



# St. Albert the Great University Parish



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**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Entrance Antiphon for the Second Sunday of Advent**  
O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.  
cf. Isaiah 30:19, 30

## Mass Readings

**Mon. Dec. 5**

Is 35:1-10  
Lk 5:17-26

**Tues. Dec. 6**

Is 40:1-11  
Mt 18:12-14

**Weds. Dec. 7**

St. Ambrose,  
Bishop & Doctor  
of the Church  
Is 40:25-31  
Mt 11:28-30

**Thurs. Dec. 8**

The Immaculate  
Conception of  
the Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
Gn 3:9-15, 20

Eph 1:3-6,  
11-12

Lk 1:26-38

**Fri. Dec. 9**

Is 48:17-19  
Mt 11:16-19

**Sat. Dec. 10**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sun. Dec. 11**

Third Sunday  
of Advent  
Is 35:1-6a, 10  
Jas 5:7-10  
Mt 11:2-11

## Fireside: The Big Bang & The Catholic Church

Did you know the Big Bang Theory originated with a Catholic priest, Fr. Georges Lemaitre?!?!  
We'll begin with a DVD from Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D., a specialist in the philosophy of science and metaphysics! We'll continue with discussion!

**This Friday at Fireside:**

4:30 pm Confessions, 5:30 pm Mass, dinner, then the program starting about 7 pm!



## Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe!

On **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**,

join in our annual celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe! **Mass in Spanish** at 6 pm, followed by a potluck meal and...

a piñata!

## Spring Break Mission Trips!!!

Now's the time to sign up for one of St. Al's Spring Break Mission Trips! Use your spring break for service and adventure! One trip goes to Bay Cliff Health Camp near Marquette, the other to St. Martin de Porres House of Hope in Chicago, IL. Both trips leave on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and return on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>!

Contact Fr. Ben: [benjhasse@yahoo.com](mailto:benjhasse@yahoo.com)

## Holy Day of Obligation: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Patroness of the Unites States of America!**

Don't miss Mass on this important and joyful holy day!

- 5:30 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Anne's
- 9 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Al's
- 9 am on Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Anne's
- 12:15 pm on Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Al's
- 7:00 pm on Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Al's

Interested in applying for **St. Al's Chapel Rat program** for this summer (2017) or the coming school year (2017-2018)?

Email Fr. Ben: [benjhasse@yahoo.com](mailto:benjhasse@yahoo.com)



## Eucharistic Adoration

Solemn Exposition & Benediction:

Tues., 7:30 - 9 pm

Simple Exposition

8-9 am, Monday - Friday

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

**Pastor:** Fr. Ben Hasse + 906-482-5530 + cell (906)290-2434 + [benjhasse@yahoo.com](mailto:benjhasse@yahoo.com) + blog: [snowshoetracks.blogspot.com](http://snowshoetracks.blogspot.com)

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

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

**Parish Secretary & Bookkeeper:** Barbara Wakeham (906)482-5530 [stalbert@stal-mtu.com](mailto:stalbert@stal-mtu.com) **Office Hours:** Tues - Fri, 9a - 4p

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

**Confessions:** Tuesday 8:00 pm, Wednesday 8 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

Sun.	Dec. 04	11 am	† Betty Maze	By Chris Bryan	Mass Intentions
Sun.	Dec. 04	7 pm	For the Healing of Susie Jarosch-Miller	By Jim & Ann Ollis	
Weds.	Dec. 07	9 pm	† Robert Tomlinson	By André Bonen & Family	
Thurs.	Dec. 08	12:15 pm	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	
Thurs.	Dec. 08	7 pm	For the Spiritual Renewal of Our Country	By the Parish	
Fri.	Dec. 09	5:30 pm	For the Intentions of Our St. Al's Benefactors	By the Parish	
Sun.	Dec. 11	11 am	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	
Sun.	Dec. 11	7 pm	† Patricia & Clifford Wachuta	By Mary Wachuta	

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	9 pm Wed., Dec. 07				M. Best, M. Howard
	12:15pm Thurs., Dec. 08		Help needed	Help needed	Help needed
	7 pm Thurs., Dec. 08		Help needed	Help needed	Help needed
	5:30 pm Fri., Dec. 09		H. Sweidan	B. Burtka	P. Wyman, C. Morrall
	11 am Sun., Dec. 11	K. Buchalski, A. Dani M. Thomas	B. Anithottam, J. Edasseril, M. Best	B. Gregory R. Phipps	M. Miko, J. Bonar, J. Loew, D. LaCroix, A. Krusiec
	7 pm Sun., Dec. 11	J. Flynn, T. Ciarelli	S. Marek P. Hoch	D. VanOrder, A. Sutherland	D. Kulas, I. Hermann

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**Holy Day of Obligation** This coming Thursday, Dec. 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation! Mass schedule on the front of the bulletin.

**Bp. Barron's The Pivotal Players:** A study group on **Mondays**, 9:30 - 11 pm by the Fireplace. Each week we'll look at one key player in the life of the Catholic Church... the great saints of our tradition!

**SEEK 2017 FOCUS'** nat'l conference is in San Antonio, TX! Jan 2-8 (including travel) Register at seek2017.com **Deadline Dec. 1, register THIS week while you still can!!!**

**Spanish Mass:** Come celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe! Mass in Spanish at 6 pm on Monday, Dec. 12th, followed by a dinner & piñata!

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Advent Lessons & Carols** 7 pm, Tues., Dec. 6, St. Joe's, Lake Linden. Service is connected to & derived from the Masses of the Ember Days of Advent & their numerous lessons recording the need for and promise of salvation from God. It includes readers & pastors from a variety of parishes & congregations, and is composed of 9 lessons, Advent carols, anthems, & organ literature. Light refreshments served following.

**Old-Fashioned Christmas in Chassell** - Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. See posted Schedule for a list of events.

**Christian Women's Brunch** - Thurs., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 am at Zion Lutheran Church-Hancock. Speaker: Barb Worrall "My Favorite Road Sign" (with a Christmas gift suggestion). Caroling & a gift for each woman. Donation: \$8.

**Upcoming Marygrove Retreats**

**ADVENT IS NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING:**

Dec. 17-18<sup>th</sup> (Saturday afternoon to Sunday lunch) For Men and Women. Have you ever felt like your celebration of Christmas was a big, spiritual flop? This year, get ready to celebrate Christ's birth by spending an overnight at Marygrove. Look at how the Church's liturgy prepares you during Advent for a real celebration of the Lord's coming that will lift your soul. Before the Christmas celebration gets underway, take two days to rest and pray at Marygrove. (Director: Fr. Tim Ferguson) The fee is \$90 per person or \$165 for a married couple. **Please go online at [www.marygrove.org](http://www.marygrove.org) or call Marygrove at 906-644-2771 to receive an application.**

**Friday Night**

**Fireside Fellowship:**

4:30 pm Conf., 5:30 pm Mass, FNFF follows!

Dec. 9 **Big Bang & the Catholic Church**

Dec. 16 **End of Finals Week: Movie Night**



**Christmas Liturgy Schedule**

**Christmas Eve: 4 pm** Mass, St. Al's, Houghton  
**(Sat. 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  
**(Sun., Dec. 25) 11 am** Mass, Portage Pointe Facility  
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Dec. 31, Jan 1):**  
 Normal Weekend Mass Schedule

**Vicariate Advent Penance Services**

Mon., Dec. 5	St. Ignatius Loyola - Houghton	6:00 pm
Sun., Dec. 11	St. Albert the Great - Houghton	2:00 pm
Weds., Dec. 14	Resurrection Church - Hancock	6:00 pm
Mon., Dec. 19	St. Anne's - Chassell	6:00 pm
Weds., Dec. 21	Sacred Heart - L'Anse	6:00 pm



**Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga**

"The ice was thin and soon the travelers, horses and sleigh were in an impromptu cold bath, not at all desirable; by great exertion the whole party was saved, Bishop Baraga and his companions having an additional covering in a coat of ice."  
 Detroit Catholic Vindicator, 1856



Our Parish just got gifted a year of access to **Formed.org** by a generous alumnus! It's basically a Catholic Netflix!

**Just go to the website & set an account using our parish code: ZMH2NM**  
**Learn MORE about the Catholic Faith!**



“A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” These words of the Prophet Isaiah are applied by Matthew to John the Baptist in our Gospel passage on this **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**. Making paths straight is no small task, and John the Baptist is fierce in the way he calls the Jewish people to conversion, especially their leaders. Advent is a time to allow the Lord to straighten out our paths, and there’s no reason to expect that will be easy or comfortable!

**Our first goal** this Advent should not be cards, gifts, or decorations (good but secondary), but rather spiritual **preparation!** I know: that’s a tall order in this busy and heavily secularized season, but it is what Advent is for. Don’t waste it!

**No better preparation for Christmas exists than to make a good confession!** We have FIVE penance services left, all around the vicariate, not to mention confession times every week as well! Awaken your heart and make room for the Lord by jettisoning your sins! Especially if it’s been a long time, even decades, don’t stay away from the Lord’s mercy!

Please plan to join us for the Vicariate celebration of **Advent Lessons and Carols** at St. Joe’s in Lake Linden this Tuesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

This week we will be honoring our Blessed Mother! She is the patroness of the U.S., and so we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary!**

This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, and there will be 5 Masses:

- 5:30 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Anne’s
- 9 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Al’s
- 9 am on Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Anne’s
- 12:15 pm on Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Al’s
- 7:00 pm on Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Al’s

A week from this Monday, **on Dec. 12**, we’ll have another Marian celebration, the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a 6 pm Mass in Spanish**, followed by a potluck. Please plan to join us, bring a dish to share!

I hope you enjoyed the Missions Fiesta on Friday! We’re beginning to take sign-ups for our **Spring Break Missions Trips** right now... contact me to sign up! [benjhasse@yahoo.com](mailto:benjhasse@yahoo.com)

This Friday, we’ll be looking at **The Big Bang & the Catholic Church**, a program on faith and science featuring discussion and a DVD by Fr. Robert Spitzer!

There are **three great upcoming opportunities for service**, see the next column, or contact Alexis Dani to get involved, [amdani@mtu.edu](mailto:amdani@mtu.edu). If you’re not a student, and would like to get involved with the **CHRISTmas party this Thursday**, contact Dennis & Micki Sliva, [headmonk22@gmail.com](mailto:headmonk22@gmail.com)

I am grateful to Fr. Corbin for covering for me this week-end while I lead the **Wise Men’s Retreat at Marygrove**. Please pray for me and all the men who come to the retreat, that

the Holy Spirit may work powerfully in our midst!

**Parish calendars, prayer books, offering envelopes:** all are available out in the side entrance, please pick them up!

*God Bless, Fr. Ben*

### St. Al’s Service (S.A.S.S.)

#### Community Service Opportunities

Please consider joining in fellowship with other St. Al’s parishioners to help others in our community.



#### Upcoming Events:

+ **St. Al’s CHRISTmas party, Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:40 pm - 6:30 pm.** This is celebration held for needy families in the area with children under the age of 12. We provide dinner and entertainment for the event. Our main responsibilities as volunteers will include welcoming the families, entertaining the children with games, &/or serving food. Christmas hats and sweaters are welcomed and encouraged! Contact Alexis to sign up! [amdani@mtu.edu](mailto:amdani@mtu.edu)

+ **Little Brothers needs help delivering Christmas boxes** of food after 12/4. Contact [jbeck.hou@littlebrothers.org](mailto:jbeck.hou@littlebrothers.org) (Julie Beck) directly to help deliver those!

+ **Study Break: Play Christmas bingo at the Bluffs** on Sat., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: 1:40—4 pm. Contact Alexis Dani, [amdani@mtu.edu](mailto:amdani@mtu.edu)

#### 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. 15, Fr. John	Dec. 09, Fr. Ben	Dec. 22, Fr. William

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.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS


Upcoming National/Diocesan Collection:  
National Retirement Fund for Religious - Dec. 11

	November 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$470.00	\$19,253.39
Loose	\$307.75	\$18,192.29
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$196.50
Fuel	\$0.00	\$314.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$777.75</b>	<b>\$37,956.18</b>
*Budgeted	\$1,532.70	\$33,719.40
Overage/ (shortfall)	-\$754.95	+\$4,236.78




**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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**St. Albert the Great University Parish  
Pastoral Council 2016/2017**



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**Year Round Parishioner:** Jack Dueweke

Daniel LaCroix (& Rat. Rep.)  
**Grad. Rep:** Teresa Wilson



**CHAPEL RAT Student Residents:**

**Fall 2016: Head Rat:** Daniel LaCroix  
Peter Hoch + Rudy Hoover + Sam Marek  
Patrick McFall + Phillip Wyman

**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	8:00 am 9:30 pm 10:30 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Pivotal Players Study Group: Fireplace Night Prayer, Room 206 DHH
Tuesday	8:00 am 8:00 pm 8:55 pm 10:30 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Eucharistic Holy Hour, Solemn Exposition (Praise & Worship Music, Confession during Adoration, <b>Prayer Team Ministry available as well</b> ) Solemn Benediction Night Prayer, Room 206 DHH
Wednesday	8:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm 9:00 pm 10:30 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Knitting and Crocheting w/ Sr. Ellen Confession Mass Night Prayer, Room 206 DHH
Thursday	8:00 am 10:00 pm 10:30 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Volleyball, SDC Court 1, til midnight Night Prayer, Room 206 DHH
Friday	8:00 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Confessions Mass <b>followed by Dinner</b> <b>Fireside: Missions Fiesta</b>
Saturday	@St. Anne's, Chassell: 4:30p Conf. & 5:30p Mass	

**2016-17 Ministry Leaders**

**MASS MINISTRIES:**

**Altar Server** Husam Sweidan, [hisweida@mtu.edu](mailto:hisweida@mtu.edu)  
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7 pm Choir: help needed  
Head Cantor: Chris Schwartz, [ceschwar@mtu.edu](mailto:ceschwar@mtu.edu)  
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**PRAYER MINISTRIES:**

**Night Prayer** Alec Clark, [alecc@mtu.edu](mailto:alecc@mtu.edu)  
**Rosary** Alec Clark, [alecc@mtu.edu](mailto:alecc@mtu.edu)  
**Praise and Worship** Cristina Reyes, Melanie Howard, Annika Corrazol  
**Prayer Team** Colleen Morrall [colleen.morrall@focus.org](mailto:colleen.morrall@focus.org)

**STUDY:**

**Apologetics** volunteer needed  
**FOCUS Bible Studies** Colleen Morrall, Team Director  
[colleen.morrall@focus.org](mailto:colleen.morrall@focus.org)  
**Learn the Faith** Devon Van Order, [djvanord@mtu.edu](mailto:djvanord@mtu.edu)


**SERVICE:**

**New Student Outreach** Rachele Wiegand, [rmweigan@mtu.edu](mailto:rmweigan@mtu.edu)  
**St. Al's Service (S.A.S.S.)** Carly Joseph, [ca-joseph@mtu.edu](mailto:ca-joseph@mtu.edu); Alexis Dani, [amdani@mtu.edu](mailto:amdani@mtu.edu)  
**Master of the Solemn Brunch** Mike Theoret, [mttheore@mtu.edu](mailto:mttheore@mtu.edu)  
**Respect Life** contact Alec Clark, [alecc@mtu.edu](mailto:alecc@mtu.edu)  
**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**



**Life Outreach Center**  
[www.houghtonpregnancy.org](http://www.houghtonpregnancy.org) 906-482-8681  
[lifeoutreachhoughton@gmail.com](mailto: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