



# St. Albert the Great University Parish

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**1st Sunday  
of Advent  
Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

## Entrance Antiphon for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

“To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.”  
cf. Psalm 25 (24):1-3

### Mass Readings

**Mon. NOV. 30**

St. Andrew,  
Apostle  
Rom 10:9-18  
Mt 4:18-22

**Tues. DEC. 1**

Is 11:1-10  
Lk 10:21-24

**Weds. DEC. 2**

Is 25:6-10a  
Mt 15:29-37

**Thurs. DEC. 3**

St. Francis  
Xavier, Priest  
Is 26:1-6  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Fri. DEC. 4**

Is 29:17-24  
Mt 9:27-31

**Sat. DEC. 5**

Is 30:19-21,  
23-26  
Mt 9:35-10:1,  
5a, 6-8

**Sun. DEC. 6**

Second Sunday  
of Advent  
Bar 5:1-9  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11  
Lk 3:1-6

## ADVENT Begins!!!

Note some of our Advent liturgical practices: To mark the season, we will begin Mass lighting **the Advent Wreath** candles, we will use the **simple English chant settings** for the Mass parts, and we will once again **recess in silence**. All of these are meant to emphasize that we are in a time of waiting and anticipation, preparing for the joy of Christmas!

### Missions Fiesta!

Would you like to dedicate our spring break this year to service of those in need?

How about a foreign mission this summer?

Come hear about some exciting service opportunities at St. Al's in 2016, including the stories of two of our students who traveled to India and Alaska!

Sign up for one of two Spring Break Mission trips!

**This Friday at Fireside:** 4:30 pm Confessions, 5:30 pm Mass, dinner, then the Missions Fiesta starting about 7 pm!



### Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe!

The Americas are dedicated to the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe! Soon we'll be celebrating her feast...

Fireside a week from Friday will include showing a newly released documentary, and then on Saturday, Dec. 12th, we'll celebrate Mass at 11 am, followed by a potluck... save the date!

## Eucharistic Adoration

Solemn Exposition  
& Benediction:



Tuesday:  
7:30-9 pm

Simple  
Exposition:  
Mon. - Fri.  
7:45 - 8:45

### Would you like to be baptized into the Catholic Church?

Are you a Christian interested in coming into full communion with the Church?

Are you a Catholic who would like to be confirmed?

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group is getting into gear! Led by Sr. Ellen and a group of student volunteers, RCIA meets every Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass by the fireplace (about 12:30 - 2:00 pm).

**It is a true conversation and exploration...  
come to find out if you want to answer "Yes!"  
to one of those questions!**



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**Mass Times: Sunday 11:00 am & 7:00 pm // Wednesday 9:00 pm / Friday 5:30 pm**

**Confessions:** Tuesday 7:45 pm, Weds 8:00 pm & Friday 4:30 pm// by appointment

**Baptisms:** Please make arrangements with pastor at least one month in advance.

**Confirmation & First Communion:** Please notify the parish office of your need ASAP.

**Marriages:** Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the wedding.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Upon request when suffering from serious illness or before surgery.

**St. Anne's Masses**

**Sunday:** 9:00 am

**Tuesday:** 5:30 pm

**Thursday:** 9:00 am

**Saturday:** 5:30 pm

# First Sunday of Advent

# November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Sun.	Nov. 29	11 am	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	Mass Intentions
Sun.	Nov. 29	7 pm	† Dana Kiesling	By Brenda Kiesling	
Weds.	Dec. 02	9 pm	† David Gill	By Sister Ellen Enright	
Fri.	Dec. 04	5:30 pm	† Joyce Bonen	By André Bonen & Family	
Sun.	Dec. 06	11 am	† William & Beatrice Wheeler	By Pat Wheeler & Roger Skufca	
Sun.	Dec. 06	7 pm	† Kathy Judnich	On Behalf of St. Joseph's-Lake Linden	

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	9 pm Weds., Dec. 02		Helen Rau	Melanie Howard	Mike Kostick/Rachelle Wiegand
	5:30 pm Fri., Dec. 04		Christopher Matetich	Abby Steinbrecher	Helen Amiri/Phillip Wyman
	11 am Sun., Dec. 06	Jacob Ahles Akwasi Duah-Gyamfi	Josh Hallfrisch Daniel LaCroix Husam Sweidan	Nathan Dills Caroline Spezia	Rafael Gil-Figueroa Matt Johnson Dan Killick
	7 pm Sun., Dec. 06	Nick Fisher Scott Pederson	Alec Clark/Mike Kostick/Michael Paling	Carly Joseph Andrew Summers	Dan Kulas Mary Wachuta

## PARISH EVENTS

**CHRISTmas Party** If you would like to help host some families for a celebration for those in need THIS Thursday, please contact Nathan Dills (nrdills@mtu.edu).

**A Service of Advent Lessons & Carols** At St. Joseph Church in Lake Linden on Sun., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. Nicholas.

The service, at 7 pm, is connected to and derived from the Masses of the Ember Days of Advent and their numerous lessons recording the need for and promise of salvation from God. The service includes readers and pastors from a variety of parishes and congregations. The service is composed of nine lessons, Advent carols, anthems and organ literature underscoring themes of longing for salvation and the proximate arrival of the means of that salvation, Jesus Christ. Light refreshments will be served in Monsignor Raymond Hall following the service.

**Guadalupe Celebration** - we'll be celebrating the patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Fireside will be dedicated to her on Friday, and then on Saturday at 11 am, we'll have Mass followed by a potluck. Plan to come join us!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Sing With Joy - Noteworthy Presents Music of the Season** - Thurs., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Calumet. Joan Petrelius, Director. With special guests: the Dollar Bay High School Chorus, Autumn Lake, Director. A free will donation will be taken to benefit the CLK Food Pantry.

**"Do you love to sing? Join our fellowship in song!** Noteworthy welcomes women of all ages. Whether you read music or not, if you enjoy singing, we welcome you. Noteworthy meets on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Hancock. Rehearsals for the spring concert begin on January 7, 2016. We hope to see you there!"

**The Copper Country Frassati Society's Monthly First Friday Gathering** will take place on Fri., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. The group will meet for Adoration at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Calumet at 5:30 pm, followed by Benediction at about 6:20, and Mass at 6:30. After Mass there will be dinner at The Hut in Kearsarge, followed by time for fellowship. Young adult Catholics, their family and friends are invited to join in any or all of the evening's activities.

**Copper Country Chorale Presents The Colors of Christmas** at 3 pm on Sun., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, at St. Al's Church. Carol Waisanen,

## Friday Night Fireside Fellowship:

**Our Regular Weekly Hotspot for Fellowship, Prayer, Fun, and Learning!**



4:30 pm Confessions, 5:30 pm Mass, FNFF follows!

- Dec. 4 Missions Fiesta: Opportunities to serve!
- Dec. 11 Our Lady of Guadalupe Documentary
- Dec. 18 Movie Night, *The Nativity Story*

Director, and Kathleen Alatalo-Arten, Accompanist. Featuring: Fr. Corbin Eddy, organ; Melvin Kangas, piano; con-Science: Michigan Tech Chamber Singers; Keweenaw Symphony Woodwind Quintet; and the Realtime Jazz Band. Adults: \$10. Students: \$5. Tickets available from Chorale members, at the church office, and at the door on the day of the concert. Refreshments served after the concert.

## Holy Name of Jesus Vicariate Advent Penance Services

Mon., Nov. 30	Holy Family - South Range	6 pm
Weds., Dec. 02	Sacred Heart - L'Anse	6:30 pm
Sun., Dec. 06	St. Joseph's - Lake Linden	7 pm
Weds., Dec. 09	Sacred Heart - Calumet	6 pm
Sun., Dec. 13	St. Albert the Great - Houghton	2 pm
Mon., Dec. 14	St. Ignatius Loyola - Houghton	6:30 pm
Weds., Dec. 16	Resurrection Church - Hancock	6:30 pm
Mon., Dec. 21	St. Anne's - Chassell	6 pm

## Local Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Ho. Cty. Med. Care Thurs., 2 pm	Cypress Manor Fri., 10:30 am	Portage Pointe Thurs., 11:00 am
Dec. 10, Fr. John	Dec. 11, Fr. Ben	Dec. 17, Fr. William



## Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

The ice was thin and soon the travelers, horses and sleigh were in an impromptu cold bath, not at all desirable; by great exertion the whole party was saved, Bishop Baraga and his companions having an additional covering in a coat of ice. - *Detroit Catholic Vindicator*, 1856



Advent is upon us! As I write this, I'm sitting in my sister's home in Knoxville, TN having just baptized my little niece Elizabeth! My sister and her family just moved here a few months back, and it's my first chance to visit. It is truly a blessing to be gathered with family.

In our first reading, the prophet Jeremiah prepares us for the Lord's coming: "The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to

the house of Israel and Judah. **In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot**; he shall do what is right and just in the land.

**Our Advent preparation has a double goal**, just as Jeremiah's prophecy has a double fulfillment. Jeremiah spoke of a just shoot of David... David was king, the one anointed (in Hebrew, Messiah), and yet his line faltered and fell into infidelity. Yet, God had made a promise to David, and the prophet tells us that promise would be fulfilled. Jesus is THE Messiah, the definitive Anointed One... and He fulfills the promise made to David by the Father, the promise reiterated by Jeremiah. In the fullness of time He was born of the Virgin Mary. **However, as we begin the Advent season, the focus of the liturgy is not the commemoration of the Nativity, but continued preparation for the Lord's Second Coming** - His final and definitive judgment of the whole world, both living and dead. The first days of Advent, in this respect, pick up and continue the theme of the final weeks of Ordinary Time... "Be Awake! Be Ready!" Our Gospel closes with these words from Our Lord and Savior: **"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."**

The world around us has been celebrating Christmas for several weeks commercially. **My invitation to each of you is to use these precious weeks of Advent for preparation.** By all means decorate, buy gifts, bake, send cards... **but above all and before all else, make ready spiritually!** Enter into the Sunday liturgy. We are marking Advent's stillness and waiting in several ways: the absence of the Gloria, the Advent Wreath, the chanted English Mass parts, and the Silent Recessional. Now is not the time to act as if Christmas has arrived... it is the time to prepare! That way when Christmas comes, we will be ready and able to open wide the doors of our hearts to the Christ Child, and to joyfully celebrate all the weeks of the Christmas season! Even more to the point, keeping a good Advent prepares us to stand before the Lord's throne.

Perhaps **no spiritual preparation for Christmas is more powerful and more beautiful than a good confession.** Take note of the Vicariate schedule to the left... there are MANY good chances to make a good confession.

Please note **the upcoming Advent event at St. Joe's in Lake Linden: Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.** Another great chance to prepare!

We have a number of beautiful Marian celebrations coming up: a week from Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of the United States and a Holy Day of Obligation. Then, on Saturday, Dec. 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe! May our devotion to the Mother of Our Lord help prepare us for His coming! *God Bless, Fr. Ben*

**Do you have room in your heart and home for a child in need? Interested in helping children by becoming a licensed foster parent or adopting?**

If you want to learn more, please contact Mary Sparapani at (906) 282-4605 or [mkrause@cssup.org](mailto:mkrause@cssup.org)



Are you or a loved one experiencing homosexual attractions and looking for answers?



**Courage**, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. It also has an outreach called **En-Courage** which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions.

Visit <http://www.couragec.net> for more information.

**Do you or does someone you love struggle with addiction?**



Along with prayer, Confession, Eucharist, and spiritual counsel, our faith encourages us to seek tested healing resources, among them many good 12-step programs. Several such groups meet regularly at St. Al's; to be referred to one that might be a good fit for you or your loved one, call 906-482-7778, or talk to Fr. Ben.



**Life Outreach Center**

[www.houghtonpregnancy.org](http://www.houghtonpregnancy.org) 906-482-8681  
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**Think you're pregnant? Not sure what to do? We listen. We care. We can help. There is hope.**

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**Hours of Operation:** (or by appointment)  
Mon. 11 am - 5 pm //Weds. noon - 8 pm //Thurs. noon - 8 pm

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

**National & Diocesan Collections**


Catholic Campaign for Human Development - \$35.00

	November 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2015	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$371.00	\$15,666.65
Loose	\$401.00	\$9,122.94
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$50.00
Fuel	\$0.00	\$120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$772.00</b>	<b>\$24,959.59</b>
Budgeted	\$1,048.08	\$22,009.68
Overage/ (shortfall)	-\$276.08	+\$2,949.91



**10 % of our parish income is tithed to charities and ministries that directly assist the poor and the needy.**


**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is a process where people can investigate Catholicism. We welcome anyone who wants to explore the teachings of the Church. **If you know anyone who is interested or wishes to be on the RCIA team, have them contact Sister Ellen: 906-523-4912 [ibvmellen@stal-mtu.com](mailto:ibvmellen@stal-mtu.com)**



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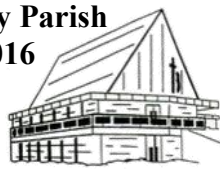
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**CHAPEL RAT Student Residents:**

**Fall 2015**  
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Dan Killick + Michael Kostick + Patrick McFall + Abhijith Geo Philip

**What's Happening at St. Al's? (Weekly Schedule)**

Sunday	11:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Mass + social RCIA/Fireplace Area Mass + social
Monday	7:45 am 8:30 am	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Morning Prayer, DHH Center Lounge
Tuesday	7:45 am 7:30 pm 8:55 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Eucharistic Holy Hour, Solemn Exposition (Praise & Worship Music, Confession during Adoration) Solemn Benediction
Wednesday	7:45 am 8:30 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm 9:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Morning Prayer, DHH Center Lounge Knitting and Crocheting w/ Sr. Ellen Confession Mass
Thursday	7:45 am 9:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Rosary, Wadsworth Lobby
Friday	7:45 am 8:30 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Morning Prayer, DHH Center Lounge Confession Mass, followed by dinner Theme: Mission Fiesta
Saturday		No regularly scheduled St. Al's activities, but there are 4:30 pm Confessions at St. Anne's in Chassell!

**16" Prayer Shawl Squares (knitted or crocheted) needed for next May.**



**2015-16 Ministry Leaders**  
(recently updated, contact Fr. Ben with corrections!)

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**Learn the Faith** a new ministry in the making... help needed, contact Fr. Ben!

**SERVICE:**  
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**Respect Life** volunteer needed  
**Youth Ministry Retreat Team** volunteer needed

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**To get involved, contact the leaders to get more information, or talk with Fr. Ben or Sister Ellen**