

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 11, 2011*

BAPTISM

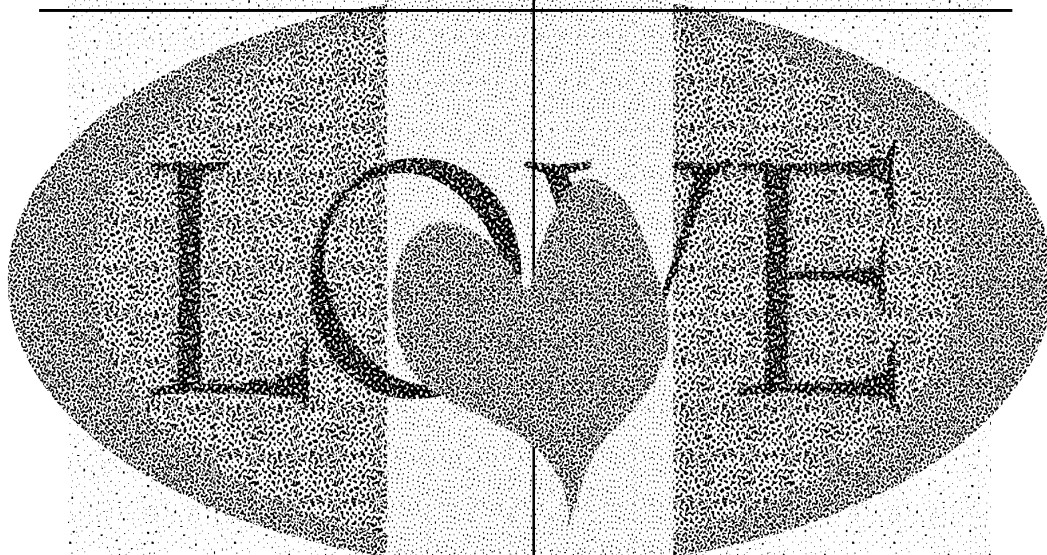
During Mass on the weekends outside of Lent. If outside of Mass, Sunday afternoon only. If this is your first child to be baptized, you must meet with either Fr. Timothy Hall or Roxanne Kemper for instructions. Please call either the St. Adrian Rectory Office at (507) 483-2317 or St. Anthony Rectory 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.

As far as the east

is from the west



so far has the Lord
put our transgressions from us

**SAINT ADRIAN
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

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SAINT KILIAN**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Tues. 8:30 a.m. (L) Esther Loonan
Wed. 8:30 a.m. (K) Arlene Gerber
Thurs. 8:30 a.m. (A) Ted & Monica Klein
Family
Fri. 8:30 a.m. (W) Ruth Strouth
Sat. 5:00 p.m. (L) Maxine Lynn
Sat. 7:00 p.m. (K) Parishioners
Sun. 8:00 a.m. (A) Sonny & Gen Honermann
Sun. 10:00 a.m. (W) Lorraine Balster

Word & Communion

Thursday 8:30 AM (L)

Sacrament of Confession

Half- hour before weekend Masses

St. Adrian

Sacrificial Giving – September 4, 2011

Amount needed per weekend.....\$3,844.00
Amount given.....\$2,039.00

Calendar Raffle Winner: Mike & Pam Konz

Ministry Schedule: September 18, 2011: 8:00 a.m.

Readers: Julie Wieneke & John Faber
Servers: Taylor Recker & Mitchell Lonneman

CCW will meet on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center. Lunch Committee: Shirley Vaselaar & Cindy Heitkamp.

St. Adrian Fall Dinner is September 18th: The Fall Dinner will be held at the Elementary School this year. We will be serving a home cooked Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Takeout meals in the city of Adrian will be available by calling 507-676-1082 from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

*All food donations should be brought to the elementary school cafeteria from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

*Big Tickets may be dropped off in the back of church after Mass on Sunday, September 18th.

*Hopefully everyone will return their **sold** Big Tickets.

*Fish Pond donations of any kind would be appreciated such as pop, small toys, children's books, etc.

*Country Store donations of sweets, salsa, pickled beans, asparagus, beets, crafts, etc. can be dropped off in the elementary school on or before Saturday noon.

Raffle items will be displayed at Closet to Closet (in the window) where you can buy chances. You can also buy chances at Adrian Co-op and the Countryside Inn. Do you have any items for the Country Store or the fish pond? Please save your cool-whip, margarine, and other plastic containers for leftovers.

CDA Court Santa Maria #247 will meet on Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center. Lunch Committee: Sandy Suedkamp & Renee Wolf.

I wish to extend sincere gratitude to Marty Lonneman who served six years on the parish pastoral council. He served as chairman during my time here, which was not an easy task. Words of gratitude also go to Rita Boltjes who has also finished two terms of service to the council. She is very gifted and I will be calling on her to serve in other areas. With that said, let us all congratulate Meredith Vaselaar and David Dorn who are newly elected members of the St. Adrian Parish Pastoral Council. I am very pleased with their presence among us.

Parish Finance Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

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 – September 4, 2011

Amount needed per weekend..... \$2,106.00
Amount given..... \$3,011.75

Calendar Raffle Winner: Don Brake

Ministry Schedule: September 18, 2011: 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Joan Joens
Servers: Andrea Fuerstenberg & Kayla Rodenberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Tarri Joens, Cindy Balster,
Jim Joens Jr.

Court Madonna #839 will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 13, at 7:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Good Counsel kitchenette. Let's start this new year of CDA with great enthusiasm. Members are asked to attend meetings for prayer and input. We will be discussing our upcoming CDA Sunday in October. Serving lunch will be Marilyn Herring. Hope to see you there!

Parish Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

St. Anthony

Sacrificial Giving – September 3, 2011

Amount needed per weekend..... \$1,296.00
Amount given..... \$1,078.00

Calendar Raffle Winner: Helen Loosbrock

Ministry Schedule: September 17, 2011: 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Mary Ann Loosbrock
Servers: Alexia Kemper & Olivia Weidert
Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Diekmann, Shirley Wieneke,
Mary Metz

Fall Bazaar & Auction: Please join us this Sunday, September 11th for a day of fun, food and fellowship!
Everyone is welcome!

- **Roast Beef Dinner** with all the trimmings served from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- **Country Store** opens at 11:00 AM
- **Outdoor Games** from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM
- **Auction & Big Ticket** drawings at 1:45 PM

Sympathy: We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of Tim Henning. May God bring them peace and comfort.

CD of A Court St. Bernard will meet on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.
Lunch Committee: Bette LeBrun (chairperson) and Roxanne Kemper.

CCW Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. All women are invited. Please note the change of date.

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

St. Kilian

Sacrificial Giving – September 3, 2011

\$235.00 (4 Envelopes)

Ministry Schedule: September 17, 2011: 7:00 p.m.

Reader: Lois Engels
Servers: Cassie Fuerstenberg & Sami Moulton
Eucharistic Ministers: Ken & Fran Scroggs,
Anna Mae Fuerstenberg

St. Kilian Parish Pastoral & Finance Council will meet on Thursday, September 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in the school.

Church Cleaning: Fall church cleaning will be on Friday, September 23rd at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 24th from 9:00 a.m. until finished. Please mark your calendars, bring your pails & rags, and make every effort to come and help!

OF INTEREST TO ALL

Bishop Quinn has brought world renowned speaker, Raymond de Souza into our diocese as Director of Apologetics and Evangelization and has asked that he present talks at each parish cluster within our diocese. Raymond will present four different program talks, from September 16th – 19th, on 'Faith & Reason' The De-Christianization of our Culture and The Catholic Counter-Revolution. No costs. All are welcome. The talks will take place at St. Mary's in Worthington and St. Adrian's as follows:

- Friday at St. Mary's 7:00-8:00 PM talk with Q&A and refreshments to follow at school.
- Saturday at St. Adrian at 7:00-8:00 PM talk with Q&A and refreshments to follow
- Sunday at St. Adrian at 1:00 - 1:45 with short Q&A followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 2:30 and Parish dinner at 4:00 for those interested
- Sunday at St. Mary's in **Spanish** at 6:00-8:00 PM (2 talks) with Q&A to follow along with refreshments at school
- Monday at St. Mary's at 7:00-8:00 PM talk with Q&A and refreshments to follow at school.

Patriot Day: Today is the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks against the United States. On that day, our country was tested and found worthy (as one author mentioned). This event led to a recommitment to the United States and Americans. History is never made by somebody else in some other time and place. We all make history by our choices. The meaning of 9/11 continues to unfold. What public choices do we make in order to promote love, compassion, service and an attitude of cooperation and unity? As we go forward, let us respectfully remember all those who died in the attacks, as well as all who offered emergency service in the hours and days that followed. May we also remember that healing begins with forgiveness, as today's scriptures remind us. Sometimes, it is painfully challenging to forgive but it is through forgiveness that we gain hope and new life. That is the Christian way!

12th grade Confirmation students- Rehearsal and reconciliation will take place in Wilmont on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. with your sponsor or a parent. The Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is at Our Lady of Good Counsel on Sunday, September 18th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The entire family is welcome to attend.

Mass Times: Mass times at St. Adrian and Our Lady of Good Counsel will change on the first Sunday of October. Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel will be at 8:30 a.m. and Mass at St. Adrian will be at 10:30 a.m.

Musicians from the 4-parishes are invited to sing at the Confirmation Mass on Sunday, September 18th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Practice will be on Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. at OLCG.

Families with first graders are asked to call the Ed Center at 483-2480 to register your child for Release Time classes. A form will be mailed to you to get the information and permission that are required before your child can be released to the Ed Center.

Welcome to new families and members of the Catholic Church! If you have students in grades 1-12, they are welcomed and encouraged to attend Religious Education classes. Please call Pam Konz at 483-2480 for more information and to register your children.

The New Roman Missal: As promised, the booklets *Understanding the Revised Mass Texts* by Fr. Paul Turner are now available for all families in our 4-parishes. Please pick up your copy and take it home to read. The booklet will explain how and why the prayers and responses of the Mass are changing. Full implementation of the New Roman Missal takes place on November 27, 2011.

September Ministry Schedules for St. Kilian, St. Anthony and Our Lady of Good Counsel are located at the entrance of church. Please pick up your copy. You may also view all 4-parish ministry schedules on line at www.frontiernet.net/~stadrian.

St. Columba Church in Iona is holding a dinner theater on Saturday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time from Sharon Lais at 836-6290, JoAnn Biren at 220-0585 or through the Faith Formation Office at 836-8030 for \$15.00. The tickets include a pork loin dinner with all the trimmings and musical entertainment by Fr. Mark McNea, Fr. Jeff Dobbs, and Fr. Tim Biren.

Priesthood Part II...

The priesthood is a great gift! Being a priest is great! Priests are awesome! A couple weeks ago I

started a continuing column about the priesthood as a way to commemorate the fifth year of my ordination to the priesthood. In the years leading up to now I have grown in greater appreciation and understanding of what the priesthood is and how I will be fulfilled in my vocation to the priesthood. It is not easy being a priest in these times. I am not sure that there ever was a time in the history of the Church when it was easy to be a priest. The priest is called to be many things, and one thing he is called to be is countercultural. Often people are not ready to hear what the priest has to say.

In spite of this, I love being a priest. But since the life of a priest can often be a real challenge in this era, the priest needs to take time away from his work often to pray. Sometimes this takes the form of a retreat. When I go on retreat it is usually to a place where there is a good understanding of what it is to be a priest. One time, just after I was ordained, I made a retreat in Arz France; at the parish where St. John Vianney served. He is the patron saint of Parish priests. On that particular retreat I read from *The Little Catechism of St. John Vianney*. Here are some lines from the chapter on the priesthood:

If we had not the sacrament of Holy Orders, we should not have our Lord. Who placed him there, in that tabernacle? It was the priest. Who nourishes your soul to give it strength? The Priest. Go to confession to the Blessed Virgin, or to an angel; will they absolve you? No. Will they give you the Body and Blood of Our Lord? No. The Holy Virgin cannot make her Son descend into the Host. See the power of a priest; out of a piece of bread the word of a priest makes a God. You might have two hundred angels there, but they could not absolve you. The priest, however simple he may be, can do it; he can say to you "Go in peace; I pardon you." If I were to meet a priest and an angel, I should salute the priest before I saluted the angel.

The parish priest from Arz France had a very high and pious view of priests; didn't he? He makes some bold statements, but he is right when you think about it. The Virgin Mary is the most important human person in history, yet she cannot consecrate the Eucharist. We all think so highly of angels, but they cannot forgive sins like a priest can.

There are so many wonderful truths about our faith. The priesthood is only a portion of those wonders. I want you all to know about all the wonders of our faith, which is why I want you to come to at least one of the talks given by Mr. Raymond De Souza. Information on his visit to our parishes can be found in this bulletin.

Peace & Blessings,

Fr. Timothy J. Hall