



St. Albert the Great University Parish



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Third Sunday of Advent
Dec. 11th, 2016

Entrance Antiphon for the Third Sunday of Advent

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.
Philippians 4:4-5

Mass Readings

Mon. Dec. 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17
Lk 1:26-38

Tues. Dec. 13

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32

Weds. Dec. 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25
Lk 7:18b-23

Thurs. Dec. 15

Is 54:1-10
Lk 7:24-30

Fri. Dec. 16

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8
Jn 5:33-36

Sat. Dec. 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Sun. Dec. 18

4th Sunday of Advent
Is 7:10-14
Rom 1:1-7
Mt 1:18-24



Fireside: Movie Night: The Nativity Story

If you're still in town this coming Friday, join us for a Christmas classic!

This Friday at Fireside:

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



Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe!

THIS Monday, December 12th, join in our annual celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe! **Mass in Spanish** at 6 pm, followed by a potluck meal and... a piñata!



MIDNIGHT PANCAKES!!!

10:30 pm - 12 am

Monday, Dec. 12

Take a study break, and fuel your brain... we'll have a hearty breakfast available as Monday turns into Tuesday!



AND

STUDY HALL

St. Al's main hall will be reserved for studying **Monday - Friday!**

The ping-pong tables will be packed away, extra tables will be set out, and there will be coffee and snacks... the area around the fireplace will be set aside for hanging out, foosball, and pool.

If the library's too full and you need a place to study, come on up the hill... you can even go upstairs and talk to the Teacher!!!



Congratulations to our graduates!

We are proud of you, but sad to see you go!
Know of our prayers for you
as you take the next step!

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 5th and return on Friday, March 10th!
Contact Fr. Ben: benjhasse@yahoo.com

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

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 + blog: snowshoetracks.blogspot.com

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

Parish Secretary & Bookkeeper: Barbara Wakeham (906)482-5530 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. 11	11 am	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes By Mary Wachuta By the Parish By the Parish By André Bonen & Family	Mass Intentions
Sun.	Dec. 11	7 pm	† Patricia & Clifford Wachuta		
Weds.	Dec. 14	9 pm	† John Wheeler		
Fri.	Dec. 16	5:30 pm	For the Intentions of All Our Alumni		
Sun.	Dec. 18	11 am	† Joyce Bonen		
Sun.	Dec. 18	7 pm	NO MASS		

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	9 pm Wed., Dec. 14		M. Theoret	B. Burtka	J. Sauter, I. Hermann
	5:30 pm Fri., Dec. 16		D. LaCroix	M. Howard	B. Metzger, P. Wyman
	11 am Sun., Dec. 18	P. Roche A. Duah-Gyamfi	H. Sweidan Help needed	M. P. Kwesiga G. Agbozo	R. Hiltunen A. Bonen
	7 pm Sun., Dec. 18	NO 7 pm MASS: Dec. 18, 25, & Jan 1			

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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!

Midnight Pancakes: Need a study break and a boost? Come out on Monday evening from 10:30 pm - midnight for a late night pancake feast! The final brunch cooked by our Master of the Solemn Brunch before he graduates!

Finance Committee Meeting - Tues., Dec. 13th, at 4 pm in the Parish Office.

Prayer Vigil for Sr. Ellen's Healing! Come pray for the healing of Sr. Ellen's right arm! We will follow the schedule we use for First Friday adoration this coming Friday/Saturday. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will start at 4 pm on Friday, Dec. 16th and end at 5 pm on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Please sign up after Mass this weekend for a time slot, or talk to Dcn. Tom. **This is also a powerful time to pray for your family members and friends who may be far from God, and for healing of family division and conflict.**

Liturgical Schedule Shifts: NOTE, NO 7 pm Sunday Mass on Dec. 18, 25, or Jan. 1. St. Al's shifts to the Christmas Break schedule after next Sunday, Dec. 18th.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly need help for Christmas! Little Brothers is in need of volunteers and homemade desserts for their Christmas dinners (no pumpkin pies, please). Call 906-482-6944 to sign up. Thank you!

Old-Fashioned Christmas in Chassell - Dec. 6th - 10th. See posted Schedule for a list of events.

Third Annual Christmas Carol Sing Along - at Trinity Episcopal Church, 202 E Montezuma Ave, Houghton, on Sun., Dec. 18th, at 5 pm. Dr. Leslie Dukes Organist, Light refreshments to follow. **All are welcome.**

Upcoming Marygrove Retreats

ADVENT IS NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING:

Dec. 17-18th (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 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. 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

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

Local Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Ho. Cty. Med. Care	Cypress Manor	Portage Pointe
Thurs., 2 pm	Fri., 10:30 am	Thurs., 11:00 am
Dec. 15, Fr. John		Dec. 22, Fr. William
Jan. 12, Fr. John	Jan. 13, Fr. Ben	Dec. 25, Fr. Ben

Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga



Bishop Baraga ordered me to sleep in the only bed available in the parsonage, while he himself slept on the floor with only a mat under him and a cloak for his cover. The bishop refused even a pillow. "You must spare yourself," he would say; "I am old and accustomed to such things. I am your bishop; you must obey." Fr. Chebul.



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!



In the early days of the Spanish colonization of Mexico, missionaries labored to share the Gospel with the indigenous population, but it was very difficult. No small part of the difficulty was the sinful pride, greed, and violence of some of the Spanish colonists. Along with the shock of having been conquered, European diseases were among the people, and the religious system of the Aztecs, with its "pantheon" of gods and its emphasis on human sacrifice, was in shambles.

Many of the missionaries fought, often unsuccessfully, to protect the indigenous people from injustice, violence, and mistreatment, but even with their good efforts, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ was very difficult. Imagine them hearing these words:

"Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing."

The apparition of the Blessed Mother to St. Juan Diego brought hope and joy to the indigenous peoples of Mexico, and caused millions of them to be baptized. The Blessed Mother spoke to St. Juan Diego, and through him to the people of Mexico, and to the Americas, and she spoke words of hope and encouragement. As we face great challenges in living and sharing our Catholic faith, caused in no small part by our own failure to live the Gospel fully, we are also in need of glad tidings, the joy offered us by the Word this Sunday, and reinforced by the beautiful Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Monday.

Please join us this Monday, Dec. 12th at St. Al's for a 6 pm Mass in Spanish, and a potluck to follow!

As we are more than halfway through Advent, there is no better preparation for Christmas than to make a good confession! We have FOUR 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!

This coming Friday and Saturday (Dec. 16 & 17), we'll be praying at St. Anne's in Chassell in a special way for Sr. Ellen's healing, using the schedule we normally use for our First Friday adoration: 4 pm start on Friday, through 5 pm on Saturday. Please sign up as individuals and families after Mass.

Thank you to all who participated in the CHRISTmas Party at St. Al's organized by the Slivas! It was a great chance to share with families who are in need in our community. May we use this season of giving well!

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

As we go into Finals Week, please take advantage of our Monday evening Midnight Pancakes, and our Movie Night on Friday. Starting next Sunday we switch to our break schedule, there is no 7 pm Mass on Sunday, Dec. 18th. Know of my prayers for all of you this week!

God Bless, Fr. Ben

"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, Dec. 18th.

The sponsor is Chassell Lions

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:

Thank you to all who helped with our CHRISTmas Party for needy families this past Thursday!

Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly need help for Christmas!

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

+ Little Brothers is in need of volunteers and homemade desserts for their Christmas dinners (no pumpkin pies, please). Call 906-482-6944 to sign up. Thank you!

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.couragec.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


	December 4 th , 2016	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$1,668.85	\$20,922.24
Loose	\$443.38	\$18,635.67
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$196.50
Fuel	\$0.00	\$314.00
Total	\$2,112.23	\$40,068.41
*Budgeted	\$1,532.70	\$35,252.10
Overage/ (shortfall)	+\$579.53	+\$4,816.31

National Retirement Fund for Religious - \$50.00




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**



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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, Prayer Team Ministry available as well) 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 followed by Dinner Fireside: Movie, The Nativity Story
Saturday		@St. Anne's, Chassell: 4:30p Conf. & 5:30p Mass



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 Sheldon Ave. #1 Houghton, MI 49931
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Hours of Operation: (or by appointment)
Mon. 11 am - 5 pm // Weds. noon - 8 pm // Thurs. noon - 8 pm

2016-17 Ministry Leaders

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