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.
St. Adrian

Ministry Schedule February 27, 2011: 10:00 AM
Reader: Gary Sieve
Servers: Taylor Schettler & Matthew Slater
Eucharistic Ministers: Don Hendel, Mark Slater, Tarri Joens

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday evening, February 21st at 7:30 PM. Our meeting will be held at the Jim Joens Jr. home. Members are encouraged to attend. We will discuss our upcoming fish fry.

Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

CCW meeting will be on Tuesday March 1st at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center kitchenette. Lisa Kremer, from Catholic Charities, will be sharing with us about Social Justice and the Bread of Life feeding ministry. Michelle Brunk and Kathy Burkard are on for serving lunch.

Parish Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.

St. Anthony

Ministry Schedule February 26, 2011: 5:00 PM
Reader: Deb Lutmer
Servers: Katie Wieneke & Alexia Kemper
Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Wieneke, Cyril Gengler, Tim Henning

Calendar Raffle Winner: Kent Lorang

CCW Soup, Sandwich & Dessert Supper: Next Saturday, February 26th, the CCW will be serving Vegetable Beef, Broccoli Cheese, and Chili Soups from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Ham and turkey sandwiches plus assorted desserts will also be provided. Everyone is welcome!

Word & Communion: There will be NO prayer service on Thursday, February 24th.

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, February 28th at 7:30 PM in the church basement.
St. Anthony CCW meets on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 PM in the church hall. Lunch Committee: Barb Knips and Margie Wieneke.

CD of A Ct St. Bernard will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM in the church basement. Lunch Committee: Deb Lenz (chair) and Evelyn Reuter.

Thank You: CD of A, Court St. Bernard would like to thank everyone for contributing to our baby shower for “Helping Hands” Pregnancy Center. It is greatly appreciated.

Anniversary Blessings: Congratulations to Cletus and Mary Ann Spieker who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary this past week. May God continue to bring them much love and joy!

Recycle Wagon: Thank you to everyone who remembers to recycle those clean, aluminum cans and places them in our NEW wagon located in the parking lot! Monies collected are used for general maintenance.

Sacrificial Giving– February 12, 2011
$320.00 (2 envelopes)

Ministry Schedule February 26, 2011: 7:00 PM
Reader: Karen Honermann
Servers: Tyler & Cassie Fuerstenberg
Eucharistic Ministers: David Brake, Vonnie Sieve, Lois Engels

St. Kilian Pastoral and Finance Council will meet on Thursday, March 3rd at 7:30 PM in the school.

School Cleaning: Mark your calendars for Friday Evening, March 11th and Saturday, March 12th for school cleaning. More information will be in a later bulletin.

The Lord’s Housekeepers for February, March and April are: Brenda Freimuth (chair), Mary Brake, Kelli Brake, Deb Fuerstenberg, Karen Honermann and Donna Kontz.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

Thank You to everyone who donated to the 4-parish fuel collection. If you forgot your envelope, it’s still not too late to contribute. You may drop your donation off at the parish offices or place in the collection basket.

The St. Adrian Faith Formation Office will be closed on Monday, February 21st because of the TEC Retreat and on February 24th for a DRE meeting.

Class night for grades 5-10 will be on Wednesday, February 23rd at 7:30 PM in both St. Adrian and OLGC Religious Ed Buildings.

The 11th grade Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th in Wilmont starting at 10:00 AM. All 11th graders are expected to attend or to make it up at another parish, so ask your employers for the day off. The retreat will conclude at 4:30 PM.

The 11th grade Teaching Mass will be held on Sunday, March 27th at 1:00 PM at St. Adrian Church. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

First Communion celebrations times and places have changed due to the Mass schedule staying as it is. First Communion will be held at: St. Anthony, Saturday, April 9th 5:00 PM; St. Adrian, Sunday, April 10th 8:00 AM; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Sunday, April 10th 10:00 AM. Please keep the second graders in your prayers as they continue to learn about Jesus in the Eucharist.

“Lighten Up!” with Doug Brummel is a great way to begin Lent on Fat Tuesday, March 8. St. Catherine’s Church in Luverne will be having a free will offering soup supper from 5:15 PM followed by Doug's cast of characters on how to live our baptismal calling from 6:30-8:30. Invite your friends and family!

Food for the Poor: Next weekend, Fr. David Delich will be visiting our 4-parishes to speak about “Food For The Poor” and to celebrate Mass. Please warmly welcome him and consider supporting his organization.

The Bread of Life Community Meals Feeding Ministry has begun. If you would like to join us for a hot, nutritious meal, we will serve from 3:30 to 5:00 P. M. – at St. Mary’s School (1206 8th Ave., Worthington) each Sunday. There is no cost for the meal. We are also scheduling groups to provide and serve meals. For more information, call Lisa Kremer at 360-3423 or email her at: lkremer@ccwinona.org

March Ministry Schedules for St. Kilian, St. Anthony and Our Lady of Good Counsel are located at the entrance of the church. Ministry Schedules for all 4-parishes are also available on the web page.

Love your neighbor as yourself
Reach out to those in need
Ecumenical Praise-In-Song will be held again this year on Sunday Evening, April 17th (Palm Sunday). If you or your group would like to participate in this evening of music, please call Pam (483-2480) for more information and to sign-up. We would love to hear some of our youth share their gift of music with the church!

Immaculee returns to Worthington – save the date!
Experience a weekend of healing and hope with Immaculee Ilibagiza, survivor of the Rwandan genocide, and source of spiritual inspiration for many. A weekend retreat with Immaculee will be taking place at St. Mary’s Church in Worthington, MN on July 15-16, 2011. This powerful retreat includes Immaculee’s witness of the power of prayer, the miracles of the Rosary, and inspirational music. Reservations can now be made on line at: http://www.immaculee.biz/A-Weekend-with-Immaculee-MN.html
This retreat will fill fast so make your reservations soon! If you would like more information contact Lisa Kremer at lkremer@ccwinona.com or call 507-360-3423.

4-Parish Pictorial Directory: Extra copies are still available to purchase for $5.00 each. Please call the parish offices for more information.

A Road to Holiness!

Sometimes it is hard to say the right thing at the right time. We struggle to find the right words to comfort, inspire, or challenge others. Sometimes we say things without thinking and live to regret those words. Often we just can’t think of the argument we’d like to make when someone is presenting their new ideas. Today’s scripture readings contain words that both challenge and encourage us. In the gospel we hear: You must be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect. Have you ever considered what God means for us to be perfect? Is this part of the call to holiness? Our call to holiness, to perfection, is a journey. We are not perfect; many of us are not holy. Holiness is going that extra step, praying for our enemy. And who is your enemy? Who do you most dislike today? Is it a family member? Is it the person who seems to have so many more worldly possessions? Is it the person whose life seems way too easy: no struggles – no illnesses – no worries – no sorrow? How about the person who seems to be chosen for every award or honor being given? What about the person who is in charge – the person who has the power to tip your world upside down? If we look at these questions and answered “yes” to any of them, then we know our journey to perfection is incomplete.

Cardinal Newman once stated to obtain the gift of holiness is the work of a life. In other words, we are all pilgrims on a journey – people seeking perfection. The Church reminds us that each of us are called by the Lord, each in his own way, to be perfect. Each of us are called to become holy. What is holiness? What is perfection? Today’s scriptures answer that question: We are to become more and more like Christ. In the gospel’s continuation of the Sermon on the Mount, we are reminded that it is not enough to love our neighbor; we must also love our enemies – returning good for evil.

I know that I will not reach perfection in this world but I certainly can and must do better. I need to separate those things that keep me from being like Christ. I am called to be the very best person I can be. As John Wesley once wrote: Do all the good you can- In all the ways you can- In all the places you can- At all the times you can- To all the people you can- As long as ever you can. This is the creed I try to follow and it is our call to perfection, our call to holiness. We all make mistakes; we even make some whoppers and hurt God and our neighbor profoundly; we sin. It is up to us to change, to correct our mistakes, to live lives of love. Most of us don’t want to hear the radical words from today’s scriptures that tell us how to become more holy: ideas like turning the other cheek, forgiving our friends and family, going the extra mile, taking no revenge and cherishing no grudge against anyone, loving our enemies & praying for them. This is a difficult list, but all things are possible with the help of God. In fact, walking in holiness is walking with God. We can’t do it alone.

I’d like to finish with a story about help and perfection: A group of boys were trying to see who could make the straightest track across a snowy field. Only one of them succeeded in making a path which was almost perfectly straight. When asked how he managed to do it, he said, 'It was easy, I just kept my eyes fixed on the lightning rod on top of the barn at the end of the field – while the rest of you kept looking at your feet.' Yes, words can be challenging but so are actions. Let’s pick up our feet – lift our eyes to God for strength – and begin our journey of love and forgiveness. I encourage you, today, to take a step of faith and pray for the person you most want to dislike – your enemy of the moment. Ask God for wisdom, strength and love to change your heart and then pray that God will heal, protect, and comfort this person. If so, you are on right road to holiness!

God’s Blessings,
Roxanne

The Lord is kind and merciful