



St. Albert the Great University Parish

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Solemnity of the Epiphany
Jan. 3rd, 2016

Entrance Antiphon for the Epiphany of the Lord
 “Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.” cf. Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 29:12

Mass Readings

Mon. JAN. 4

St. Elizabeth
 Ann Seton,
 Religious
 1 Jn 3:22-4:6
 Mt 4:12-17,
 23-25

Tues. JAN. 5

St. John Neu-
 mann, Bishop
 1 Jn 4:7-10
 Mk 6:34-44

Weds. JAN. 6

1 Jn 4:11-18
 Mk 6:45-52

Thurs. JAN. 7

1 Jn 4:19-5:4
 Lk 4:14-22

Fri. JAN. 8

1 Jn 5:5-13
 Lk 5:12-16

Sat. JAN. 9

1 Jn 5:14-21
 Jn 3:22-30

Sun. JAN. 10

Baptism
 of the Lord
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7
 Acts 10:34-38
 Lk 3:15-16,
 21-22



Take Note of the Christmas Break schedule...

St. Al's 7 pm Sunday Mass will be suspended on Jan 3. It resumes next Sun., Jan 10..

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.

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

SLS16 STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

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!**



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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 Epiphany of the Lord

January 3rd, 2016

Sun.	Jan. 03	11 am	† John Olszewski	By Mark & Cathy Campbell-Olszewski On Behalf of St. Joseph's-Lake Linden By the Parish By Chris Bryan By the Parishes	Mass Intentions
Sun.	Jan. 03	7 pm	NO MASS		
Weds.	Jan. 06	5:30 pm	† Marie O'Rourke		
Fri.	Jan. 08	5:30 pm	For a Culture of Life		
Sun.	Jan. 10	11 am	In Honor of Jake & Samantha Burtch		
Sun.	Jan. 10	7 pm	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's		

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	5:30 pm Weds., Jan. 06		Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
	5:30 pm Fri., Jan 08		Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
	11 am Sun., Jan 10	Jack Dueweke Pat Roche	Help Needed	Chris Bryan Isidore Dorpenyo	Bob Hiltunen Helen Wuthrich
	7 pm Sun., Jan. 10	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed

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. 14th, 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.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 10 Baraga County Catholic Community Prayer Group will be hosting a Life in the Spirit

Seminar on **Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in L'Anse**. This eight-week seminar will teach us what living our lives in the Holy Spirit is all about and how it can truly change us.

Come and be set on fire by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT, and allow Him to stir into flame all the gifts he has bestowed upon us at our Baptism. Then we can go out into the world and make disciples of all the nations. In the words of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis "Expect to be surprised by God." He has created us for greatness. Let us receive his wonderful gifts so we can bring them out into the world and Renew the Face of the Earth! For more information regarding the seminar, contact Jacque Velmer at 524-5307.

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
Feb. 11, Fr. William	Feb. 12, Fr. Ben	Feb. 25, Fr. John

Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga



In January 1852, Fr. Baraga wished to visit a group of Native Americans, but to cover the vast distance he walked without stopping for twenty-four hours, day and night on snowshoes, with only a piece of bread in his pocket.

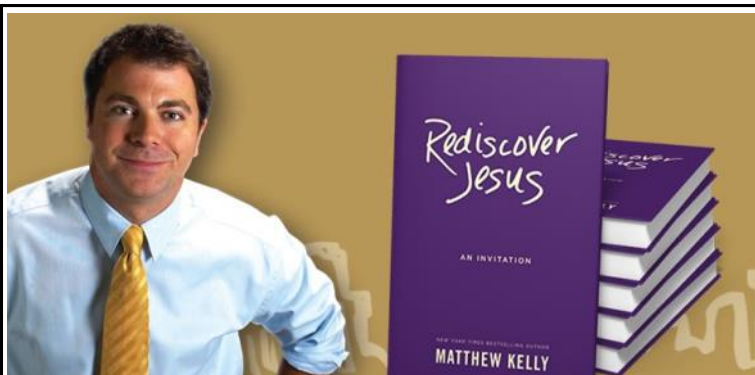
"Let's Eat!"

**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.



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!



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





As the three wise men came to the manger, the prophecy of Isaiah began to be fulfilled, "Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD." In some small way, WE are the further fulfillment of that promise, we who seek to follow Christ despite our pagan ancestry (most of us aren't Jewish!). God blessed the Israelites to bring His Revelation to ALL nations... and He continues to bless us so that we can share that blessing with everyone... no exception! We're all called to share, and in some mysterious way the Lord wants us to share with everyone we meet... our own family members, our friends and neighbors. We're not called to be pushy or harsh or manipulative or judgmental... but we are called to be generous with the grace God has generously given us!

I hope many of you have had a chance to begin reading and praying with Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Jesus*. I suspect you may find that there is little "new" information... but a powerful invitation to act on and live out what we know to be true! If you haven't taken a copy, take one now... and take one to share! This is one simple way to encourage a friend, to share God's grace with a relative!

Our Christmas season continues through this coming Sunday... and it's the gifts of the Magi, in part, that give rise to gift-giving at Christmastime! Can you give a gift today... a gift of prayer, a gift of time and affection, a gift of reconciliation? As we enter into the Jubilee Year of Mercy... is there someone the Lord's been prompting you to forgive? Someone who's been on your heart, to whom the Holy Spirit is inviting you to offer a palm branch of peace? Come Holy Spirit, during this Year of Mercy, and fill us with courage!

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!

I'm in Dallas this weekend with 23 folks from the U.P. and about 3,500 college students from around the U.S. at the FO-

CUS Student Leadership Summit. We'll begin the long bus ride back on Tuesday afternoon, arriving up here on Wednesday. Pray for safe travels and open hearts! I am once again grateful to both Fr. Corbin and Fr. Jeff Johnson who will be covering for me.

We're on our Christmas Break schedule for one more week: don't forget that **St. Al's 7 pm Mass is still suspended this Sunday, Jan 3 (It will resume next Sunday)**, our Adoration is suspended during the break, and the Weds. Mass is at 5:30 pm.

Let me take this opportunity to extend my deep gratitude for all the very kind cards and Christmas gifts I have received in recent weeks! Your kindness and encouragement fill me with hope and courage!

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 **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.

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 24 th & 29 th , 2015		Year to Date
Envelopes	\$5,350.00	\$23,895.64
Loose	\$199.00	\$10,352.86
Holy Day	\$985.95	\$1,199.95
Fuel	\$0.00	\$180.00
Total	\$6,534.95	\$35,628.45
Budgeted	\$1,048.08	\$27,250.08
Overage/ (shortfall)	+\$5,486.87	+\$8,378.37



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**

 **2015 - 2016 FOCUS Team**
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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

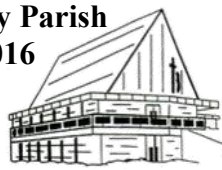
SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR BY CHURCH OFFICIALS OR VOLUNTEERS

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.

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Pastoral Council 2015/2016

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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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Master of the Solemn Brunch Mike Theoret, mttheo@mtu.edu
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