

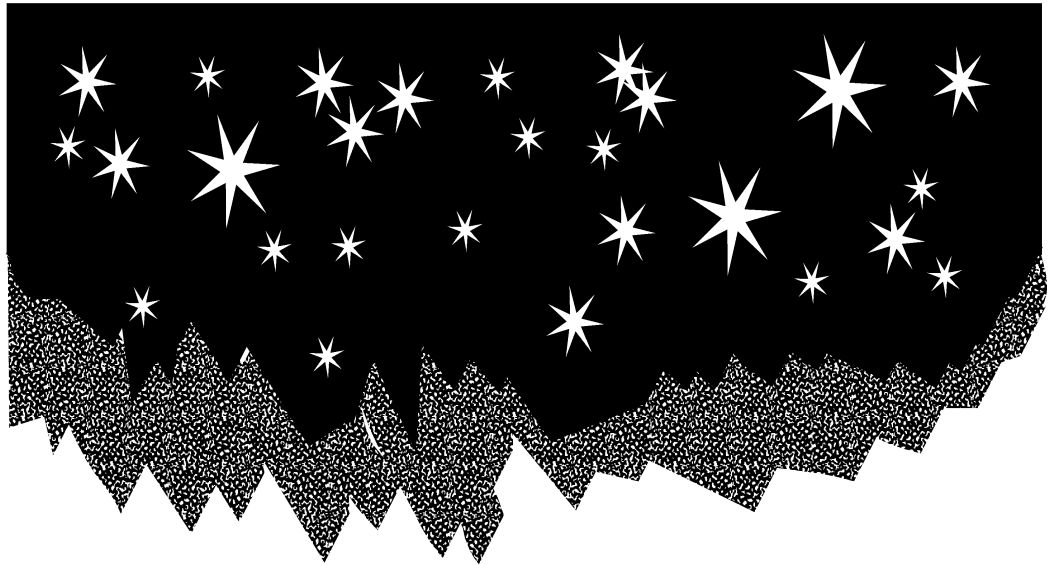
*Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
September 18, 2011*

**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.

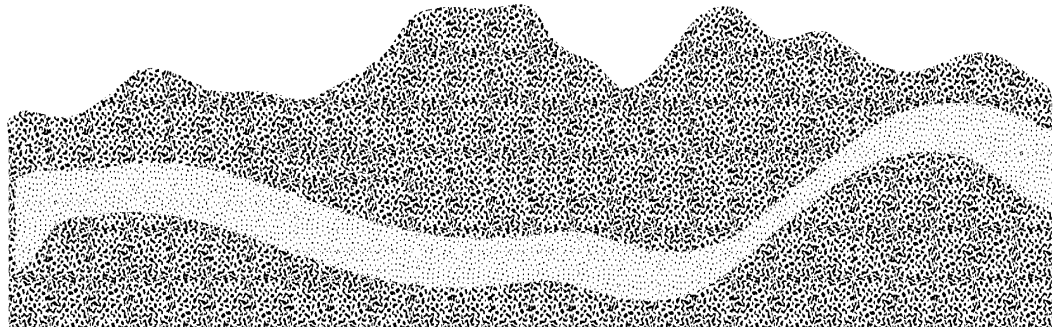
**MARRIAGE**

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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*As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts.*



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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

**SAINT ANTHONY  
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## Liturgy of the Eucharist

Tues. 8:30 a.m. (L) Marie Henriksen  
(*Eucharistic Adoration Follows Mass*)  
Wed. 8:30 a.m. (K) Dr. J. L. Bader  
Thurs. 8:30 a.m. (A) Adeline Fuerstenberg  
Fri. 8:30 a.m. (W) John Brink  
Sat. 5:00 p.m. (L) Steve & Robbie Erdman  
Sat. 7:00 p.m. (K) Parishioners  
Sun. 8:00 a.m. (A) Bette Dorn  
Sun. 10:00 a.m. (W) Fred Driessen

## Word & Communion

Thursday 8:30 AM (L)

## Sacrament of Confession

Half- hour before weekend Masses

## St. Adrian

### Sacrificial Giving – September 11, 2011

Amount needed per weekend.....\$3,844.00  
Amount given.....\$1,260.00

**Calendar Raffle Winner:** Shannon Reker

**Ministry Schedule: September 25, 2011: 8:00 a.m.**

Readers: Susan Bullerman & Rod Scheidt  
Servers: Brooke Echter & Paige Bullerman

### **FALL DINNER TODAY AT THE ELEMENTARY**

**SCHOOL:** We will be serving a home cooked Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School. Takeout meals in the city of Adrian will be available by calling 507-676-1082 from 2:00 – 6:00 on Sunday. **Come join the fun!!** There is something for everyone; Raffle tickets, Fish Pond, Country Store. Big Tickets may be dropped off in church before or after Mass on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. There are still tickets for sale.

**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Lorrell Hanson Sr.

**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.

**CCW News:** We want to welcome our new president for the 2011-2012 year, Lori Lonneman. Thank you Lori for stepping forward and helping us out.

**Continue to Recycle Your Empty Ink Cartridges:** A box is provided at the entrance of St. Adrian Church.

## Our Lady of Good Counsel

### Sacrificial Giving – September 11, 2011

Amount needed per weekend..... \$2,106.00  
Amount given..... \$ 885.00

**Calendar Raffle Winner:** Daniel Beckman

**Ministry Schedule: September 25, 2011: 10:00 a.m.**

Reader: Ed Herrig  
Servers: Kyla Fuerstenberg & Logan Lenz  
Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin & Teri Spartz,  
JoAnn Burkard

**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Jim Feit.

**Parish Finance Council** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 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 10, 2011

Amount needed per weekend..... \$1,296.00  
Amount given..... \$ 731.25

**Calendar Raffle Winner:** Gilbert Metz

**Ministry Schedule: September 24, 2011: 5:00 p.m.**

Reader: Lisa Diekmann  
Servers: McKenzie Wieneke & Christina Loonan  
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff & Jill Diekmann,  
Mary Ann Loosbrock

**Fall Bazaar & Auction:** Blessings and thanks to everyone for a wonderful day! The food was great, the weather was beautiful and there was much fun and laughter. With heart-felt gratitude, **thank you** to the CCW Officers, members and spouses, Pastoral Council, Catholic Daughters, KC's, auctioneers, our youth and **everyone** who donated their time, treasure and/or talents to make this a successful day! Finances will be reported at a later date.

**Knights of Columbus** meets on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

**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 10, 2011**

\$125.00 (1Envelope)

### **Ministry Schedule: September 24, 2011: 7:00 p.m.**

Reader: Karen Honermann

Servers: Joseph Brake

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry & Julie Brake,  
Lois Engels

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

**Church Cleaning:** Fall church cleaning will be on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Congratulations to the seniors who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend-**  
St. Adrian: Carissa Aggen, David Cook, Kody Henning, Dylan Kruger, Tasha Lange, Brenda Parsley, Jase Pater, Jennifer Recker, Tony Reker, Sydne Springman, Austyn Thier. Our Lady of Good Counsel: Ashley Balster, Nathan Burkard, Max Slater, Shay VonHoltum. St. Anthony: Dylan Johnson, Alex Knips, Gary Knips, Nate Lynn, Nick Lynn, Brandon Weidert, Nina Weidert, Morgan Wieneke. St. Kilian: Dalton Jeffers and Jensen Wolf.

**4-Parish Music Open House:** We invite all cantors, choir members, organists and musicians to an evening of music preparation for the upcoming New Roman Missal, this Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Anthony's Church, beginning at 7:30 p.m. We will sing through the revised mass parts, answer questions and share some refreshments. All parish musicians are invited!

**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.

**Families with first graders** were mailed the registration forms this week. If you did not receive one, please call the Faith Formation Office at 483-2480. Those who did receive the form please return them to the Ed Center at PO Box 475, Adrian MN 56110.

**Welcome to new families** and members of the Catholic Church! If you have children at home, 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](http://www.frontiernet.net/~stadrian).

**The Lord is near to all who call!**

**Our Lady of Good Counsel fall dinner is set for October 9<sup>th</sup>:** We will be serving BBQ'd pork ribs, mashed potatoes, corn, warm sliced apples, roll/butter, and assorted desserts. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**An Autumn Pilgrimage** of the Mississippi River Valley including churches, shrines and the seminary is being organized by Fr. Tom Jennings, St. Catherine Church in Luverne for October 10-12. Registration and payment is due by September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Church of St. Catherine. Call 283-8502 for all the details.

**St. Columba Church in Iona** is holding a dinner theater on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The WDCCW Diocesan Fall Convention** is October 8 at St. Mary's in Worthington. Registration is \$20 payable to St. Mary's CCW and sent to Dee Ella, 1307 Humiston, Worthington MN 56187. Registration is 8-9:00 a.m. and closing prayer is scheduled for 2:45 p.m. For more information contact Mary Schweiss at [schweiss@frontiernet.net](mailto:schweiss@frontiernet.net) or 507-764-4336.

### ***God's Generosity...***

In today's first reading from Isaiah we heard: *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.* This passage sets the stage for today's gospel – a parable that challenges our way of thinking about God's definition of fairness. Let me share a story from my youth ministry days (a long, long time ago): *Once upon a time there was a father who helped with youth group activities. One day, his son began to complain that it didn't seem fair that his dad had lived life 'on-the-wild-side' before coming to realize the importance of Christ in his life. The youth, however, had already begun to develop his relationship with Jesus, as a teenager. He complained to his dad that he was feeling somewhat cheated because he never had some of the wild times his dad had, because he knew that this was not what Jesus expected of him.* The son had learned a valuable lesson, at an early age, that life is not fair (by this world's standards). But it also didn't stop the teenager from being a little envious. Think about it – haven't you ever wondered why so many people seem to forget about God, until a crisis occurs? Suddenly, God is off the shelf and number one in their life. Or what about

the person who only discovers God at a very late stage in their life? Should their reward be the same as the person who has been a faithful Christian all their life?

As Christians we know that life is a mystery to be celebrated. Our God is a God of surprises but at the same time, we know that God offers a very important promise to us from today's Entrance Antiphon: *I am the Savior of all people, says the Lord. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord.* God is always present – always available. We must be careful to limit God's love and define it in human ways, for God's ways are not our ways. God teaches us that the core of life is love and the center of love is justice – not fairness – not even equality (as we usually define it). God's equality is based on generosity and not bound in legalism. When we hear God's promise, *I will answer their cry and always be their Lord,* we hear an astonishing guarantee. No one is left-out or eliminated; all prayers are heard and answered. God's love and salvation is for everyone. Even if we turn away, God will always be present.

Today's gospel, presents us with a God whose generosity and concern for us is not limited strictly and precisely on what we do for him, but on God's grace and mercy. Everything we've been given is gift. We can't earn God's love. Yes, it is difficult to understand God's ways and it certainly can be difficult to understand God's justice. But today's gospel tells us that *I [God] will give you what is just!* In this parable, Jesus is referring to the kingdom of heaven. He describes it as a place where the arrogant are humbled and the humble are exalted. And as in all the parables of Jesus, we are reminded that there will be a day of reckoning. As always, Jesus is trying to tell us to be something else – something better! We have been given unique gifts and talents and our call is to respond. As Christians, we are called to give more than we receive. Our answer to God's gifts is to do what we can, when we can, and where we can. And here is the tough part: we are NOT to compare ourselves to others. There is a difference between equality and justice, and God's ways are not the same as ours. All of us are generously loved by God. Today's gospel is asking us to focus on gratitude and forget resentment. Instead of complaining that *life is not fair,* we are called to count our blessings. God will truly give us what we need. Let's set greed and envy aside and forget how the world measures success. And most of all, let's remember who really is in charge and let God judge! As I once heard: *Divine rule is not fair. Thank God, it's just!*

September Blessings,

*Roxanne*