



St. Albert the Great University Parish

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Entrance Antiphon for the 4th Sunday of Advent

“Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.” cf. Isaiah 45:8

**4th Sunday
of Advent
Dec. 20th, 2015**

Take Note: Christmas Break schedule begins today, Sunday, Dec. 20th!

St. Al's 7 pm Sunday Mass will be suspended Dec. 20, Dec. 27, and Jan 3.

Also, during the Christmas Break, Eucharistic Adoration both on Tuesday evening and weekday mornings will be suspended, and the Weds. Mass will move to 5:30 pm. There will be confessions Weds & Fri. at 4:30 pm.

Mass Readings

Mon. DEC. 21
Sg 2:8-14
Lk 1:39-45

Tues. DEC. 22
1 Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56

Weds. DEC. 23
Mal 3:1-4,
23-24
Lk 1:57-66

Thurs. DEC. 24
2 Sm 7:1-5,
8-12, 14, 16
Lk 1:67-79

Fri. DEC. 25
Nativity of
the Lord
Is 52:7-10
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18

Sat. DEC. 26
St. Stephen, the
First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10;
7:54-59
Mt 10:17-22

Sun. DEC. 27
Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary,
and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-
14 Col 3:12-21
Lk 2:41-52



Christmas Liturgy Schedule

Christmas Eve: 4 pm Mass, St. Al's, Houghton
(Thurs. Dec. 24) 7:15 pm Christmas Concert & Pageant
 @ St. Anne's, Chassell
8 pm Mass, St. Anne's, Chassell
Christmas Day 9 am Mass, St. Anne's, Chassell
(Fri., Dec. 25) 11 am Mass, Portage Pointe Facility
Feast of the Holy Family: Normal Weekend Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS - THANK YOU!

In Memory of Meri & Mike Farmer + In Memory of Charles & Virginia Bryan + In Memory of Deceased Family & Friends + In Honor of My Family + In Honor of June Hamilton	By Chris Bryan
In Memory of Helen & Lloyd Campbell + In Memory of Mick Campbell + In Memory of John Olszewski + In Honor of Virginia Olszewski + In Honor & Memory of the Olszewski & Campbell Families	By Cathy & Mark Campbell-Olszewski
In Memory of Margaret Ann Kimball (My Kind, Gentle Mother)	By Susan DeKeyser
In Memory of Family & Friends	By Marilyn Flannigan
In Memory of Basil Howell + In Memory of Laura Howell + In Memory of Nora M. Howell	By Ann Howell
In Memory of Grace Fennell Summerside + In Memory of Marlene Butina + In Memory of Edith Reed + In Memory of Robert Summerside + In Memory of Shirley Fennell Brewer	By Patricia Reed
In Memory of Deceased Members of the Roche & Vittone Families	By Pat & Anna Roche
In Memory of Deceased Family & Friends	By Max & Mary Ann Seel
In Memory of William & Beatrice Wheeler + In Memory of Joseph & Margaret Skufca + In Memory of Fr. Ronald Skufca	By Pat Wheeler & Roger Skufca

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

Confessions: Tuesday 7:45 pm, Weds 8:00 pm-Weds & 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20th, 2015

Sun.	Dec. 20	11 am	For All Seminary Faculty & Staff	By Fr. Ben Hasse	Mass Intentions
Weds.	Dec. 23	5:30 pm	† Valera Buckley	By Fr. Ben Hasse	
Thurs.	Dec. 24	4 pm	† Gitzen & Wuthrich Families	By Helen Wuthrich	
Sun.	Dec. 27	11 am	† Mick Campbell	By Mark & Cathy Campbell-Olszewski	

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	5:30 pm Weds., Dec. 23		Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
	4 pm Thurs., Dec. 24		Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
	11 am Sun., Dec. 27	Jack Dueweke Pat Roche	Help Needed	Chris Bryan Help Needed	Cathy Campbell-Olszewski Bob Hiltunen
	7 pm Sun., Dec. 27	NO MASS			

PARISH EVENTS

Choir Practice - There will be practice after the 11 am Mass on Sun., Dec. 20th, for those who are interested in singing at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Will last approximately one hour.

Steubenville North Youth Conference NOW is the time to sign up for the conference next summer, July 22-24 in Kenosha, WI (a new location!). \$50.00 deposits due to the parish by Christmas. Youth must be entering their freshman year of high school for the 2016/2017 school year or older.

Parish Envelopes Please pick up your envelopes after Mass!

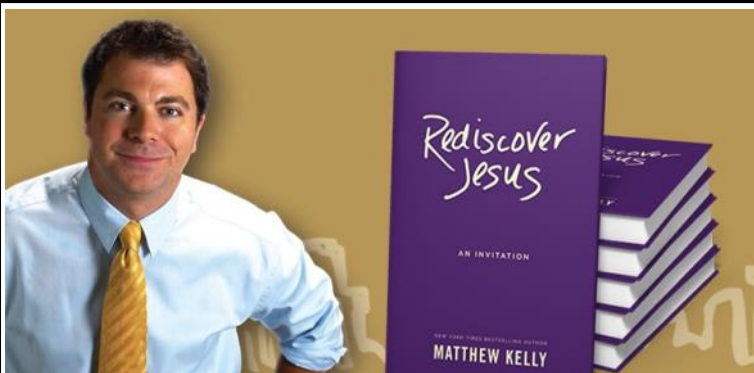
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Looking for financial assistance for college? Apply for the **2016 Bibianne Bessette Scholarship Fund**. The scholarships aid graduating seniors who are pursuing a college or vocational education at an accredited degree granting institution. Consideration is based on academic achievement. Applicants **must complete** the on-line application found at www.dioceseofmarquette.org/bbscholarshipink and **mail an Official Transcript and ACT/SAT scores** (via postal mail) to: Bessette Scholarship Fund, Diocese of Marquette, 1004 Harbor Hills Drive, Marquette, MI 49855. Application must be received no later than Mar. 15, 2016.



Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

“Happy day which first placed me in the midst of the Native Americans, among whom I now shall live until I draw my last breath, if such is the most holy will of God.” - Frederic Baraga



Please pick up your **EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT** after Mass, a copy of Matthew Kelly's new book, *Rediscovering Jesus!* We have 300 copies... these were partially subsidized by a generous grant from our diocesan Legacy of Faith Endowment!



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. 25, Fr. Ben
Jan. 14, Fr. Corbin	Jan. 08, Fr. John	Jan. 28, Fr. Corbin

Holy Name of Jesus Vicariate Advent Penance Services

Mon., Dec. 21	St. Anne's - Chassell	6 pm
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OFFICE SCHEDULE: St. Al's office will only be open Mon. Tues. Weds. 9a-4p the weeks of Christmas & New Years!

Join St. Anne's for their first Christmas Pageant in several years!

The youth of St. Anne's parish along with their choir will be presenting a combined Concert and Christmas Pageant starting at **7:15 pm on Christmas Eve!**



Christmas Pageant

“Let's Eat!”

A free community meal, all are welcome!



Hosted at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chassell
Bring friends and meet new ones in this comfortable and relaxed environment, for a delicious and nutritious meal.
Cooking and set-up will start at 2 pm, serving at 4:00 pm, clean-up at 6 pm. Please consider coming with your family to help with this great community outreach!

The Next Let's Eat is Sunday, Jan. 17th.

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





Having received such strange and beautiful news from the Archangel Gabriel, our Gospel tells us of Mary going in haste to visit her kinswoman, Elizabeth. **The mysterious truth of Mary's condition is affirmed by Elizabeth:** "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the

mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

We now draw very near our Christmas feast! Would that the same thing could be said of us, "Blessed are who you believed what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled!" As we enter the hustle and bustle, the giving and receiving of gifts, the eating and drinking of good things... the gathering with our loved ones, or missing them, or struggling to love them... in all of this we ask God for the grace to hear His voice, to believe Him, and in Him, and to respond!

In that light, **one chance left to go to a penance service:** Monday, at St. Anne's in Chassell, starting at 6 pm. A good confession truly opens our hearts to hear His voice, and to receive Him with joy... don't wait!

Take note of the Christmas liturgy schedule on the cover, especially a new event this year: **St. Anne's youth and choir are collaborating on a combined Concert and Christmas Pageant**, to begin at 7:15 pm on Christmas Eve, before the 8 pm Mass. Make sure to arrive early if you want a good seat!

Our parish offering envelopes are available now in the back vestibule, please pick yours up after Mass this Sunday. **If you don't have envelopes, that may mean that you're not registered at St. Al's...** please talk to me, or call Barbara, our parish secretary, to register! 482-5530 **Thank you very much for your generosity, as we are already ahead of budget for the first half of the fiscal year!**

Thank you to everyone who did baking for St. Al's this week! As we enter into Michigan Tech's Christmas Break, **St. Al's 7 pm Mass is suspended this Sunday, Dec. 20, as well as the next two Sundays, Dec. 27 & Jan 3.**

We still have plenty of copies of *Rediscovering Jesus*, so please pick one up for yourself or a loved one!

I am grateful to Fr. Jeff for covering for me this weekend as I am in Phoenix for the baptism of my college roommate's second child, Vanessa, I will be her godfather! I'll be back on Sunday night, though, to get ready for Christmas week!!!

We'll have the details all in the next bulletin, but just an FYI for your calendar - there will only be one Mass here at St. Anne's for the Holy Day of Obligation on Jan. 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, it will be a vigil Mass at 6 pm on Thursday, Dec. 31st (New Year's Eve). *God Bless, Fr. Ben*



Wise men still seek Him.

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 **Encourage** which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions.

Visit <http://www.couragerc.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 906-482-8681
lifeoutreachhoughton@gmail.com

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

Jan 31, 2016 - Black & Indian Mission Collection


December 13 th , 2015		Year to Date
Envelopes	\$479.00	\$18,004.64
Loose	\$363.00	\$9,981.86
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$214.00
Fuel	\$0.00	\$120.00
Total	\$842.00	\$28,320.50
Budgeted	\$1,048.08	\$25,153.92
Overage/ (shortfall)	-\$206.08	+\$3,166.58

Retirement Fund for Religious - \$216.00



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**



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CHAPEL RAT Student Residents:

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Tom Webb (Head Rat)
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What's Happening at St. Al's? (Xmas Break)

Sunday	11:00 am	Mass + social
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Confession
	5:30 pm	Mass
Friday	4:30 pm	Confession
	5:30 pm	Mass

**SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR
BY CHURCH OFFICIALS OR VOLUNTEERS**

If you know of an incident of the sexual abuse of a minor by anyone in Church service, including a member of the clergy, a religious, a lay employee or volunteer, we encourage you to come forward so that the Diocese of Marquette can take action to protect others and help those who have been harmed to find healing. We are open to and respect your complaint. You are important. We want to make this process as safe as possible. **Victim's Assistance Coordinators** are there to help those who have been harmed through the difficult and sometimes painful process of healing and hope. How to begin the process:

Call: one of the Diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinators: Stephen Lynott at 844-495-4330 (toll-free) or Diane Tryan at 844-694-4362 (toll-free) or

Write: Victim's Assistance Coordinator, c/o Catholic Social Services of the U.P., 1100 Ludington Street, Suite 401, Escanaba, MI 49829. Please mark the letter "Personal and Confidential" and indicate in your letter how you wish to be contacted (by phone or by letter).

We always encourage you to report the incident to local civil authorities. The Diocese of Marquette reports all allegations to the appropriate civil authorities.

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

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STUDY:
Apologetics volunteer needed
FOCUS Bible Studies Richard Fitzpatrick, richard.fitzpatrick@focus.org
Learn the Faith a new ministry in the making... help needed, contact Fr. Ben!

SERVICE:
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Respect Life volunteer needed
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To get involved, contact the leaders to get more information, or talk with Fr. Ben or Sister Ellen