



# St. Albert the Great University Parish



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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Entrance Antiphon for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
“O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.” Psalm 95 (94):6-7

**Ash Wednesday**

St. Al's:  
12:15 pm & 9 pm  
St. Anne's: 7 am &  
5:30 pm

**Mass Readings**

**Mon. FEB. 8**

1 Kgs 8:1-7,  
9-13  
Mk 6:53-56

**Tues. FEB. 9**

1 Kgs 8:22-23,  
27-30  
Mk 7:1-13

**Weds. FEB. 10**

Ash Wednesday  
Jl 2:12-18  
2 Cor 5:20-6:2  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thurs. FEB. 11**

Dt 30:15-20  
Lk 9:22-25

**Fri. FEB. 12**

Is 58:1-9a  
Mt 9:14-15

**Sat. FEB. 13**

Is 58:9b-14  
Lk 5:27-32

**Sun. FEB. 14**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Dt 26:4-10  
Rom 10:8-13  
Lk 4:1-13



**WINTER CARNIVAL FUN & VICTORY!**



**Eucharistic Adoration**

Solemn Exposition &

Benediction:

Tues., 7:30 - 9 pm

Simple Exposition

Mon. - Fri., 7:45 - 8:45 am

**Come pray with us before our Eucharistic Lord!**



**!!!Support our St. Al's Broomball Teams!!!**

Games, Week of Sunday, Jan. 31(as originally scheduled)

**Omnia Possum (Women's)** Black: Sun.(7<sup>th</sup>)-2pm, Thurs.-9pm, Sun.(14<sup>th</sup>)-12:30pm

**Deo Volente (McNair)** Gold: Thurs.-6pm, Sun.(14<sup>th</sup>)-10:15am

**Stat Crux (McNair)** Gold: Tues.-5:15pm, Sat.-2pm

**Non Nisi Te Domine (O-C)** Silver: Tues.-6pm, Sat.-3:30pm; Black: Sun.(14<sup>th</sup>)-9pm

**In Hoc Signo Vincas (O-C)** Silver: Sun.(7<sup>th</sup>)-7:30pm, Fri.-9pm

**Dies Irae (O-C)** Silver: Weds.-9pm, Sun.(14<sup>th</sup>)-8am

Omnia Possum 0-6-0 (I can do All Things)

Deo Volente 5-1-0 (God Willing)

Stat Crux 2-4-0 (the Cross stands Firm)

Non Nisi Te Domine 0-5-0 (Nothing but You O Lord)

In Hoc Signo Vincas 0-5-1 (In this Sign you will Conquer)

Dies Irae 3-1-1 (the Day of Wrath)

**Records as of Sat. noon, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**

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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, Wednesday 8:00 pm & 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

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

|       |         |          |  |                         |                 |
|-------|---------|----------|--|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Sun.  | Feb. 07 | 11 am    | † Mary McGrath                                   | By Helen Wachuta        | Mass Intentions |
| Sun.  | Feb. 07 | 7 pm     | For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's          | By the Parishes         |                 |
| Weds. | Feb. 10 | 12:15 pm | Liturgy of the Word w/ Distribution of Ashes     |                         |                 |
| Weds. | Feb. 10 | 9 pm     | For the Healing of Wounds & Division in Families | By the Parish           |                 |
| Fri.  | Feb. 12 | 5:30 pm  | † Carol Lavelle                                  | By Bill & Sue Hasse     |                 |
| Sun.  | Feb. 14 | 11 am    | † Joyce Bonen                                    | By André Bonen & Family |                 |
| Sun.  | Feb. 14 | 7 pm     | For the Intentions of Our St. Al's Benefactors   | By the Parish           |                 |

| Liturgical Ministers | Mass                    | Usher                              | Altar Server                   | Lector                         | EMHC   |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
|                      | 12:15 pm Weds., Feb. 10 | Help needed                        | Help needed                    | Help needed                    | Help needed  |
|                      | 9:00 pm Weds., Feb. 10  | Help needed                        | Help needed                    | Help needed                    | Help needed  |
|                      | 5:30 pm Fri., Feb. 12   |                                    | Help needed                    | Help needed                    | Help needed  |
|                      | 11 am Sun., Feb. 14     | Akwasi Duah-Gyamfi<br>Michael Hart | R. Gil-Figueroa<br>Help needed | Nathan Dills<br>Leopold Eckert | A. Bonen/C. Bryan/R. Wiegand<br>H. Wuthrich/ help needed |
|                      | 7 pm Sun., Feb. 14      | D. Kulas / Help needed             | A. Zackal                      | M. Wachuta                     | Help Needed  |

## PARISH EVENTS

**Spring Break Mission Trips** TWO spring Break opportunities to serve: St. Martin de Porres House of Hope in Chicago & Bay Cliff Health Camp near Marquette. Make plans to give of yourself during the upcoming spring break. Leave on Sun., March 6 & return on Fri., March 11. Talk to Sr. Ellen or Fr. Ben ASAP if you're interested, or sign up in the office!

**New Study Group Starting:** Catholicism Project (By Bishop Robert Barron) on Wednesdays 4-6 pm by the fireplace! Learn more about the mysteries of the Catholic Faith! Workbook cost \$10.00. Email Fr. Ben benjhasse@yahoo.com to join.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Night to Benefit the Steubenville Youth Pilgrimage** - Sat., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, at Church of the Resurrection in Hancock. Serving from 3-7 pm. Tickets on sale now in the Parish Office, Bruno's Motors or any Steubenville Youth Member. Adults - \$15, Ages 6-13 - \$8, 5 & under - Free.

**Squires Beef Stew Dinner** - Sun., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:30 pm. Tickets available from all Squires, \$10 for ages 13 & up. Dinner will consist of beef stew, salad, rolls, desert and refreshments. Proceeds from the fundraiser benefit Squires' activities and also a portion will go toward their convention in June.

**International Day Of Prayer And Awareness Against Human Trafficking** On February 8, Please join Catholics all over the world to host or attend prayer services to create greater awareness about this phenomenon. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity, but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors. February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000. Become a Shepherd Today <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/become-a-shepherd-tool-kit.cfm>

**Christian Women's Brunch** - Thurs., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 am at Zion Lutheran Church-Hancock. Speaker: Emily Seppala Kastamo. Topic is "Falling in Love with China". Call 482-3426 for Reservations. Donation: \$8. All women are welcome.

**3-Day Lenten Parish Mission** - Feb. 14-16<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart



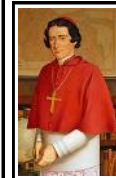
**Friday Night Fireside Fellowship:**  
Our Regular Weekly Hotspot for Fellowship, Prayer, Fun, & Learning!

FNFF starts about 7 pm, unless otherwise announced.  
(Preceded by 4:30 pm Confessions & 5:30 pm Mass)

- Feb. 12 **Spring Retreat: The Roots of Discipleship** - Join the other UP campuses for a weekend of prayer, fellowship, and learning @ Marygrove Retreat Center
- Feb. 19 **Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity** - topic TBA
- Feb. 26 **Christian Division, & the Call to Unity** - come learn about how we got divided, and the Lord's call back into full unity!

## Local Nursing Home Mass Schedule

| Ho. Cty. Med. Care<br>Thurs., 2 pm | Cypress Manor<br>Fri., 10:30 am | Portage Pointe<br>Thurs., 11:00 am |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Feb. 11, Fr. William               | Feb. 12, Fr. Ben                | Feb. 25, Fr. John                  |



## Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

"I am ashamed now to be the successor of so saintly a Bishop, the people, even the Protestants, have such veneration for him, as I never knew before."  
Bishop Ignatius Mrak (Consecrated Feb. 7, 1869)

Church-L'Anse. Each evening from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. (Reception to follow each evening.) Speaker: Greg Furmanski. Come and share in this exciting 3-day Mission consisting of talks, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. See you there!

## St. Ignatius of Loyola & Holy Family Parishes Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy-Lent 2016 - The Gospel of Luke

**Good News of Mercy** - Led by Father Corbin Eddy. From 6:30-8 pm in Msgr. Rezek Hall-St. Ignatius. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>: What does the Bible mean by mercy? Luke's way of sharing this good news. Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>: Parables and narratives found only in Luke. Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>: The Passion of Jesus according to Luke.



I'm including this image of our Gospel this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time because I don't want you to forget that moment: Jesus has preached, He has given Peter instructions to cast out his nets, and they are now full, almost to the point of sinking the fishing boats. We're told, "When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, 'Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.' For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him..." **Just imagine if Jesus had said, "OK, Peter, see you later," and then had walked away.** The whole course of salvation history might look different, and Peter's life would CERTAINLY have looked very different.

**Praise God, Jesus wasn't the least bit daunted by Peter's frailty.** Indeed that very impetuosity and frailty were somehow part of Jesus' plan! Despite Peter's protestations, Jesus calls him. **My friends, we're in the same boat! ;)**

I've been finding *Rediscover Jesus* VERY fruitful these past weeks. One of the last chapters is titled "The Biggest Lie," and the author describes one lie as "having a diabolical impact on the lives of modern Christians." What is this lie? You might be surprised: **"This is the lie: Holiness is not possible. The great majority of modern Christians don't actually believe that holiness is possible....We don't actually believe that holiness is possible for us."** I think he's right on target there... while we might acknowledge and admire the saints and sanctity, we don't live as if it's a daily possibility for us personally... yet it is! Holiness doesn't come from our admittedly precarious strength... it comes from God!

**Lent begins this week,** and the Lord God invites us to enter into this holy season so that He can work on our bodies, minds, and hearts. I'll have more to say in the weeks ahead, and I'll make the invitation more concrete... **but for now, plan to participate in Ash Wednesday Mass, and ask God how He wants you to pray, fast, and give alms! Ash Wednesday Mass & Service times are on the front of this bulletin.**

Before the fast begins, we have some fun planned: **THIS Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm, our Knights and Altar Society will be hosting our Parish Mardi Gras celebration!** There will be food and games, please come join us for a feast before Lent begins! And, on Fat Tuesday itself, we'll have a bunch of *paczki* (Polish Fat Tuesday jelly donuts) at the parish office.

On Ash Wednesday, the whole collection will be for the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.** On Sunday we'll have a special collection for our **Diocesan Catholic Schools!** Both of these are great ways to begin your Lenten almsgiving!

Next Sunday we'll have all the details of our Lenten calendar in the bulletin. Fr. Corbin will also be here with you, as I'll be at the **Spring Campus Ministry Retreat** at Marygrove Retreat Center. The following Monday (Feb 15) I will be leaving for an 8-day silent directed retreat. I praise God for this much needed time of repose and prayer... please pray for all of that!

We had SOME KIND of Winter Carnival! **A TRIPLE FIRST PLACE:** All-Nighter, Special Events-Class C and Overall-Class C!!! So many people were generously involved!

Thank you to our Pastoral Council who planned so much of our campaign, everyone who was involved, and everyone who brought food for the All-Nighter! We had an amazing turnout for the Ice Mass on Friday, over 140 people. **We'll be celebrating Mass in the Ice Chapel again on Monday at 8 pm!** It is beautiful by candlelight, plan to join us!

This Wednesday we'll also be starting a 4-6 pm study Group using **Bishop Barron's Catholicism Project.** Join us!

It is a joy to serve you as your pastor! **Please keep seeking the Lord's grace in the basics:** daily prayer, Sunday Mass, regular confession. He has the power to transform our lives and hearts, and our whole hurting world! *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 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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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**  
Feb. 10 (Ash Weds.) - Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa  
Feb. 14 (1st Sunday of Lent) - Diocesan Catholic Schools

|                      | January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2016 | Year to Date       |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes            | \$440.00                        | \$27,121.64        |
| Loose                | \$277.47                        | \$12,042.25        |
| Holy Day             | \$0.00                          | \$1,222.95         |
| Fuel                 | \$0.00                          | \$260.00           |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$717.47</b>                 | <b>\$40,646.84</b> |
| Budgeted             | \$1,144.23                      | \$35,471.13        |
| Overage/ (shortfall) | -\$426.76                       | +\$5,175.71*       |

\*Please note: we are very grateful to a generous parishioner who made a Christmas offering of \$5,000.00. THANK YOU! - Fr. Ben  
Special Collections: Syriac - \$50 & Black & Native American - \$46

 **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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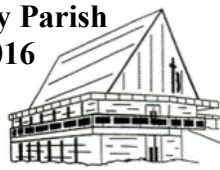
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**St. Albert the Great University Parish  
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**Rat Rep:** Tom Webb



**CHAPEL RAT Student Residents:**

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

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

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

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

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

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