

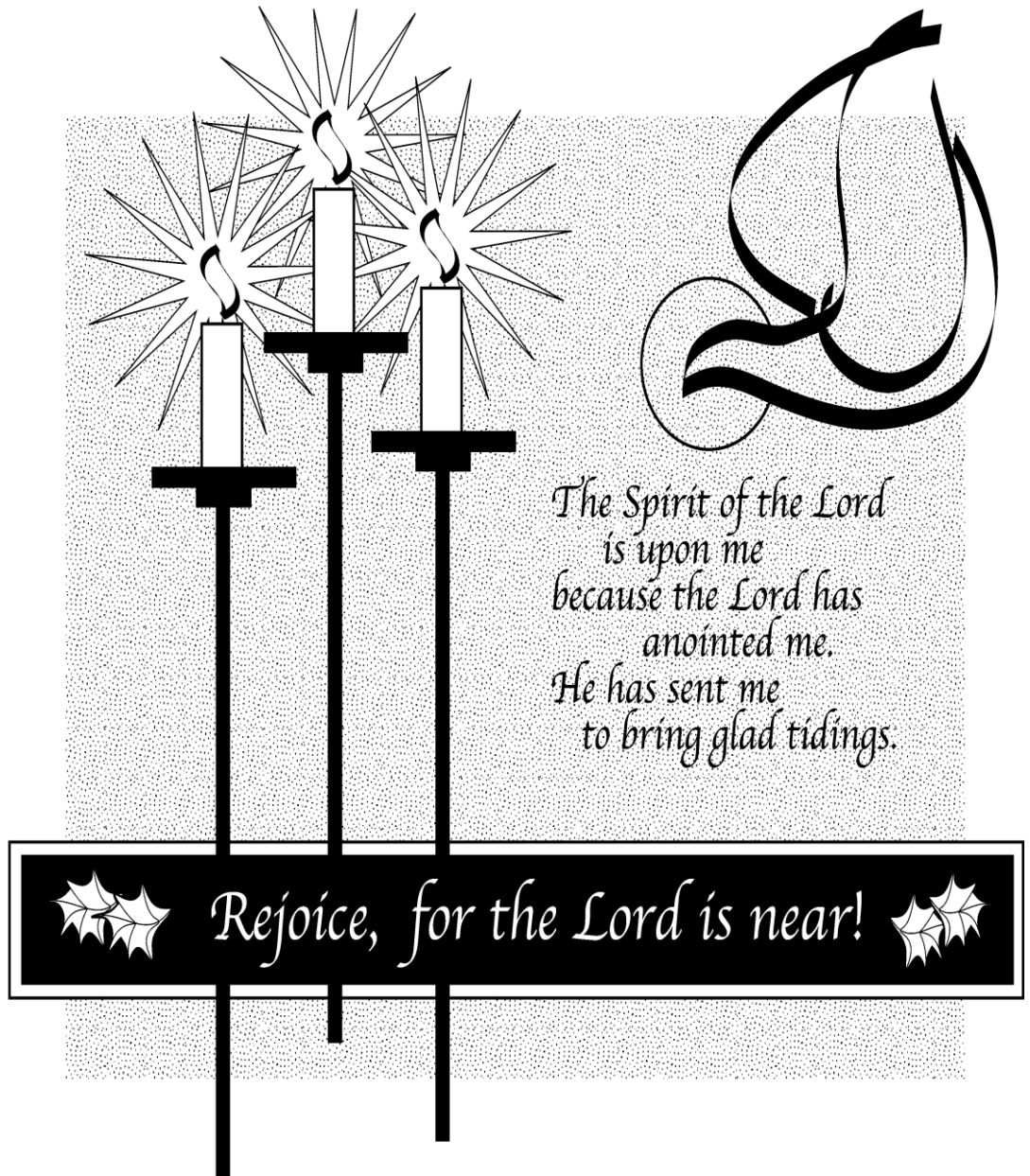
*Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2011*

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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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

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SAINT KILIAN**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Tues	8:30 AM (L)	Joe & Millie Clark
Wed	8:30 AM (K)	"Poor Souls"
Thurs	8:30 AM (A)	Adeline Fuerstenberg
Fri	8:30 AM (W)	NO MASS
Sat	5:00 PM (L)	Clarence Reuter
Sat	7:00 PM (K)	Parishioners
Sun	8:30 AM (W)	Henry & Geneva Fritz
Sun	10:30 AM (A)	Tim Henning

Sacrament of Confession

Half- hour before weekend Masses

St. Adrian

Sacrificial Giving – December 4, 2011

Amount needed per weekend.....	\$3,844.00
Amount given.....	\$5,110.00

Ministry Schedule December 18, 2011: 10:30 AM

Readers: LuAnn Oertli & Sarah Luettel
Servers: Nate Lonneman & Brady Lonneman

Calendar Raffle Winner: Ted Reisdorfer

CDA Court Santa Maria #247 will meet December 15th, 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.

Parish Finance Council will meet on Thursday, December 15th 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 – December 4, 2011

Amount needed per weekend.....	\$2,106.00
Amount given.....	\$1,509.00

Ministry Schedule: December 18, 2011: 8:30 AM

Reader: Jill Paulzine
Servers: Kyla Fuerstenberg & Ben Penning
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill & Monica Slater,
Jack Slater

Calendar Raffle Winner: Rich Hoffman

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. Thank you!

Baptism: Congratulations and Welcome to Hope Ann daughter of Charles & Carolyn Zemler who was baptized on June 12, 2011.

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!

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.

Christmas Decorating: We will be decoration the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 18th after the 8:30 AM Mass following coffee and rolls. We would appreciate your help!

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 3, 2011

Amount needed per weekend.....	\$1,296.00
Amount given.....	\$1,245.00

Calendar Raffle Winner: Mary Ann Spieker

Ministry Schedule: December 17, 2011: 5:00 PM

Reader: Carey Simmons
Servers: Christina Loonan & Olivia Weidert
Eucharistic Ministers: Darwin Veld, Mark Lorang,
Shirley Wieneke

Word & Communion: There will be no prayer service on Thursday, December 15th.

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

Christmas Music Practice continues this Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 PM in the church for any high school students or adults interested in singing for the Christmas Eve Mass.

Annual Diocesan Appeal: Congratulations! We have met our goal. A special thank you to those who helped make this possible by donating to the 2011 Appeal. May God bless your generosity!

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.

St. Anthony CCW and CD of A, Ct. St. Bernard will hold a joint meeting and Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 13th 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 13th.

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 3, 2011

\$775.00 (5 Envelopes)

Ministry Schedule: December 17, 2011: 7:00 PM

Reader: Mary Brake

Servers: Cassie Fuerstenberg & Miki Jeffers

Eucharistic Ministers: Lois Engels, David Brake,
Rob Fuerstenberg

Adrian Nursing Home: St. Kilian CCW will host the Word & Communion Service on Sunday, December 11th at 2:30 PM. Serving Committee: Lois Engels, Tory Bohlke and Theresa Wieneke.

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

Saturday Morning Advent Penance & Adoration will be held at St. Kilian Church on Saturday, December 17th from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM. You may come for part or all of the scheduled time. Everyone is welcome.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

4-Parish Advent Communal Reconciliation is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th 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.

Religious Retirement Fund/Catholic University Collection was held this weekend. If you forgot your envelope you may place it in next week’s collection or drop off at the parish offices. Extra envelopes are located at the back of church.

4-Parish Class Night for grades 5-12 will be Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 PM with Reconciliation at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. (**Note the earlier start time!**) This is open to all parishioners age 3rd grade to 99. Come and get your hearts ready for Christmas.

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.

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.

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.

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).

Advent Reading: In order to better prepare for the coming of Christ, there are reading materials for families at the entrance of the church. Please take home a copy for your time of prayer.

Right-to-Life- "The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as "good news" to the people of every age and culture. At the dawn of salvation, it is the Birth of a Child which is proclaimed as joyful news: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:10-11). The source of this "great joy" is the Birth of the Saviour; but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfillment of joy at every child born into the world (cf. Jn 16:21)" (Pope John Paul II, "The Gospel of Life," n.1).

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.

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.

Advent Joy!

As we draw closer to the celebration of the Christmas season, we are reminded through today's readings that we are a people of joy. Today, on this third Sunday of Advent, also called *Gaudete Sunday* (meaning rejoice) we light the rose candle on our Advent wreath and sing music of joy as we look forward to celebrating the historical birth of Christ. Although, it might be difficult for some to get into the "spirit" that seems to be all around us at this time of year, today's readings profoundly call us to *rejoice, to pray and give thanks*. We rejoice because we realize how truly blessed we are as God's chosen people. We rejoice in the fact that we are loved by a generous and compassionate God. We rejoice because God sent his son to us, as our Savior and Lord. We pray because we know that we don't always respond to God's gifts as we should. We pray for those who are hurting and less fortunate than we are. We pray to grow closer to our Lord Jesus and to try and make sense of our very complicated lives. We pray because we are grateful to be called the children of God. We give thanks because all of the above are interconnected. We give thanks because we know that the fruit of the Spirit is 'joy' and if we closely examine our lives, we will discover that joy is already present.

Knowing that we are Advent People, we journey through a season marked by an increase of joy. C. S. Lewis wrote: *Joy is the serious business of heaven*. Perhaps you too, will find joy in the following: *Once upon a time, an Irishman who died suddenly and went up for divine judgment was feeling extremely uneasy. He didn't think he'd done much good on earth! There was a line ahead of him, so he settled in to look and listen.*

After looking at his big book, Christ said to the first man in line: 'I see that I was hungry & you gave me food to eat. Good – go into Heaven.' To the second he said: 'I was thirsty & you gave me drink,' and to the third: 'I was in prison & you visited me.' And so it went... As each man ahead of him was sent to Heaven, the Irishman examined his conscience and felt he had a great deal to fear. He'd never given any food or drink, hadn't visited prisoners or the sick. Then his turn came. Trembling he watched Christ examine the book. Christ looked up & said: 'Well there's not much written here, but you did do something: I was sad, discouraged and depressed; you came & told me funny stories, made me laugh and cheered me up. Get along to Heaven!' (Anon)

Remember, no form of charity should be neglected or undervalued. May our joy grow stronger as we await the coming of the Lord!

Advent Blessings,

Roxanne