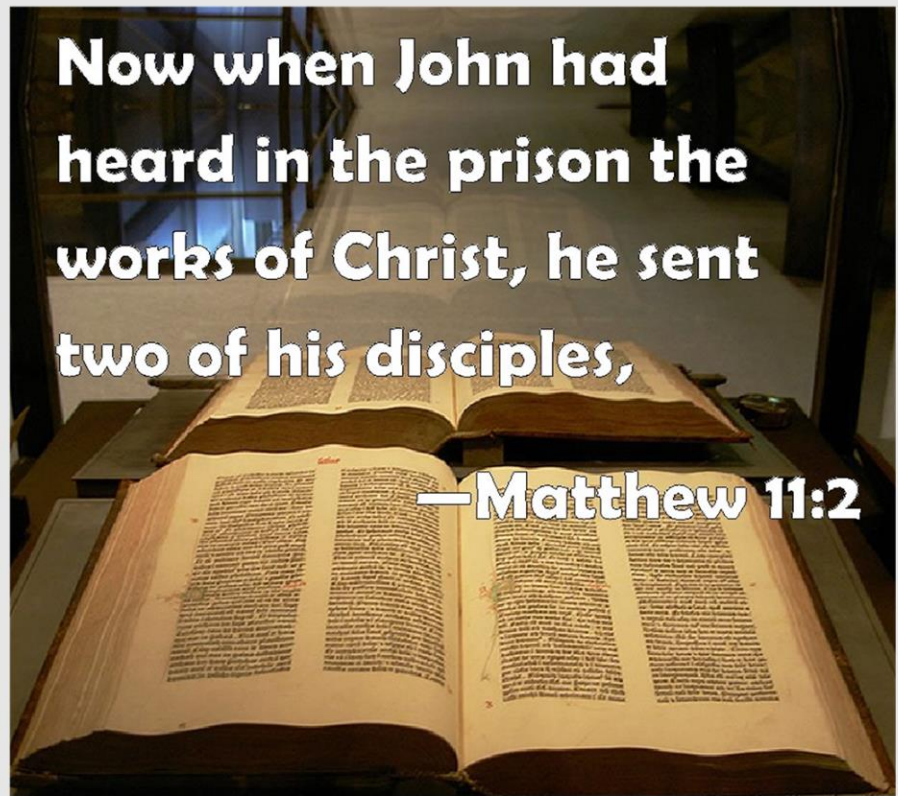


THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)
DECEMBER 15, 2019

BAPTISM: During Mass on the weekends; if outside of Mass, on Saturday or Sunday afternoon only. If this is your first child to be baptized, you must meet with Msgr. Rick Colletti for instructions. Please call the St. Adrian Parish office at 507-483-2317 prior to setting the date of the baptism.

MARRIAGE: Please make arrangements at least six months in advance. Your first visit with Msgr. Rick Colletti will be to set the date of your wedding. Please call the St. Adrian Parish Office at (507) 483-2317. Marriage Preparation Course is required



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*Lord, come and save us.
~ Psalm 146*

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† *All for the greater glory of God!* †

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Mon 12/16 8:30 AM (A) **No Mass**
Tues 12/17 8:30 AM (A) † Eugene Erlandson
Wed 12/18 8:30 AM (L) † Jim Loosbrock
 † Bruce Loosbrock
Thurs 12/19 8:30 AM (A) † Gary Madison
 † Mike Konz
Fri 12/20 8:30 AM (W) † Joe & LaVonne Vortherms

Weekend Mass Schedule

Sat 12/21 5:00 PM (K) † Ed Voss & Dave Voss
 † Diane Didier
 † Vera Loonan
Sun 12/22 8:30 AM (W) † Ray & Margaret Paulzine
 † Janine Paulzine
Sun 12/22 10:30 AM (A) † Sonny & Gen Honermann
 † Dee & Daryl Buss

Confessions: Half-hour before weekend Masses

Catholic Ministry Appeal



Goals for 2019
St. Adrian: \$17,860.....\$13,230.00
St. Anthony: \$ 7,720.....\$ 6,978.00
OLGC: \$ 8,050.....\$ 6,785.00

ONLINE GIVING – WEB LINKS

<http://giving.parishsoft.com/stanthonygiving> ~ St. Anthony
<http://giving.parishsoft.com/stadriangiving> ~ St. Adrian
<http://giving.parishsoft.com/olgcgiving> ~ OLGC

ST. ADRIAN

Sacrificial Giving – December 8, 2019- 10:30 AM

Envelopes: \$5,510.00 ~ Offertory: \$200.00 ~ Youth: \$32.00
 Christmas Flowers: \$160.00 ~ Retired Religious: \$604.00
 Online Giving: \$395.00

Roof Fund Goal: \$130,000.00

Amount Received: \$128,635.97 **Donors:** 104

Calendar Raffle Winner: December 15, 2019: Jodi Thier

Ministry Schedule: December 22, 2019: 10:30 AM

Lectors: Julie Wieneke, Ben Cook

Servers: Lauren Madison, Sophie Wieneke, Alysha Wienke
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ryan Kruger, Lisa Kruger, Pam Konz, Gary Honermann, Sharan Honermann, Jodi Thier, Rod Scheidt



Wedding Congratulations to Chad Lee Lonneman & Carissa Lynn Aggen who were united in marriage at St. Adrian Church on Saturday, December 7, 2019. May God continue to shower blessings of love, joy and peace in their lives.



Court Santa Maria #247 Catholic Daughters are collecting **personal hygiene and paper products** for the food shelf **until December 19th**. If you feel so inclined, please bring your donations and place them in the back of church in the box provided. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Court Santa Maria #247 Catholic Daughters will meet on **Thursday, December 19th at 6:00 PM** for a potluck supper with the monthly meeting to follow. In lieu of exchanging gifts, please bring a personal hygiene item or paper product to be given to the food shelf. Thank you!!



Bible Study: For anyone interested in joining us for a Bible Study, materials will be available **Sunday, December 29th** after the 10:30 AM Mass in the church hall. Our first meeting will be **January 5th** after Mass in the church hall.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Sacrificial Giving – December 8, 2019 – 8:30 AM

Envelopes: \$1,375.00 ~ Offertory: \$304.63 ~ Youth: \$17.00
 Utilities/Fuel: \$245.00 ~ Christmas Flowers: \$175.00
 Retired Religious: \$215.00 ~ Online Giving: \$735.00

Calendar Raffle Winner: December 15, 2019: Greg Newman

Ministry Schedule: December 22, 2019: 8:30 AM

Lector: Carol Bertrand

Servers: Garret Penning, Claire Hoffman, Lane Hoffman
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Kevin & Teri Spartz, JoAnn Burkard, Keith & Shelly Spartz, Angela Penning, Courtney Penning



OLGC Christmas Choir: We would like to invite anyone 15 years of age and older to be a part of our Christmas Choir at OLGC for the Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00 PM. **Our practices will be Sundays, December 8, 15, and 22 after Mass in Wilmont.**

ST. ANTHONY / ST. KILIAN

Sacrificial Giving – December 7, 2019- 5:00 PM

Envelopes: \$1,227.00 ~ Offertory: \$81.00 ~ Youth: \$6.00
 Retired Religious: \$110.00 ~ Christmas Flowers: \$50.00
 Online Giving: \$1,000.00

Plastering & Painting Project Goal: \$182,000.00

Money Available from past Roofing Project & Rooted in Faith: \$68,000.00
 Current Amount Received for Plaster/Painting Project: **\$48,635.45**
 Total to date: \$116,635.45
Amount Still Needed for full project goal: \$65,364.55

Calendar Raffle: December 15, 2019: Lawrence Roeder

Ministry Schedule: December 21, 2019: 5:00 PM

Lector: McKenzie Wieneke

Servers: Lucas Koehne, Hazel Brake

Sacristan: Marge Loosbrock

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Steph Diekmann
Tom & Lisa Diekmann

Reminder: Weekend Mass will now be celebrated on Saturdays at St. Kilian Oratory at **5:00 PM** until the Painting Project is complete. Wednesday Morning Mass will be held in the Parish House in Lismore at 8:30 AM.



Help Needed: Riehle Company will arrive this **Monday, December 16th** to begin the plastering & painting. We need as many men as possible to help unload the scaffolding and other equipment at **1:00 PM**. If you can lend a hand, we would appreciate your help! Thank you.



Choir Practice for the 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass will be held on **Wednesday, December 18th** and **Monday, December 23rd** at St. Kilian Oratory. Both practices will begin at **6:30 PM**. We welcome all singers to join us!

Calendar Raffle Tickets must be returned by **Monday, December 16th** for this week's drawing after Wednesday Morning Mass. Thank you.

Thank You **Thank you** to everyone who helped gather and move our music books this past week. Also, many thanks to the women who have been busy moving altar cloths and church items to the parish house. We also appreciate the extra help with the kitchen preparation. Many hands make light work! Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION 2019 - 2020

The Edge and high school classes will meet in Wilmont 7:00-8:30 PM in Marian Hall at OLGC Church on Wednesday, December 18. We will serve a meal starting at 6:15.

Save the Date! The Confirmation Classes (gr 10 and 11) will be going to *The Banquet West* on Wednesday, January 8th to serve the meal there. We will meet at the Adrian High School at 4:15 to carpool to Sioux Falls. Adult drivers will be needed, and any adult, including parents and sponsors of the students, is welcome to attend with the class. To volunteer to drive or to go over early to make the meal, call Pam Konz at 507-483-2480. All students are expected to attend as part of their confirmation preparation.

Second graders will be celebrating First Reconciliation on Saturday January 18th at 9:00 AM. To prepare for this sacrament, we will have a parent meeting on Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 PM at St. Adrian Ed Center, and Learning Centers for parent and child on Wednesday, January 15th. More details will follow in the bulletin, but please save these dates on your calendar.

Faith Formation Office: Faith Formation Office hours are 10-5, M-F. Call Pam at 507-483-2480 or 507-290-0080 or Mary at 507-483-2317 to reserve the ed center for family events.





PARISH LEADERSHIP


Parish Cluster Pastoral Council Meeting: The next Parish Cluster Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, January 6th at 7:00 PM** at St. Adrian Church.


St. Anthony Finance Council will next meet on **Thursday, January 30th at 7:00 PM** in the Parish House.


OF INTEREST TO ALL

 **Inquiry classes for RCIA** (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will meet **Sunday, December 15th at 7:00 PM** at the St. Adrian Ed Center This is for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church or in learning more about it. Bring along all your questions about why we do what we do it. If you have questions or are interested in Inquiry but are unable to meet on the 15th, call the Faith Formation Office at 507-483-2480 and talk to Pam Konz.

 **Adoration during Wednesday evening classes** is a very important part of our Faith Formation and is one way that anyone can help with the youth. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Wednesday class night in the church that the classes are held. Please sign up for the time that works for you to be a guardian of the Eucharist and Prayer Warrior for the youth and catechists. The sheets are on gold paper in the back of the churches.


 **2020 Calendars:** The new 2020 church calendars are in the back of church. A big thank you to Monica & Dan Dingmann & Dingmann Funeral Home for such a generous gift!

 **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.

 **Parish Advent Confessions Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 PM** at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Wilmont. We encourage everyone to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance/Confession this Advent. Please check the Advent calendar for individual confession times.

Religious Give Thanks: "Thank you" hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister regarding the assistance they received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to this collection last week.

"In the inner stillness where meditation leads, the Spirit secretly anoints the soul and heals our deepest wounds."
~ John of the Cross
Feast Day: December 14th





COMFORTING THOSE WHO MOURN: How long should a person grieve? The answer to that question is "as long as they need to." Most people have a misinformed understanding of grief. We have been led to believe that

grief is predictable, and that it follows a sequence of stages that we move through in a specific timeline. We all experience similar types of emotions; however, our grief journey is as unique as our fingerprint. Because of personality differences, relationships, and how we perceive our experiences each of us deals with our grief in unique ways. Emotions can come in waves, and can oscillate back and forth, up and down. For some, grief can be paralyzing. For example, our brains just don't seem to work the way they used to. Under stress, our minds tend to focus on negative thoughts, "I'll never be happy again." or "I can't seem to stop crying." This is nothing to fear. It may be a part of the process for some. And it will get better. This is why it is important to take care of ourselves, to be intentional about getting enough rest, eating a healthy diet, staying active as much as possible, steering away from the use of drugs or alcohol as a way of coping, and surrounding ourselves with supportive friends and family and turning to faith experiences to bring comfort and strength. Times does heal wounds, but it is not the only factor in the healing process. The extent to which our wounds heal depends on the care, understanding, and attentiveness we give them. Grief is a process, a journey. Mourning is "what" we do with our grief. It's good to memorialize your loved ones, do special things to remember your deceased loved one, and let your family have a part in making it special with you. "When we grieve in a healthy way, we are able to express our emotions and process the loss in our own unique way. We are then able to move forward and resume living a healthy life. We can find ways to mourn and have a continuing, although different, relationship with our loved one. We carry the cross the rest of our lives, but it becomes a weight that we can bear". ~ *The Seven Intentions of Mourning* by John & Sandy O'Shaughnessy, 2018 If you or a loved one are struggling with your grief journey, please contact Leslie Slater -Parish Counselor 483-2317 Ext. 226 or outreachslater@gmail.com.

The Pastor's Corner:

In this 3rd Sunday of Advent, known as **Gaudete Sunday**, the author of Isaiah 35, in the sixth century B.C., encounters a dispirited community of exiles. Defeated in battle and driven from their homeland, they are without hope. The prophet responds by recalling the joyous memories of the exodus from Egypt. A second exodus is in store, symbolized by the healing granted to the blind, the dead, the lame, and the mute. Amos preached social justice. Hosea demonstrated compassion. Jeremiah was undaunted in the pursuit of truth. The Hebrew Scriptures prophetic books challenge us to witness these values in our own time. Prophets are deeply involved in society's concerns.

Matthew initially describes John the Baptist as a fiery preacher of judgment and reform. Now he addresses the Baptist's dilemma during his imprisonment. John learns that Jesus is not preaching fire and brimstone but curing the sick, raising the dead, and consoling the poor. John must have wrestled with this seeming contradiction, yet he remained true to his personal call. As a result, John found himself not in Herod's palace but in Herod's prison. ~Father Colletti



As our Blessed Mother stood before the Cross of her Son, she had three long hours to ponder all the powerful moments and experiences of His earthly life. Perhaps her mind would have gone back to the beginning when Saint John the Baptist testified to Jesus from the womb of Elizabeth.

Saint John sensed the presence of the Savior of the World. He was not able to understand this mystery fully with his mind, but he understood the mystery in his spirit. Joy touched him and he leaped. This was not a willful response on his part, it was an inspiration from the Holy Spirit. He received this gift of joy and responded from within the womb. Elizabeth sensed that joy and she expressed it to the Mother of God and to all of us.

As our Blessed Mother gazed upon her crucified Son, the joy of that moment, experienced so many years ago, would have brought her peace and consolation. The Father had not abandoned her Son on the Cross. How could He? How could the Father and the Holy Spirit be absent from this moment? It was the Holy Spirit who inspired Saint John all those years ago with joy, and now it was the Holy Spirit, once again, who was inspiring Jesus' mother with a joy that transcended even her Son's death.

As Mother Mary gazed upon her crucified Son, her joy would have resulted from the simple fact that she was gazing upon her Son. She saw His divine soul under the veil of blood and bruises. Despite the horror of the Crucifixion, the joy of His Incarnation could never be erased. He was God and He was also her Son, her flesh and blood. What a joy, what a blessing, what a gift!

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God is present to you always, no matter what you go through in life. Even in the midst of the greatest sufferings, God is present. His presence is worth rejoicing over. This joy overshadows anything and everything we encounter in life. Let the joy of the presence of God enter your heart this day as you gaze, with our Blessed Mother, upon the suffering of the Son of God.

Pray for me, dear Mother. Jesus, I trust in You!

~Taken from Catholic Daily Reflections 2019

