# Fourth Sunday of Easter May 15, 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.



## SAINT ADRIAN OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

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## Liturgy of the Eucharist

Tues	8:30 am	(L) Special Intention		
(Eucharistic Adoration Follows Mass)				
Wed	8:30 am	(K) Arvin Loosbrock		
Thurs	8:30 am	(A) Vincent Mauch		
Fri	8:30 am	(W) "Poor Souls"		
Sat	5:00 pm	(L) Jean Erpelding		
Sat	7:00 pm	(K) Matt & Ruth Baltes		
Sun	8:00 am	(A) Parishioners		
Sun	10:00 am	(W) Marlin Mitchell		

### Word & Communion

Thursday, 8:30 am (L)

### **Sacrament of Confession**

Half- hour before weekend Masses

St. Adrian

### Sacrificial Giving – May 8, 2011

Amount needed per weekend	\$3,844.00
Amount given	\$2,111.00

**Calendar Raffle Winner:** May 8<sup>th</sup>, Chad Loosbrock May 15<sup>th</sup> Marcia Jonas

#### Ministry Schedule May 22, 2011: 8:00 am

Readers: Marva Taylor & Kathy Jackson-Winter Servers: Brooke Echter & Kody Henning

**Parish Finance Council** will meet on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Rectory.

**St. Adrian CDA Court Santa Maria** will meet on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the Education Center. We will honor our 50 year members at the meeting. Lunch committee is Carol Rupp, Renae Bullerman, and Linda Heitkamp.

**Parish Pastoral Council** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Rectory.

**Planting your Garden:** Please consider the Fall Bazaar when planting your spring garden! Donations of tomatoes, pickles, sweet corn, potatoes, and cabbage are welcome and greatly appreciated.

**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 – May 8, 2011

Amount needed per weekend	\$2	,106.00
Amount given	\$	797.00

Calendar Raffle Winner: Jill Paulzine

#### Ministry Schedule May 22, 2011: 10:00 am

Reader: Kristi Schettler Servers: Nicholas Newman & Greg Newman Eucharistic Ministers: Don Hendel, Sandy Paulzine, Gene Bertrand

**Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

**Court Madonna #839** invites everyone to a May Crowning ceremony held on May 29<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 am Mass. Children of all ages are encouraged to bring flowers from their gardens and join in a procession honoring Mary. A spaghetti lunch, hosted by CDA'S, will be served in Marian Hall following the Mass. This is a free will donation. Hope to see you there!

**Parish Finance Council** will meet on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

## St. Anthony

### Sacrificial Giving – May 7, 2011

Amount needed per weekend	\$1,	,296.00
Amount given	\$	331.00

Calendar Raffle Winner: Earl & Joyce Erdman

#### Ministry Schedule May 21, 2011: 5:00 pm

Reader: Mary Ann Loosbrock Servers: Nicole Knips & Briana Loonan Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Metz, Cyril Gengler, Shirley Wieneke

**Knights of Columbus** will meet on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm in the church basement.

**Congratulations** to our High School Seniors, Erin Diekmann, Sam LeBrun and Laura Lorang who were honored this weekend at St. Anthony Church. We pray for them as they continue on their journey of life!

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

**The Rosary** will be prayed Monday through Friday, during the month of May at **7:00 pm** in St. Anthony Church. Please join the Catholic Daughters as we pray for the many concerns of our community and the entire world.

**Annual Diocesan Appeal** for 2011 has begun and our parish goal was set at \$6,060. Please help us reach that amount by generously making a donation. Thank you to those who have already contributed. Additional envelopes are located at the entrance of the church.

### St. Kilian

Sacrificial Giving–May 7, 2011 \$127.50 (5 envelopes)

Ministry Schedule May 22, 2011: 7:00 pm Reader: Lois Engels Servers: Tyler & Tucker Madison Eucharistic Ministers: Ken & Fran Scroggs, Anna Mae Fuerstenberg

**Thank You:** Jerry, Julie & Joe Brake extend a HUGE thank you for the many prayers said on behalf of our family. We truly feel as though we have won the lottery as we realize how fortunate we are to have Joe here with us after his accident on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you also for the cards, visits, calls, and acts of kindness. We are so lucky to live in such a small and caring community. May God bless all of you as HE has blessed us!

**The Lord's Housekeepers** for May, June and July are: Lisa Scroggs (chairperson), Fran Scroggs, Ashley Rodrigue, Marie Brake, Lynn Nelson, Julie Jeffers and Linda Fuerstenberg

**Weekday Mass** will continue on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am in the church. Everyone is welcome.

**CCW Officers:** The new officers are: Arlys Hoffman (President), Mary Brake (Vice-President) and Linda Fuerstenberg (Sec/Treasurer). A special thank you to all who volunteered to be candidates. We also thank our past officers, Vonnie Sieve and Jackie Rodrigue for your service to our parish.

**Annual Diocesan Appeal** for 2011 has begun and this year's parish goal was set at \$2,450. Please help us reach that amount by generously making a donation. Thank you to those who have already contributed. Additional envelopes are located at the entrance of the church.

## **OF INTEREST TO ALL**

**The Great Adventure Bible Timeline** is a 24-week Bible study for adults or older teens. Given by Jeff Cavins, this overview of the Bible has been eye opening for many groups of people. If you are interested in joining the next session, please call Roxanne at 472-8262. The location and starting date will depend on those who are interested in this study.

**Registrations for the "Totally Yours (Totus Tuus) VBS program,** held June 12-17<sup>th</sup> in Wilmont, are due by May 25<sup>th</sup>. There is a session for those going into 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grade and a session for grades 7-12. Remember to get yours in to the Faith Formation Offices in Wilmont or Adrian.

**Congratulations and best wishes to those seniors** who celebrated baccalaureate this weekend ~ at St. Anthony Church: Erin Diekmann, Sam LeBrun, and Laura Lorang; at Our Lady of Good Counsel: Duane Christians, Logan Neyens, Emily Penning, Natasha Slater, Trent Slater, and Shelby Springman; and at St. Adrian: Scott Banck, Zach Dingmann, Abby Erlandson, Brandon Feeken, Tyler Hornstein, Andrew Lonneman, Shaina Lonneman, Megan Probst, Cody Reckamp, Dru Strand, Spencer Wieneke, Austin Wolf, Justin Wolf, and Philip Wolf.

**The Bread of Life Community Meal** will be serving the following days in the coming month ~ May 15th from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. and May 22nd from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's School in Worthington. Please join us for a nutritious meal on these days - all are welcome! We will not be serving on May 29th, or throughout the months of June or July. We do plan to reopen the doors in the late summer or early fall, so please watch for further information.

**4-Parish Music Planning** is scheduled for Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parish house at Lismore. We will begin to discuss Paul Turner's Booklet: <u>Understanding the Revised Mass Texts</u>.

**May Liturgy Schedules** for St. Kilian, St. Anthony, and Our Lady of Good Counsel are at the entrance of church. Schedules for all 4-parishes are also available on our web page.

**Recycle your empty ink** cartridges in the box at the west end of St. Adrian Church

The Lord is our Good Shepherd

**Former Bible Timeline Participants:** If there is anyone who participated in the Jeff Cavins, 24 week Bible Study in 2008-2009 and you no longer use your notebooks with study questions, we invite you to donate your materials to be recycled and reused for the upcoming group. Notebooks may be dropped off at the parish offices or call Roxanne (472-8262).

#### The Gate Is Open!

In today's gospel, we hear the story of the Good Shepherd but with a little twist. Not only does Jesus the Shepherd *call us by name and lead us out*, Jesus is the gate! One person who truly understood this message was Pope John Paul II, who we recently honored as "Blessed" – a man who proclaimed the gospel message throughout his entire life. He was a fearless leader who had no doubts about the way to eternal life: he knew the gate keeper.

Do we know the keeper of the gate? Do we understand how to enter through the eternal gate? Christ has *called us by name*; he knows where we've been, who we are, what we are, and what we can be. Yet, Christ loves us so much that he *continues to call us by name*. He continues to invite us to share in a unique and wonderful relationship with God. How will you answer? The gate is open – will you follow?

Please don't misunderstand today's reflection: sometimes it is very, very difficult to follow Christ. In today's first reading, following Peter's declaration that the Risen Lord is the source of eternal life, some of the people were *cut to the heart* because it hadn't been too long ago that some of them were calling for the crucifixion of Jesus. With repentant hearts, they asked: *What are we to do?* What must we do to be saved? This is also our Easter question: How do we enter the eternal gate? How do we follow the Risen Christ?

In today's world, the call of Christ is often barely audible. Maybe we simply do not recognize Christ's call to be disciples or perhaps we hear other voices that keep us from living as people of faith. What other voices? We only need to read the newspapers, listen to the radio, watch television or look around our communities. What are the topics of conversation over a cup of coffee? War, abuse of the elderly, angerretaliation, abuse of children, death, loneliness, conflict, murder, robbery, poverty, injustice...the list goes on and on. Today, we hear voices that are in conflict. Sometimes, we listen closer to these voices than to the Good Shepherd.

So, how do we follow the Good Shepherd? We follow by doing no wrong. We follow by tolerating suffering for doing what is right. Today's second reading from I Peter reminds us that when Christ suffered for us, when he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. Living as a Christian requires a clear vision – seeing with the eyes of Christ. Not only seeing but acting as Christ would: no returning of insults, no returning of suffering with threats or desire for revenge. We respond to life's injustices with forgiveness. We "offer it up" to the One who judges justly and ignore those who demand retaliation and desire injustice. And it is extremely important to realize that God's justice is totally different from what many people believe. There is a good deal of rhetoric and discussion these days which confuses justice with revenge.

Jesus gave the Pharisees (and us) another example, another chance to grasp the meaning of Easter: *I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.* If we are unable to hear his voice, perhaps we can "see" what must be done to gain eternal life. Today, Jesus tells us that he will do everything possible to help us recognize that it is only through the risen Christ that we will find abundance and fullness of life. Jesus, the Good Shepherd **and** the gate, is calling us to a life of hope! The gate is open – will you follow?

> Easter Blessings, *Roxanne*

