



# St. Albert the Great University Parish



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## Entrance Antiphon for the Feast of the Holy Family

“The shepherds went in haste,  
 and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.” Luke 2:16

### Mass Readings

**Mon. DEC. 28**  
 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
 1 Jn 1:5—2:2  
 Mt 2:13-18

**Tues. DEC. 29**  
 1 Jn 2:3-11  
 Lk 2:22-35

**Weds. DEC. 30**  
 1 Jn 2:12-17  
 Lk 2:36-40

**Thurs. DEC. 31**  
 1 Jn 2:18-21  
 Jn 1:1-18

**Fri. JAN. 1**  
 Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
 Nm 6:22-27  
 Gal 4:4-7  
 Lk 2:16-21

**Sat. JAN. 2**  
 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Drs. of the Church  
 1 Jn 2:22-28  
 Jn 1:19-28

**Sun. JAN. 3**  
 Epiphany of the Lord  
 Is 60:1-6  
 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6  
 Mt 2:1-12



### Take Note of the Christmas Break schedule...

St. Al's 7 pm Sunday Mass will be suspended 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.

## SLS16 STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

“The fire that is fed is the fire that spreads.”

From Dec. 31 - Jan. 6, 23 people from our diocese (18 from St. Al's), will be traveling to Dallas for the 2016 FOCUS Student Leadership Summit... we'll be joining 3,500 student leaders from all over the US. Pray for us!



### St. Al's & St. Anne's Christmas Octave

**Christmas Eve:** 4:00 pm Mass, St. Al's, Houghton  
 (Thurs. Dec. 24) 7:15 pm Christmas Concert & Pageant @ St. Anne's, Chassell  
 8:00 pm Mass, St. Anne's, Chassell

**Christmas Day** 9:00 am Mass, St. Anne's, Chassell  
 11:00 am Mass, Portage Pointe Facility

**Feast of the Holy Family: Normal Weekend Mass Schedule, no 7 pm**

**Tues., Dec. 29** 5:30 pm Mass @ St. Anne's

**Weds, Dec. 30** 5:30 pm Mass @ St. Al's

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation**

**Thurs., Dec. 31** 4:30 pm Vigil Mass @ Resurrection, Hancock  
 6:00 pm Vigil Mass @ St. Anne's, Chassell  
 7:00 pm Vigil Mass @ Holy Family, South Range

**Friday, Jan. 1** 9:00 am Mass @ St. Francis, Dollar Bay  
 9:30 am Mass @ St. Ignatius, Houghton  
 10:30 am Mass @ Resurrection Hancock

**Solemnity of Epiphany: Normal Weekend Mass Schedule, no 7 pm**

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**Pastoral Associate:** Sr. Ellen Enright, IBVM + (906)523-4912 + cell (630) 542-9938 + ibvmellen@stal-mtu.com

**Development Director:** Rhen Hoehn + cell (906) 281-0151 + rhen@stal-mtu.com + schedule M-F, 9 am - 5 pm

**Office Phone:** (906)482-5530 **Office Email:** stalbert@stal-mtu.com **Office Hours:** Tues - Fri, 9 am - 4 pm

**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 // or 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

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Sun.	Dec. 27	11 am	† Mick Campbell	By Mark & Cathy Campbell-Olszewski	Mass Intentions
Weds.	Dec. 30	5:30 pm	† Domenica Normand	By Janet Dragovich	
Fri.	Jan. 01	5:30 pm	NO MASS		
Sun.	Jan. 03	11 am	† John Olszewski	By Mark & Cathy Campbell-Olszewski	

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	5:30 pm Weds., Dec. 30		Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
	5:30 pm Fri., Jan 01		NO MASS		
	11 am Sun., Jan 03	Mark Campbell-Olszewski Pat Roche	Help Needed	Isidore Dorpenyo Bobby Escobar	André Bonen/Chris Bryan Cathy Campbell-Olszewski
	7 pm Sun., Jan. 03	<b>NO MASS</b>			

## PARISH EVENTS

**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

**Christian Women's Brunch** - Thurs., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 am at Zion Lutheran Church in Hancock. Cooking Demonstration by Norma Nominelli. For reservations call 482-3426. Donation: \$8.00. All women are welcome.

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/bbscholarshiplink](http://www.dioceseofmarquette.org/bbscholarshiplink) 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.

## Local Nursing Home Mass Schedule

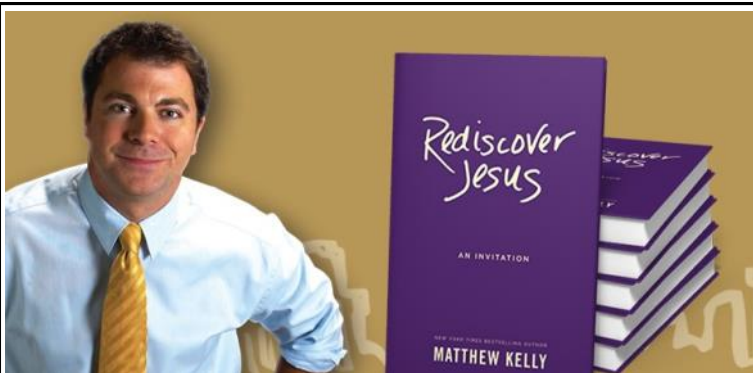
Ho. Cty. Med. Care Thurs., 2 pm	Cypress Manor Fri., 10:30 am	Portage Pointe Thurs., 11:00 am
Jan. 14, Fr. Corbin	Jan. 08, Fr. John	Jan. 28, Fr. Corbin

**OFFICE SCHEDULE:** St. Al's office will only be open Mon. Tues. Weds. 9a-4p the weeks of Christmas & New Years!



## Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

December 31<sup>st</sup>. The last day of the year 1861.  
Very mild weather, no ice on the river.  
(31 years in America)



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!



## "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. 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**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)





**Merry Christmas to one and all!**

We're putting these bulletins out for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses to get them into as many hands as possible. We have great cause for joy as individuals, as families, and as a community...

**Christ is born in Bethlehem!** The Infinite Lord of the Universe has come to dwell among us as one like us! He has come as a tiny baby child, born into a human family!

**I hope and pray that our liturgies may be a source of joy to you,** a place of beauty and prayer, both communal and public, but also personal and unique. **I pray that God will touch your heart** with a knowledge and experience of His love. Whether you are in the midst of a large and tumultuous family, or alone with memories of family far away in time and space, **I hope you will take solace and courage and joy from knowing that by baptism you have become part of God's family!** All of this goodness and grace was unleashed in our broken world by the Incarnation. As you come to the many liturgies of this season, please bring all that is in your heart, both lovely and difficult, to the Lord on the altar.

The liturgical schedule for the coming days is on the cover. First **Christmas**, then this Sunday the **Feast of the Holy Family**, then the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, then next Sunday the **Solemnity of the Epiphany**: 4 days of obligation, 4 deep mysteries of our faith. During this busy and joyful season, **please put God who is the source of our joy at the center of your celebrations!** Christmas begins on Christmas Eve, and the season continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Leave up and enjoy your decorations, and lets celebrate as fully as the Church invites us to!

We still have copies of our Christmas present for everyone: **Matthew Kelly's very fine new book *Rediscover Jesus: An Invitation***. I am about halfway through it, it is very good. As I went through the airport last Friday, I saw a guy at the gate waiting to take the same flight I was taking, and he was reading this book. I asked him, and he gives it a thumbs up and told me it was "very helpful!" Please take one to read, and feel free take one for a family member or friend!

As you go, please also take a **parish calendar**, and a **Living Faith prayer book** for January, February, and March. **Our parish offering envelopes** are available now in the back, please pick yours up after Mass. **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 well ahead of budget for the first half of the fiscal year!**

On the 31<sup>st</sup> I will begin the long van/bus journey to Dallas with a large group of students for the **FOCUS Student Leadership Summit!** In contrast to SEEK which we went to last year with 10,000 students, SLS is a smaller and more focused

time to develop your picked student leaders. FOCUS expects about 3,500 people, and I'm really excited to be bringing Fr. Ryan Ford and 3 of our seminarians along with 13 Michigan Tech students and one student from Bay College. I am confident the Holy Spirit is going to move powerfully! We'll be sharing the bus with students from CMU and Ball State College (Muncie, IN). Please keep all of us in your prayers!

Fr. Corbin and Fr. Jeff Johnson will be covering for me. Take note of the Mass schedule for the Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Day: just the 6 pm Mass at St. Anne's on New Year's Eve.

Our schedule is quite different: don't forget that **St. Al's 7 pm Mass is suspended for the next two Sundays, Dec. 27 & Jan 3**, our Adoration is suspended during the break, and the Weds. Mass is at 5:30 pm.

*God Bless, Fr. Ben*

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.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](http://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.**

222 Shelden Ave. #1 Houghton, MI 49931  
above The Print Shop in Downtown Houghton.

**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 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2015		Year to Date
Envelopes	\$541.00	\$18,545.64
Loose	\$172.00	\$10,153.86
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$214.00
Fuel	\$60.00	\$180.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$773.00</b>	<b>\$29,093.50</b>
Budgeted	\$1,048.08	\$26,202.00
Overage/ (shortfall)	-\$275.08	+\$2,891.50



**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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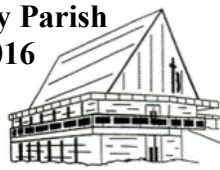
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**St. Albert the Great University Parish  
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**Faculty Adviser:** Dr. Martin Thompson  
**Year Round Parishioner:** Jack Dueweke

Aaron Crapsey  
Michael Best (Spring '16)  
**Rat Rep:** Tom Webb



**CHAPEL RAT Student Residents:**

**Fall 2015**  
Tom Webb (Head Rat)  
Dan Killick + Michael Kostick + Patrick McFall + Abhijith Geo Philip

**What's Happening at St. Al's? (Christmas Break)**

Sunday	11:00 am	Mass + social
Wednesday	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Confession Mass
Friday	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Confession 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](mailto:richard.fitzpatrick@focus.org)  
**Learn the Faith** a new ministry in the making... help needed, contact Fr. Ben!

**SERVICE:**  
**New Student Outreach** Rachelle Wiegand, [rmweigan@mtu.edu](mailto:rmweigan@mtu.edu)  
**St. Al's Saturday Service (S.A.S.S.)** Nathan Dills, [nrdills@mtu.edu](mailto:nrdills@mtu.edu)  
**Master of the Solemn Brunch** Mike Theoret, [mttheo@mtu.edu](mailto:mttheo@mtu.edu)  
**Respect Life** volunteer needed  
**Youth Ministry Retreat Team** volunteer needed

**COMMUNITY:**  
**Intramural Sports** Michael Best, [mtbest@mtu.edu](mailto:mtbest@mtu.edu)  
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**To get involved, contact the leaders to get more information, or talk with Fr. Ben or Sister Ellen**