



St. Albert the Great University Parish



Michigan Technological University

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan. 29th 2017

Entrance Antiphon for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
And make it our glory to praise you. Psalm 106 (105):47

Mass

Readings

Monday
Jan. 30

Heb 11:32-40
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday
Jan. 31

St. John Bosco,
Priest
Heb 12:1-4
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday
Feb. 1

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday
Feb. 2

Presentation
of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40

Friday Feb. 3

Heb 13:1-8
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday
Feb. 4

Heb 13:15-17,
20-21
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday Feb. 5

Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10
1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16

Fireside this week: Visit the Monks! Meet at St. Al's @ 4 pm (Mass @ 12:15 pm)



Vote for our very own Alexis Dani for Winter Carnival Queen!

Alexis is representing St. Al's, and sponsored by Swifts Hardware!

If you could take just a few seconds and vote for her @ Involvement Link. You will have to login with your tech username and password. She should be the first one on the list. **Alexis, along with St. Al's, would love your support this Winter Carnival!**

In Memoriam

Please pray for **Thomas Francis Corrigan, Sr.** who died last week, & for his family & friends.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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Please pray for **1st. Lt. Robert McNeil, USAF.** who died recently, and for his family and friends.

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Spring Break Mission Trips!!

Now's the time to sign up for one of St. Al's Mission Trips! Use your spring break for service and adventure! Go to Bay Cliff Health Camp near Marquette, or to St. Martin de Porres House of Hope in Chicago, IL. Both trips run Sun., March 5th to Fri., March 10th! Contact: Fr. Ben Hasse benjhasse@yahoo.com

St. Al's Service

Upcoming Events:

- Visiting the Bluffs** (assisted/senior living center): **Sat. Feb 18, 2-4pm.** Join fellow St. Al's students for afternoon of board and card games with the residents. Meet at St. Al's at 1:40pm, we will carpool to the Bluffs.
 - Visiting the Bluffs- individual visiting.** The Bluffs has "coffee chats" 2-3pm on Sundays, & you can go on your own to spend some time with the residents. email activities@thebluffs.org
 - Spring Break Mission Trips:** Mar. 5-10
 - Woodsplitting:** Sat. Mar 18, 1-4pm. Split wood to heat the homes of our local elderly citizens through Little Brother's firewood program. It's a great way to get a workout, spend time outside in the wonderful UP air, and help out!
 - Little Brother's Easter-** Weekend of April 16. Individual opportunity to help cook or serve the Easter meal for the elderly. Details later...
 - Visit Omega House-** The Omega House is a hospice home here in Houghton. A group from St. Al's will visit in April. More details coming.
- Contact Carly Joseph cajoseph@mtu.edu / 248-881-5494 to sign up!**



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

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

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. 12:15 pm

Confessions: Tuesday 7:30 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.	Jan. 29	11 am	† Dominick & Helen Taddonio	By Shawn & Theresa McFall	Mass Intentions
Sun.	Jan. 29	7 pm	In Honor of Avianna T. Kocha's Birthday	By Alvin & Colleen Klein	
Weds.	Feb. 01	9 pm	† First Lieutenant Robert McNeil	By the Parish	
Fri.	Feb. 03	12:15 p	† Patricia & Clifford Wachuta	By Mary Wachuta	
Sun.	Feb. 05	11 am	† Ruby Skufca	By Roger Skufca & Patti Wheeler	
Sun.	Feb. 05	7 pm	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	9 pm Wed., Feb. 01		H. Sweidan	B. Metzger	M. Best, I. Hermann
	12:15 pm Fri., Feb. 03		Help needed	Help needed	Help needed
	11 am Sun., Feb. 05	D. Fusco, F. Fusco K. Buchalski	D. LaCroix, C. Matetich S. Oley	M. Sauter A. Steinbrecher	M. Bersano, A. Bersano, A. Krusiec, G. Roose, J. Loew
	7 pm Sun., Feb. 05	J. Flynn T. Ciarelli	A. Clark A. Zackal	C. Carr, A. Sutherland	C. Joseph, D. Kulas

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Update from Sr. Ellen "Good news for me and in gratitude for all who have been praying for me. I am being discharged from the rehab unit as of tomorrow and then Thursday I will be taking an airplane to Chicago to go to Loretto Wheaton. I still need prayers for my arm as I cannot grasp anything with my hand. I have some control over my fingers and my wrist but not total. I do not need to be top of your list but I still need to be on the list. I have no words to express the deep gratitude I feel to God and all those who have been praying for me." She did arrive safely in Chicago on Thursday.

EPIC: A Journey through Church History Monday night study group continues with a new topic, Church History! 9:30 - 11:00 pm.

Winter Carnival: Want to get involved in Winter Carnival Special Events? Contact Michael Best: mtbest@mtu.edu

All-Nighter Snow Statue: We'll be building from 4 pm on Weds., Feb. 8 until 7 am on Thursday, Feb. 9. Come and join us! If you're inclined towards cooking, please consider bringing the workers hot food and cookies to help carry them through the night!

The Ice Mass We'll be celebrating our 2nd Annual Ice Mass on Friday, Feb. 10th, at 5:30 pm with a Chili Feed to follow!!!

Spring Silent Retreat On Feb. 24-26, we have a new retreat in the schedule this year, at Marygrove. It is a silent-directed retreat. Rather than conference talks to the whole group, or small group discussion, each retreatant spends their time in silent prayer, and meets with a spiritual director one-on-one. Sr. Ellen and Fr. Ryan Ford are organizing the retreat! If you're interested in going, register at: www.marygrove.org/register.html

Spring Break Mission Trips Join one of St. Al's two Spring Break Mission Trips: one goes to Bay Cliff Health Camp, and one goes to St. Martin de Porres House of Hope in Chicago.

Spring Campus Ministry Retreat Our normal spring retreat is happening March 24-26, but this year it's at Bay Cliff Health Camp, the same site which hosted our Fall Retreat.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ultreya (A call to move forward and to keep the flame of the Cursillo burning brightly.) To all Cursillistas or those who may desire to attend Cursillo in the future, (a Christian outreach movement underpinned in a community setting through prayer, reconciliation, study and worship) make a plan to attend the Ultreya to be held at St. Joseph Church in Lake Linden on Mon., Jan. 30th at 7 pm.

Copper Country Frassati Society's First Friday gathering Feb. 3rd Mass at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's, Calumet. Come early for Adoration and Benediction. After Mass, dinner at Denali in

Friday Night Fireside Fellowship:

4:30 pm Confessions, 5:30 pm Mass, FNFF follows!

Feb. 3 **Holy Transfiguration Skete**
Solemn Vespers at 5 pm!
Leave St. Al's at 4 pm.

Feb. 10 **Ice Mass & Chili Feed** Bring your friends!

Feb. 17 **The Mystery of Natural Family Planning** - Vicki Sage presents on the gift of fertility.



Local Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Ho. Cty. Med. Care Thurs., 2 pm	Cypress Manor Fri., 10:30 am	Portage Pointe Thurs., 11:00 am
Feb. 09, Fr. John	Feb. 10, Fr. John	Feb. 23, Fr. William

Lake Linden, and then the group may hang out further afterward. Young adult Catholics, their family, and friends are invited to join in any or all of the evening's activities.

A bonus activity will occur the following Fri., Feb. 10th, at 5:30 pm when the group will attend Mass in the Ice Chapel at St. Albert the Great University Parish in Houghton.

Everyone is encouraged to dress warmly and join the group for this special Winter Carnival outdoor Mass.

Christian Women's Brunch - Program: "3 Surprises from Pain" with Kristin Neva (author of "Snow Country") - on Thurs., Feb. 9th, at 9:15 am, Zion Lutheran Church-Hancock. Special Music: Kayleen Holmstrom.

A Winter Musicale - Chamber Settings of Works from the Baroque to the Present Day. Sun., Feb. 12th, at 3 pm, Trinity Episcopal Church, Houghton. Performers: Mary Eddy Ross: Flute, Debra Zei: Clarinet, and Fr. Corbin Eddy, Organ and Piano. Free will offering.

Post-Abortion Healing Resources

Project Rachel: hopeafterabortion.com

Rachel's Vineyard: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Silent No More Campaign: www.silentnomoreawareness.org

Porn Kill Love! Eliminate Porn in your Life!

Basic Resources for individuals, couples, parents:

Integrity Restored: <http://integrityrestored.com/>

Fight the New Drug: <http://fightthenewdrug.org/>

Also, pick up a copy of the books *Delivered* and/or *Restored*



Jan. 28th each year is the **Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church!** Since it fell this Saturday, and St. Thomas is featured so prominently in our stained glass window as the most prominent protégé of St. Albert, I thought it worth commenting briefly on the significance of his life and ministry. St. Thomas is someone who models very beautifully the placing of one's whole life and talents at the service of the Gospel.

St. Thomas was very likely one of the smartest people in history, and **he devoted himself to asking (and attempting to answer) every question**

about God he could come up with! If anyone ever suggests that a faithful Catholic shouldn't ask questions and try to understand their faith, just look to Aquinas! In just the *Summa Theologiae* alone, he address over 512 questions about God!

Our Gospel this Sunday seems to do violence to human reason... we don't find mourning or persecution to be blessings. And, yet, in following Christ and taking up our crosses, we begin to taste heaven, and are assured of perfect blessedness. **It is no small thing to live in God's wisdom, which is so different from the wisdom of the world.**

St. Paul refers to this mystery in our 2nd Reading: **"Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.** Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. **It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption..."**

Can we embrace that truth, that God called us in our foolishness, in our frailty, even in our failure and sin, and He longs for us to embrace Jesus Christ, our Crucified Lord? **The only way we can lose is if we stop trying!** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His mercy endures forever!

We've making progress on the **2nd Annual Ice Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows!** The Ice Mass is on Fri., Feb. 10th, at 5:30 pm followed by a Chili Feed... put it on your calendars!

It looks like there was a good turnout for the March for Life in Washington, and that our Yooper 4 Life group had a good trip out there! **We'll continue to pray for their safe travel home, and for a renewed Culture of Life!**

I mentioned in my homily last Sunday that in confronting the Culture of Death, we have to both speak honestly about all that we face, and **then bring God's mercy to bear wherever there is sin, or sadness. I have listed to the left some very powerful healing resources.** Please take a second to check out those websites, and have them at your fingertips. They are a powerful way to begin, or continue, healing if you or a loved one has been connected to abortion. They are important to have ready to offer to those who are in need.

To the left I have also listed some basic resources that should help in confronting another ugly face of the Culture of Death... the porn industry. The opposite of love is to use someone, to treat them as an object, a "piece of furniture" in our lives. As porn addiction explodes, both for men and wom-

en, we need to be more and more honest and steadfast in fighting back with the beautiful gifts of modesty and chastity. **Come Holy Spirit, lead us all deeper into your freedom!**

I shared an update on the facing page from Sr. Ellen. She is at her community's motherhouse in Wheaton, IL for a little bit of rest. Please continue to pray for her healing!

Deacon Tom's father, Tom, Sr., died on Wednesday. Please keep him and his entire family in your prayers. The funeral Mass will be at 11 am on Monday at St. Joseph's Parish in Lake Linden.

I also ask for your prayers for a young Air Force officer, a recent graduate of Michigan Tech, who died recently, 1st Lt. Robert McNeil, USAF. He graduate shortly before I arrived at St. Al's, and I walked with his wife, Meagan, in their final stages of marriage prep my first year here.

There is much to pray for. "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."

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, Feb. 19th.

The sponsor is

Development Updates

We're going to be doing a **Winter Carnival Living Faith Matching Gift Challenge...** Starting this week, any new Living Faith gifts (monthly giving) or any increased Living Faith gifts, will be matched for the first six months, up to a total of at least \$5500!

Also, we've begun an exciting new initiative: graduating seniors **Miranda Sauter and Michael Best have agreed to lead our first-ever Senior Class Gift!** If you're a graduating senior, you'll have an opportunity to pledge \$20/month for 50 month (totaling \$1000) as a way of giving back to St. Al's! **Talk to Miranda & Michael after Mass to learn more details! Details online at mtucatholic.org/class-gifts**

CONTRIBUTIONS

COMBINED MISSION COLLECTION Total: \$37.00
 Black & Indian - \$9.25 Catholic Home Mission - \$9.25
 Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa - \$9.25
 Propagation of the Faith - \$9.25


January 22 nd , 2017		Year to Date
Envelopes	\$813.92	\$25,686.84
Loose	\$240.00	\$20,330.02
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$1,552.87
Fuel	\$0.00	\$425.00
Total	\$1,053.92	\$47,994.73
*Budgeted	\$1,532.70	\$45,981.00
Overage/ (shortfall)	-\$478.78	+\$2,013.73

To give online: www.mtucatholic.org/donate




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**



2016 - 2017 FOCUS Team



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CHAPEL RAT Student Residents:

Fall 2016: Head Rat: Daniel LaCroix
Peter Hoch + Dan Killick + 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 Epic Ch. History Study Grp: Fire place Night Prayer, Room 206 DHH
Tuesday	8:00 am 7:30 pm 8:55 pm 10:30 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Eucharistic Holy Hour, Solemn Exposition (Praise & Worship Music, Confession during Adoration) 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 9:00 pm 10:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Rosary, Chapel Volleyball, SDC Court 1, til midnight
Friday	8:00 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Confessions Mass then dinner & Fireside: When we went SEEKing, what did we find?
Saturday		At St. Anne's in Chassell: 4:30 pm Confessions & 5:30 pm 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
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

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



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2016-17 Ministry Leaders

MASS MINISTRIES:

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colleen.morrall@focus.org
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SERVICE:

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