



# St. Albert the Great University Parish



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**Fourth Sunday  
of Easter  
April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**



## Entrance Antiphon for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

“The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.”  
cf. Psalm 33 (32):5-6

## Mass Readings

**Monday  
APRIL 18**

Acts 11:1-18  
Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday  
APRIL 19**

Acts 11:19-26  
Jn 10:22-30

**Weds. APRIL 20**

Acts 12:24-13:5a  
Jn 12:44-50

**Thurs.  
APRIL 21**

Acts 13:13-25  
Jn 13:16-20

**Fri. APRIL 22**

Acts 13:26-33  
Jn 14:1-6

**Sat. APRIL 23**

Acts 13:44-52  
Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday  
APRIL 24**

Fifth Sunday of  
Easter  
Acts 14:21-27  
Rv 21:1-5a  
Jn 13:31-33a,  
34-35



## Senior Walk Hot Dog Stand

This coming Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be helping run the Cooperative Campus Ministry Hot Dog Stand at the corner of the Portage Lift Bridge. **Please sign up after Mass to help.** Set-up @ 4:30 pm (**Friday Mass on April 22<sup>nd</sup> will be at 12:15 pm due to event.**)

## Spring Camping Trip!



Are you going to be in town for a few days after finals? Sunday afternoon, May 1 - Tuesday afternoon May 3 we'll be going camping in the Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness Area, SW of Baraga. Plan to join us!

## St. Albert the Great Scholarship Results

**Bizjak-Baraga, \$1000:** Isaac Hermann & Abby Steinbrecher  
**Crowley, \$1000:** Patrick McFall & Ben Metzger  
**Mullins, \$1000:** Alec Clark  
**East, \$1000:** Daniel LaCroix

My thanks to our Scholarship Committee, to all our applicants, and to the generous donors who have made these scholarships possible! If you weren't selected, plan to apply next year!

## St. Al's Pastoral Council for 2016/2017

**Michael Best**

**Daniel LaCroix**

**Abby Steinbrecher**

**Aaron Crapsey\***

**Jill Poliskey**

**Devon Van Order\***

Congratulations to our **4 newly-elected members!**

My thanks to our current council members, to all our nominees, and to all who voted! This is a great team for our coming year!

(\*continuing 2 year terms from last year)

## 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!**

## Good Shepherd Sunday Collection

This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Marquette are holding a Good Shepherd Sunday special collection to support our priests' retirement fund, called the St. Joseph Association. This collection directly benefits priests of the Diocese of Marquette and is completely separate from the annual December collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which supports retired clergy and sisters of religious orders across America.

**Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best help support our own priests' retirement and return your envelope in the collection or drop it off at the parish.**



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**Mass Times: Sun. 11 am & 7 pm / Weds. 9 pm/ Fri. 5:30-12:15 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

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Sun.	Apr. 17	11 am	† Elsie Gitzen	By Helen Wuthrich	<b>Mass Intentions</b>
Sun.	Apr. 17	7 pm	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	
Weds.	Apr. 20	9 pm	† Marie O'Rourke	On Behalf of St. Joseph's-Lake Linden	
Fri.	Apr. 22	12:15 pm	† Maxine Kollar	On Behalf of St. Joseph's-Lake Linden	
Sun.	Apr. 24	11 am	† Ben & Aldona Martin	By Mary & Wayne Skripka	
Sun.	Apr. 24	7 pm	For the Intentions of the Clergy of the Diocese	By the Parish	

<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	9 pm Weds., Apr. 20		R. Gil-Figueroa	A. Steinbrecher	Help needed
	12:15 pm Fri., Apr. 22		M. Best	M. Howard	Help needed
	11 am Sun., Apr. 24	A. Dani, C. Van Camp	M. Best, R. Gil Figueroa, J. Hallfrisch	J. Spaight N. Feliksa	Metzger, Killick, Wiegand, Kostick, LaCroix
	7 pm Sun., Apr. 24	A. Brown, N. Fisher	S. Marek, A. Zackal	B. Martel M. Wachuta	C. Joseph M. Rausch

## PARISH EVENTS

**Catholicism Project Study Group** Weds. 4-6 pm by the fireplace! Learn more about the mysteries of the Catholic Faith! Workbook cost \$10.00. Come and join us any Weds!

**Spring Camping Trip:** Put it on your calendar: we'll be going camping from Sunday afternoon after finals to Tuesday afternoon, May 1-3!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Christian Women's Guest Night Dinner** - At Zion Lutheran Church in Hancock, on Thurs., April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6 pm. Guest speaker Jan Tucker, Long-Time Radio Personality "Sharing Time with the Copper Country". Special Music: Yvonne Blake. For reservations call 482-3426. Donation: \$12.

**Melodies from Times of War** - Thurs., May 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, Calumet Theatre. Noteworthy presents a night of music to honor our veterans. No admission - Free will offering will be taken to benefit the Forgotten Eagles Veterans Group.

## Upcoming Marygrove Retreats

**Mary, Queen of Heaven Retreat:** Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>. Join people of faith for 3 days of prayer & reflection in honor of our Blessed Mother. This year, the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady at Fatima, our Marian Retreat will focus on Mary's presence in our lives of prayer. We will examine the many facets of the Mary's care for us, as we explore the Scripture stories & Church Teachings celebrating Mary's special role in God's plan for our salvation. This retreat is for both men and women, \$120 per person, \$200 per married couple.

**Serenity Retreat: For Those Touched by Alcoholism or Addiction:** May 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. This 12-Step Retreat is for men & women who are in recovery for alcoholism/addiction or who are close to someone who struggles with alcohol abuse or addiction. Members of AA and Al Anon are invited to participate in this retreat, recognizing that God can grant the serenity one needs to face the hardships of life. The cost of this retreat is yet to be determined. (Guest Director from Serenity International)

**Senior Citizens Retreat:** May 10-12 This retreat emphasizes the value of age & wisdom, often not appreciated in society today and will touch issues & concerns unique to those in the "gifted years." It begins with supper at 5 pm, Tues., & is open to both singles & couples. \$90/single, \$160/married couple. (Director TBD). For more: email mgcbox38@centurylink.net.



## 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)

- April 22 **Coop. Camp. Min. Senior Walk Hot Dog Stand**
- April 29 **Volleyball & Campfire**, weather permitting!!
- May 1-3 **FNFF Bonus - Camping Trip!** Leave after Sunday 11 am Mass, return Tues. afternoon. We will likely go to the Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness!



## Save the Date: Totus Tuus is coming again in June!

This year it's being **hosted at St. Al's on June 19-24<sup>th</sup>** in collaboration with other local parishes! The 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade program runs Sunday evening - Thursday evening, and the K-6<sup>th</sup> grade program runs Monday - Friday from 9 am to 2:30 pm.

**Registration materials will be available soon:** plan for your children and grandchildren to be involved in this dynamic summer program led by a team of 4 young adult missionaries!

## "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 this Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.**  
The sponsor is **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.**



This **4th Sunday of Easter** is called by the nickname “Good Shepherd Sunday” because the Gospel speaks of this theme in all three years of the Sunday lectionary cycle. **One of the principal ways that Jesus shepherds and guides us is through the living Word of God, especially as the Scriptures are proclaimed in the liturgy.** Every Sunday at Mass, we experience something that has been part of the Christian life from the very beginning: “Paul and

Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God.” **What a beautiful goal for me as your pastor (shepherd), that in every homily I would “speak to you and urge you to remain faithful to the grace of God,” just like St. Paul!**

Last weekend **Anna Dijkstra** was confirmed by **Bishop John** at St. Peter Cathedral on Sunday afternoon with over 80 others from around the diocese. Her confirmation saint is St. Agnes, and Dustin Larson was her sponsor! Please congratulate Anna & her family when you get a chance!



**Please be generous this coming Sunday as we take up the collection for our Priest Retirement Fund in the diocese.** As with the Retirement Fund for Religious, our generosity here honors the past service of our retired priests.

We’ll be hosting our **Totus Tuus summer program** again in collaboration with other local parishes, and this year St. Al’s is going to host it! Please put the dates in your calendar, and plan to have your children and grandchildren attend! It will start on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> for the 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders, and on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> for the K-6<sup>th</sup> graders!

In recent weeks **I have set back in motion a project that has been pending for a couple years:** the replacement of our pews and carpeting in St. Al’s church. Watch for more details to come, but I think I have a concrete plan taking shape! I welcome your thoughts and input, so let me know what you think!

We also have our **end of the year Camping Trip** coming up on the Sunday - Tuesday after finals, May 1-3<sup>rd</sup>! I think we’ll probably head back to the beautiful Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness Area, but we’re still working on all the details! There’s a Facebook event up, but we’ll do sign-ups after Mass as well.

As graduation is fast approaching, a reminder to **all our graduating students** that we’ll be recognizing you at Mass next Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. We are proud of you and happy for you, but sad to see you leaving us!

This coming Friday we’ll be helping out with **Cooperative Campus Ministry’s Hot Dog Stand...** we’ll be on the corner

by the bridge grilling hot dogs and handing them out to participants in the “Senior Walk.” We always need plenty of hands to provide hospitality and hopefully slow down the pace of drinking a little.

Congratulations to all those who were awarded **one of St. Al’s Scholarships**, listed on the front of the bulletin, and congratulations also to **our new Pastoral Council members**. I am daily filled with joy and courage by the example of so many student leaders here at St. Al’s!

*God Bless, Fr. Ben*



**Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga**

Baraga lived by his motto, “One this is necessary”. This provides the key into his lifestyle of virtue and holiness, do everything for the love of God.

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.**

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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**

Apr. 17 - Marquette Diocesan Priests’ Retirement


	April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$733.85	\$35,824.64
Loose	\$429.25	\$16,092.55
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$1,222.95
Fuel	\$0.00	\$380.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,163.10</b>	<b>\$53,520.14</b>
Budgeted	\$1,144.23	\$46,913.43
Overage/ (shortfall)	+\$18.87	+\$6,606.71

Marquette Diocesan Priest’s Retirement - \$10



**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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Pastoral Council 2015/2016**



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**FOCUS Rep:** Richard Fitzpatrick  
**Faculty Adviser:** Dr. Martin Thompson  
**Year Round Parishioner:** Jack Dueweke

Aaron Crapsey  
Michael Best (Spring '16)  
**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 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Mass + social RCIA/Fireplace Area Mass + social
Monday	7:45 am 11:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Night Prayer, Room 374 DHH
Tuesday	7:45 am 7:30 pm 8:55 pm 11:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Eucharistic Holy Hour, Solemn Exposition (Praise & Worship Music, Confession during Adoration) Solemn Benediction Night Prayer, Room 374 DHH
Wednesday	7:45 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm 9:00 pm 11:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Knitting and Crocheting w/ Sr. Ellen Confession Mass Night Prayer, Room 374 DHH
Thursday	7:45 am 9:00 pm 11:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Rosary, Wadsworth Lobby Night Prayer, Room 374 DHH
Friday	7:45 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Confession Mass, followed by dinner <b>Fireside: Senior Walk Hot Dog Stand</b>
Saturday		At St. Anne's in Chassell: 4:30 pm Confessions & 5:30 pm Mass

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

**MASS MINISTRIES:**  
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**STUDY:**  
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**Master of the Solemn Brunch** Mike Theoret, [mttheoret@mtu.edu](mailto:mttheoret@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**

**WE ARE THE PRO-LIFE GENERATION**

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