johanning
Sat. 5:00 PM (L) Clarence Reuter
Sat. 7:00 PM (K) Jack & Eloise Stoffel
Sun. 8:30 AM (W) Parishioners
Sun. 10:30 AM (A) Raymond Kellen

Sacrament of Confession

Half- hour before weekend Masses

St. Adrian

Sacrificial Giving – March 11, 2012

Amount needed per weekend.....\$3,844.00
Amount given.....\$2,405.00

Ministry Schedule: March 25, 2012: 10:30 AM

Readers: John Faber & LuAnn Oertli
Servers: Elissa Thier & Payton Echter

Calendar Raffle Winner: Connie Kunkel

Lenten Activities: Please join us for Vespers on Thursday, March 22nd at 6:00 PM. A Soup Supper follows hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! You may come for one or all of the events.

Knights of Columbus will meet on Sunday evening, March 18th at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

The 2012 Diocesan Appeal has begun and our parish goal was set at \$14,510.00. Please help us reach that amount by generously making a donation. Gifts may be mailed directly to the Winona Diocese. Thank you.

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

Parish Finance Council will meet on Thursday, April 19th 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 – March 11, 2012

Amount needed per weekend.....\$2,106.00
Amount given.....\$1,094.00

Ministry Schedule: March 25, 2012: 8:30 AM

Reader: Sandra Roskamp
Servers: Kurt Christians & Jordan Bertrand
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill & Monica Slater
Carolyn Penning

Calendar Raffle Winner: Shelly Fuerstenberg

Lenten Activities: Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:00 PM on Friday evening. Everyone is welcome! Please join us for this prayerful event.

The Annual Our Lady of Good Counsel Steak Fry and Raffle will be held Sunday April 1, 2012 at OLGCMarian Hall beginning at 5:00 PM. Purchase your tickets now from any of the following: Kevin Spartz – 926-5924, Dave Reetz-926-520, Rod Burkard-926-5229 or Cindy Balster-926-5179 before and after Mass at OLGCM each Sunday until April 1st. *Matching grant funds by Catholic Order of Foresters*

The 2012 Diocesan Appeal has begun and our parish goal was set at \$6,690.00. Please help us reach that amount by generously making a donation. Gifts may be mailed directly to the Winona Diocese. Thank you.

Parish Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, May 8, 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 – March 10, 2012

Amount needed per weekend.....\$1,296.00
Amount given.....\$1,260.00

Ministry Schedule: March 24, 2012: 5:00 PM

Reader: Laura Lorang
Servers: Brittney Loonan & Briana Loonan
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Lorang, Lisa Diekmann,
Carey Simmons

Calendar Raffle Winner: Frank Wieneke

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

CCW Officers: We are looking for a new treasurer and a vice-president for the coming year. If you would be willing to volunteer for either of these positions, please contact Shirley Wieneke or Roberta Wieneke.

Lenten Activities: Please join us for Vespers on Wednesday, March 21st at 5:45 PM. A Soup Supper follows hosted by the Council of Catholic Women. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome! You may come for one or all of the events.

The 2012 Diocesan Appeal has begun and our parish goal was set at \$6,270.00. Please help us reach that amount by generously making a donation. Gifts may be mailed directly to the Winona Diocese. Thank you.

St. Kilian

Sacrificial Giving – March 10, 2012

\$1395.00 (6 Envelopes)

Ministry Schedule: March 24, 2012 7:00 PM

Reader: Amelia Brake

Servers: Carli Jeffers & Mikayla Jeffers

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Honermann, Doug Brake,
Lois Engels

Lenten Activities: Mass will be celebrated this Tuesday evening, March 20th at 6:30 PM followed by Stations of the Cross. Everyone is welcome!

Lenten Penance & Adoration is scheduled for next Saturday, March 24th from 9:00 – 10:00 AM in the church. Come and prepare your heart for Easter by praying and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The 2012 Diocesan Appeal has begun and our parish goal was set at \$2,530.00. Please help us reach that amount by generously making a donation. Gifts may be mailed directly to the Winona Diocese. Thank you.

Spring Dinner: St. Kilian Parish invites you to our Spring Dinner on Sunday, April 15th. Please join us for a great day of fun and good food!

OF INTEREST TO ALL

2012 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal is used only for the educational, multicultural, vocational, housing, and social service ministries of the diocese. Thousands of people depend on your generosity.

Catholic Relief Services Collection was this weekend. Thank you to everyone who contributed. If you forgot your envelope you may drop it off at the parish offices or place in next week's collection.

4-Parish Lenten Communal Reconciliation:

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Sunday, March 18th at 4:00 PM in the Church of St. Adrian. Please come and prepare your hearts for celebrating Easter Joy!

Bible Study: There will be a meeting for people interested in learning more about the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We will meet in the St. Adrian Education Building on Sunday, March 18th after the 10:30 AM Mass. This program is sponsored by the National Rural Catholic Life Conference.

Catholic Movie Night will be Sunday March 25th at 4:00 PM at the Church Hall. The featured movie this month is "Prince of Egypt".

Easter Flower Donations: You are invited to give a donation for Easter Flowers and Decorations. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" (or use the one in your box) with the name of your parish and the person's name *printed* on it that you would like remembered. Thank you.

Class Night for St. Adrian for grades 5-12 will be on Wednesday, March 21st at 7:30 PM. St. Adrian students meet in the Education Center.

Class night for St. Anthony, St. Kilian and Our Lady of Good Counsel grade 7 will meet on Wednesday, March 21st in Wilmont to finish the Circle of Grace.

The 4-Parish 11th grade Confirmation class will be presenting the Shadow Drama Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 28th at St. Anthony Church, Lismore at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to come and pray with us. The **10th grade class** will be bringing bars and serving a lunch afterwards. The junior class will **practice for the Stations on Sunday, March 25th** at 7:00 PM in Lismore. Everyone is expected to attend and participate in some way.

Thank you to everyone who served at The Banquet on Wednesday, March 14th. It was a wonderful experience for all who attended. We served 287 people. Twenty-three of them were children.

Old Palms may be brought to any of the 4-parishes and placed in their designated areas.

The 4-Youth will be holding a Butter Braid fundraiser for spring! The same wonderful quality product as the Puffins, only in Braid form, will be available from the Youth from Wednesday, March 14th through March 28th. Delivery will be April 18th, in time for Mother's Day, graduation parties, and spring planting. They are available in seven delicious flavors, including a caramel roll option. To order ask any student grades 5-11 or call the Faith Formation Offices at 483-2480 or 967-5197. For the kids- if you sell 50 braids you will earn a \$30 Visa Gift Card.

Respect Life – Since this spring's *40 Days for Life Campaign* features peaceful vigils at 121 Planned Parenthood facilities -- almost half of the total number of sites -- there are few things you probably should know. For starters, Planned Parenthood is the leading abortion chain in the United States, doing around 330,000 abortions EVERY year. They do this with while taking in upwards of \$400 million in YOUR tax money. In Rochester, the PP facility performs the telemed abortions using medicinal RU-486 and draws clients from all over Southern Minnesota. If you can't join us in person, please continue to pray for an end to abortion. For questions, contact Paula Ellefson at buggz25@msn.com, (507) 292-9694 or see www.40daysforlife.com/Rochester-mn.

Faith Formation Tuition is due for students grades 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.

Quo Vadis Days has allowed young men to spend time hearing the vocation stories of priests of the diocese, praying, and enjoying fun with their peers. This time has also allowed these young men to focus on the call of Jesus Christ to their vocation, while learning more about the priesthood and the life of a diocesan priest. 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.

Pancake Breakfast: First Presbyterian Church of Lismore is having their Second annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 24th from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Lismore Fire Hall. Come join us for good eating and fellowship. Everyone is invited.

The 4-Parish website has been updated. You can now access the Upcoming Events schedule right from the home page. Please check it out. You will not be sorry.

From Your Priest...

Every gesture the priest uses during mass has a purpose; many have several meanings. One such action is during the offertory, when the priest pours a bit of water into the cup of wine. What does this mean?

In the early church, wine was always cut with water in order to make it drinkable and to reduce the alcohol content. This was how this gesture initially entered the mass. Jesus himself would probably have diluted the wine used at Passover with water. Later, like so many other traditions we have as Catholics, the mingling of the water and wine would take on a much deeper symbolic significance, which is why this gesture is still incorporated into the Mass.

We can begin to penetrate the deep mystery represented here by listening to the words the priest prays inaudibly while pouring a bit of water into the unconsecrated wine: *By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.*

Christ is symbolized by the wine that will be consecrated and will become his precious blood. The water that is mixed with the wine represents our own humanity, which Jesus assumed when he was born in Bethlehem. In the person of Christ, humanity and divinity, Absolute Divinity and utter humility are fused together forever, and there will be no undoing, any more than the priest can later remove the water from the wine.

Incredibly, we too, share in Christ's divinity through our faith. This is why Jesus wished us to eat his body and drink his blood in the Eucharist, so that we might be united with him on the cross. The Mass enables us to share in the same cup that he offered the apostles at the last supper. He wished that we would share in his own death on the cross by consuming his body and blood, so that we would be raised with him at Easter.

Faith tells us that our mortality will be consumed by his immortality. Because our humanity is forever mixed with Christ's divinity, through faith in him we can live forever with him and this is the profound meaning of the simple gesture of water mingled with wine.

Happy Lent!

Fr. Timothy J. Hall