

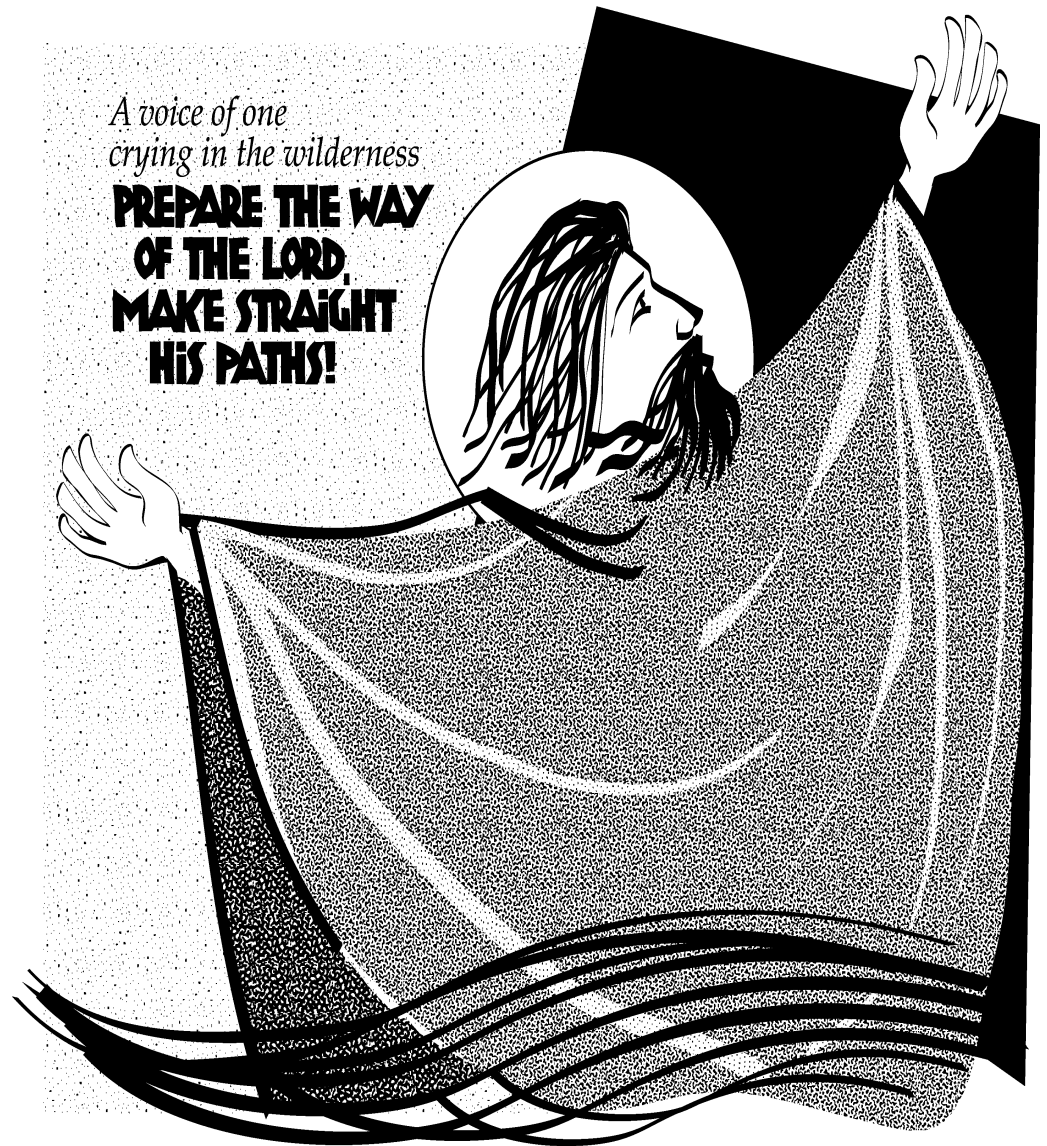
*Second Sunday of Advent  
December 4, 2011*

**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.



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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) Steve & Robbie Erdman

### *HOLY DAY – Immaculate Conception*

Wed 7:30 PM (A) Mary Ellen Kellen

Thurs 8:30 AM (L) Esther Loonan

Thurs 7:00 PM (W) Elizabeth Slater

Fri 8:30 AM (W) Leonard Bullerman

Sat 5:00 PM (L) Parishioners

Sat 7:00 PM (K) Carl Wieneke

Sun 8:30 AM (W) Leo & Catherine Persing

Sun 10:30 AM (A) Henry Honermann

## Sacrament of Confession

Half- hour before weekend Masses

## St. Adrian

### Sacrificial Giving – November 27, 2011

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

Amount given.....\$2,519.00

### **Ministry Schedule: December 7, 2011: 7:30 PM**

#### *Immaculate Conception Vigil*

Readers: Meredith Vaselaar & Troy Loosbrock

Servers: Nick Loosbrock & Ben Henning

### **Ministry Schedule December 11, 2011: 10:30 AM**

Readers: Susan Bullerman & Steven Berkenpas

Servers: Paige Bullerman & Marshall Taylor

### **Calendar Raffle Winner:** Bob Hoffman

**Correction:** The winner of the Calendar Raffle for November 6<sup>th</sup> is Brock Henning not Brock Bullerman. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**CDA Christmas Party:** All CDA members are invited to share the Christmas Spirit by joining in hosting a Christmas Party for the Developmental Achievement Center (DAC) Clients, Worthington, on Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM . Be sure have your “goodies” at the church by 12:00 PM. To car pool, meet at the Education Building at 12:15 PM.

**CDA Court Santa Maria #247** will meet December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM in the church hall beginning with a potluck supper. Members are asked to bring a white elephant gift to exchange. The serving committee will be Jenny McKeown, Mary Nealy, and Deronda Hunter.

**Wedding Congratulations** to Taren Reker and Ethan Crow who were married last weekend. May God bless their marriage!

**Parish Finance Council** will meet on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

## Our Lady of Good Counsel

### Sacrificial Giving – November 27, 2011

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

Amount given..... \$1,839.00

### **Ministry Schedule: December 8, 2011: 7:00 PM**

#### *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

Reader: Kristi Schettler

Servers: Taylor Schettler & Andrea Fuerstenberg

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin & Teri Spartz  
Gary Sieve

### **Ministry Schedule: December 11, 2011: 8:30 AM**

Reader: Sandra Roskamp

Servers: Logan Lenz & Kayla Rodenberg

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Balster, JoAnn Burkard,  
Jim Joens Jr.

### **Calendar Raffle Winner:** Alan Fuerstenberg

**Attention Musicians!!** Anyone age 15 and older that is interested in helping sing for the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel please contact Leslie Slater. Practices will take place on Sunday evenings beginning December 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**Super Bowl Fundraiser:** The OLGC 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!

**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 26, 2011**

Amount needed per weekend..... \$1,296.00  
Amount given..... \$1,007.00

**Calendar Raffle Winner:** Raphael Schnieder

### **Ministry Schedule: December 8, 2011: 8:30 AM**

#### ***Feast of the Immaculate Conception***

Reader: Roxanne Kemper

Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Metz, Cyril Gengler

### **Ministry Schedule: December 10, 2011: 5:00 PM**

Reader: Brandon Weidert

Servers: Collin Kemper & Jake Diekmann (D)

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff & Jill Diekmann

Carey Simmons

**Spaghetti Supper:** St. Anthony CCW will be having a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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** will be having their annual Christmas Bake Sale on December 10<sup>th</sup> before and after the 5:00 PM Mass. Come and check out all the “goodies”!

### **Saturday Morning Advent Penance & Adoration**

will be held at St. Anthony’s Church on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM. You may come for part or all of the scheduled time. Everyone is welcome.

**Christmas Church Trees** will be put up on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 PM Mass. We would appreciate your help!

**St. Anthony CCW and CD of A, Ct. St. Bernard** will hold a joint meeting and Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church basement. There will be a \$2 gift exchange for those wishing to participate. Lunch Committee: Vickie Loosbrock, Janine Lorang (CCW), Roxanne Kemper and Mindy Kemper (CDA).

**Calendar Raffle Tickets:** St. Anthony Parish now has their calendar raffle tickets available. If you need more tickets, please contact the parish office. All tickets must be returned no later than December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## ***St. Kilian***

### **Sacrificial Giving – November 26, 2011**

\$110.00 (2 Envelopes)

### **Ministry Schedule: December 10, 2011: 7:00 PM**

Reader: Lois Engels

Servers: Sami Moulton & Courtney Vaske

Eucharistic Ministers: Fran Scroggs, David Brake,  
Karen Honermann

**St. Kilian’s Christmas Potluck** is set for Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. Serving Committee: Lois Engels, Tory Bohlke and Theresa Wieneke.

## ***OF INTEREST TO ALL***

**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 5<sup>th</sup> in the Education Center at St. Adrian Parish.

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at St. Adrian and on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM at St. Anthony and 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel. We look forward to your presence at one of the Masses! This is **4-Parish Class Night for grades 5-12** as well. Students and catechists can attend any of the 3 Masses.

**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.

**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.

**Attention Catechists:** If you have not yet attended the *Virtus* – Protecting God’s Children program, another session will be held this **Sunday Evening, December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Center. The evening consists of two short well-made videos and discussion. Remember, the Diocese has made this a requirement for all catechists. Please plan to attend this very important event.

**Religious Retirement Fund/Catholic University Collection** will be taken up with the general collection next weekend. Let us remember the wonderful gift of the many sisters who served the Church faithfully in the past and help share in their care. Please use the attached envelope and mark it accordingly.

**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.

**Right-to-Life-** Regions Hospital in Minneapolis is closing their abortion part of the hospital on December 9<sup>th</sup>. This is in large part because of the request of pro-life advocates. Progress is being made!

**4-Parish Advent Communal Reconciliation** is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church of Our Lady of Good Counsel. We encourage you to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance/Confession this Advent.

**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).

**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](http://www.frontiernet.net/~stadrian).

## Advent Faith...

The word Advent means “to come”. We give the season we are in now that name, Advent, because we are waiting for the Christ Child who will come at Christmas time. Christmas is yet to come, which is why we dare not to display in any full manner Christmas decorations yet. The season of Advent is not only meant to be a preparation time before the celebration of the birth of Our Lord, it is also a time of preparation for the return of Jesus Christ to us when he brings to fulfillment the promise he made to us; that he will not leave us, that he will return to us and bring the just souls to glory.

As we prepare our homes and families for the celebration of Christ’s birth it is always important to remember to prepare our souls for his final coming in the end times. Sacred Scripture is clear to us about who will be able to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. It is the just souls who not only know who Christ is, but who also love him above all other things. We are called to make Christ the center of our lives and to conform our individual will to his.

I shudder at times to think that we might be tempted to place the regimen and routine of this world above and beyond our faith lives. It truly scares me to think that we might be tempted to place work, pleasure, volleyball, basketball, football, farming, church tasks, community gatherings and sail boating above worshiping God who gives his whole self for us and no other created thing. I tremble at the thought of being tempted to place more time on personal wealth, bodily health or personal time higher than working toward growing a healthy soul.

We get so caught up in the world that we begin to think that, while Jesus is alright, it really takes money, connections, our jobs or our social position which makes it all really work. Sometimes we can begin to love the world so much that it seems like Jesus just doesn’t matter, and all those above mentioned things matter more. The truth, however, is that Jesus is the real answer to everything in our lives. He is our beginning and our end. Through Him we are made, in Him we live and by Him we are saved. Jesus is the only thing that does matter in our lives. We must believe that as Christians. Have you prepared your life in accordance to that? If not, Advent is a good time to start.

Advent Blessings,

Fr. Timothy J. Hall

