



St. Albert the Great University Parish



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1st Sunday of Advent
Dec. 3rd, 2017

Entrance Antiphon for the First Sunday of Advent
To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted;
let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame. cf. Psalm 25 (24):1-3

Mass Readings

Mon. Dec. 4
Is 2:1-5
Mt 8:5-11

Tues. Dec. 5
Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24

Weds. Dec. 6
Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37

Thurs. Dec. 7
St. Ambrose,
Bishop & Doctor
of the Church
Is 26:1-6

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri. Dec. 8
Immaculate
Conception of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20
Eph 1:3-6,
11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Sat. Dec. 9
Is 30:19-21,
23-26

Mt 9:35-10:1,
5a, 6-8

Sun. Dec. 10
2nd Sunday
of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Pt 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8

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

Patroness of the United States of America!

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

- 5:30 pm on Thursday, Dec. 7th at St. Anne's
- 7:00 am on Friday, Dec. 8th at St. Anne's
- 12:15 pm on Friday, Dec. 8th at St. Al's
- 5:30 pm on Friday, Dec. 8th at St. Al's

Celebrate Our Lady **of Guadalupe!**

On **Monday,**
December 11th,
join in our annual celebration of
Our Lady of
Guadalupe!



Mass in Spanish at 7 pm, followed by a potluck
meal (homemade pozole) and, hopefully...
a piñata!

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

Christmas Eve: 7:15 pm Christmas Concert & Pageant
(Sun. Dec. 24)

8 pm Mass, St. Anne's, Chassell
11:59 pm Mass, St. Al's, Houghton

Christmas Day 9 am Mass, St. Anne's, Chassell
(Mon., Dec. 25) 11 am Mass, Portage Pointe Facility

Advent: a time to prepare!

Liturgical Review

- *Advent Wreath, English Chant Mass*
- *New Lectionary Cycle: Sunday B, Weekday II*
- *First Reading: Prophecies of Isaiah*
- *Communion Antiphon (no hymn)*
- *No Gloria, Silent Recessional*

Advent Penance Services

Prepare well for Christmas!

- * Mon., Dec. 4, 6 pm St. Ignatius, Houghton
- * Weds., Dec. 6, 6 pm Sacred Heart, Calumet
- * Weds., Dec 13, 6 pm Resurrection, Hancock
- * Thurs., Dec. 14, 7 pm St. Al's, Houghton
- * Sat., Dec. 16, 1 pm Holy Family, South Range
- * Mon., Dec. 18, 6 pm St. Anne's, Chassell
- * Weds, Dec. 20, 6 pm Sacred Heart, L'Anse

St. Al's Service



Get involved with
service to those who
are most in need!

Carly Joseph
(cajoseph@mtu.edu)
and **Alexis Dani**
(amdani@mtu.edu)

are leading our service ministry .

- **Holiday Plates w/ the Elderly**
II The residents at the Bluffs
have asked us to come back to
make more Christmas plates
with them! More help is need-
ed. The event is at the Bluffs at
6-7:30pm on Tuesday 12/12.

Pastor: Fr. Ben Hasse + 906-482-5530 + cell (906)290-2434 + benjhasse@yahoo.com + blog: snowshoetracks.blogspot.com

Pastoral Associates: Sr. Jacqueline Spaniola cell (906)231-6862 sisterj@mtucatholic.org
Sr. Marcelyn Gervais cell (906)281-7851 (Sr. Carolee Vanness is resident at St. Anne's, but serves in L'Anse)

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. 9:00 pm / Fri. 5:30 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.	Dec. 03	11 am	† Walburga Seel	By André Bonen & Family	Mass Intentions
Sun.	Dec. 03	7 pm	† Thomas Stramecki	By Michael Gazdecki	
Weds.	Dec. 06	9 pm	† Ed McGrath	By Helen Wachuta	
Fri.	Dec. 08	12:15 pm	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	
Fri.	Dec. 08	5:30 pm	For Conversion of the United States	By the Parish	
Sun.	Dec. 10	11 am	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	
Sun.	Dec. 10	7 pm	† Patricia Wachuta	By Helen Wachuta	

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	9 pm Weds., Dec. 06		J. Paling	Z. LaLonde	P. Kimmes & I. Hermann
	12:15 pm, Dec. 08		TBA	TBA	
	5:30 pm Fri., Dec. 08		D. LaCroix	M. Schorr	C. Morrall & A. Krusiec
	11 am Sun., Dec. 10	C. Cauley, P. Shelcusky & T. Cauley	J. Bonar, H. Sweidan & C. Matetich	N. Lawrence J. Berryman	C. Bryan, M. Miko, M. Bersano, P. Wyman & P. Kimmes
	7 pm Sun., Dec. 10	P. Sawyer & N. Fisher	S. Marek & A. Zackal	C. Joseph G. Rushlau	L. Bloch & B. Metzger

FAITH FORMATION & PRAYER

Mini-Mission Advent 2017 - Jesus, Fulfillment of the Old Testament Prophecies Led by Sr. Jacqueline, exploring the Old Testament passages that refer to Jesus. Discover how Jesus was the Long-Awaited Messiah, Bring a Bible. Pick one of two times:

- 7 - 9pm, Thursday, Dec. 7: St. Al's, Houghton
- 6 - 8 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 13, St. Anne, Chassell.

Each night will cover the same material, and will include prayer time, and a social.

Magnificat Advent Companions Look at the entrances for our Advent prayer books. Prepare well for Christmas!

Best Advent Ever Rediscover the joy in preparing for Christmas! Sign up for a daily inspiring email reflection to participate: site: BestAdventEver.com/Youreinvited

Morning Prayer Every Mon./Weds./Fri. 7:30 am DHH Center Lounge, Begin your day by praying with & for the Church!

Bible Class Thank you to Sr. Jacqueline and all who participated this fall! A new study will begin after Christmas, "A Biblical Journey through the Mass!"

SoulCore Thurs., 8-9 pm, Wads. G17/G19 SoulCore is a prayer experience that pairs core strengthening, stretching and functional movement with the prayers of the rosary. Contact Rose, roset@mtu.edu, www.soulcore.com

The Mystery of God Bishop Barron's DVD series on the Trinity. Delve into the deepest mystery of our God! **5:15 pm Wednesdays**, Fireplace Contact Devon: djvanord@mtu.edu

PARISH EVENTS

CHRISTmas Party The annual event for needy families from the community has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 14th, from 5 pm - 6:30 pm in St. Al's parish hall. Please pick up a gift packet after Mass, and sign up to be involved. Talk to Dennis Sliva for more information (906-482-5954).

St. Anne's Christmas Pageant The Christmas Pageant preparations have begun, and we always have room for more children! Not only those who live here... but if you have family and friends who will be in town for Christmas, we can get them involved as well. Please contact Monica Aho: monicaaho@gmail.com or (906)370-1488

Catholic Men's and Women's Houses If you're interested in joining one of the houses, please talk to the house leaders: Marissa Schorr, Rudy Hoover, Devon VanOrder. House contact info on the back of the bulletin.



Friday Night Fireside Fellowship:

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

Dec. 8 Fr. Brian Gerber: Overcoming Gambling Addiction

Dec. 15 Men's & Women's Night

Dec. 22 End of Finals: Movie Night

Chapel Rat Program If you're interested in applying to become a St. Al's Chapel Rat, or have questions about the program, please email Fr. Ben (benjhasse@yahoo.com)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Grieving with Love during the Holidays. Sat., Dec. 9 - 10 - 11:30 am at Omega House. Free workshop and open to public. Call to register for one Saturday workshop: Sarah Cheney at 281-5558. Individual grief & loss counseling also available at no cost at Omega House. "Grief is the story of love after loss. It is not a state or a moment in time or a single emotion. It unfolds and evolves over time."

An Infant Messiah - Looking Into Matthew 1 and 2 - Led by Father Corbin Eddy. One surprise after another. Family Tree-Joseph-Star Gazers-Herod- Egypt. Sponsored by Holy Family and St. Ignatius Loyola Parishes. Sun., Dec. 10th, and Mon., Dec. 11th, in the Holy Family Parish Hall (6:30-8 pm). Light refreshments.

Christian Women's Brunch - Speaker: Kris Raisanen Schourek, Author of "A Celebration of Preservation-Favorite Recipes from the Queen of Canning". Thurs., Dec. 14th, at 9:15 am at Zion Lutheran Church-Hancock. Each woman attending will receive a gift. Donation: \$8. Music: Rev. David Whitaker, PHD, Exec. Dir. Of Love Inc. Reservation: call 482-3426.

Porn Kills 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*

Post-Abortion Healing Resources

Project Rachel: hopeafterabortion.com

Rachel's Vineyard: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Silent No More Campaign: www.silentnomoreawareness.org



“The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.” (Ps 85:13) This short text is our **Communion Antiphon**. The Church chooses these short verses for the entrance and for communion to connect the meaning of the readings and the liturgical setting. As we begin Advent this Sunday, we’ll be giving these Communion Antiphons greater prominence (as in years past). These texts can provide insight into the Church’s invitation in this liturgy as we begin this time of preparation.

During this time of waiting we hearken back to the people of Israel who heard the prophets speak down through the long centuries. They heard God’s promises, they saw His power, and at times they were faithful, and at times they were not. Imagine gazing out over a snow-covered field and being told that a great harvest was coming! You might look out and think, “not very likely, and not very soon.”

Sr. Jacqueline will be leading us in an **Advent Mini-Mission on the prophecies fulfilled in Jesus!** There are two times, it will be the same material each time, so pick one! This coming Thursday, Dec. 7 we’ll be at St. Al’s at 7 pm, and the week after that on Wednesday, Dec. 13, we’ll be at St. Anne’s at 6 pm. The bulletin insert has the details.

Along with the shifts in the liturgy, as it gets simpler and quieter during these weeks of preparation, **Advent is a rich and special time for prayer.** Please make use of some of our Advent resources: the *Magnificat Advent Companion* (many copies are stacked up at the entrances), as well as the online program, **The Best Advent Ever:** BestAdventEver.com

Please note the upcoming **Penance Services.** Also, Friday, Dec. 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a **Holy Day of Obligation**, and our patronal feast as a country! There will be 4 Masses, the schedule is to the left. A week from Monday we celebrate another Marian Feast, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass is at 7 pm, Dec. 11 followed by a potluck.

This Friday we have a **powerful opportunity for our Fire-side.** Fr. Brian Gerber will share his journey of recovery in the aftermath of struggling with a gambling addiction.

I hope you enjoy our St. Al’s newsletter included in this bulletin. You should have gotten one in the mail you’re a registered parishioner, but we wanted everyone to get a copy!

St. Al’s depends on the support of our parishioners, but also very significantly our alumni and other supporters. **If you’re a graduating senior, consider becoming part of the Senior Class Gift.** Contact Carly Joseph, Alexis Dani, Jacob Loew, or Husam Sweidan to get more information.

This weekend I’m leading the Wise Men’s Retreat at Marygrove Retreat Center, as I have for several years. Please pray for all the men on retreat and for me! On Monday and Tuesday morning I’m going to get out to do a little deer hunting with my dad, with our muzzleloaders!

God Bless, Fr. Ben

NOTE: St. Al’s Christmas Eve schedule is different this year, Mass will be at midnight (Sunday 11:59 pm).

Please join our Christmas Choir, there will be practice on Sunday, Dec. 17th, after the 11 am Mass

Join us for our Christmas Pageant!

The youth of St. Anne’s parish along with the choir will be presenting a combined Concert and Christmas Pageant starting at **7:15 pm on Christmas Eve!**



Come early for a good seat!

Christmas Pageant



Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

“The most sacred interest of our Indian schools is... to carefully select good, moral, sober, and able teachers who give a good education and example of morality and Christian behavior.”

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.



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 Shelden 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. Al’s CONTRIBUTIONS

	Nov. 26 th , 2017	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$519.00	\$16,789.20
Loose	\$497.85	\$13,589.15
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$172.00
Fuel	\$0.00	\$300.00
Total	\$1,016.85	\$30,850.35
*Budgeted	\$1,532.70	\$33,719.40
Overage/ (shortfall)	-\$515.85	-\$2,869.05

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 in which people can investigate Catholicism. We welcome anyone who wants to explore the teachings of the Church. Meetings take place each Sunday from 12:30 - 2:00 pm at St. Al's, after the 11 am Mass. **To get involved, contact Sister Jacqueline: cell 906-231-6862, sisterj@mtucatholic.org**

2017 - 2018 FOCUS Team



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CHAPEL RAT Student Residents:

Fall 2017: Head Rat: Daniel LaCroix
Jacob Flynn + Alex Gorcyca + Dan Killick
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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	7:30 am 8:00 am 9:00 am	Morning Prayer, DHH Center Lounge Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Mass (when Fr. Ben is in town)
Tuesday	8:00 am 7:30 pm 8:55 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Eucharistic Holy Hour, Solemn Exposition (Praise & Worship, Confession) Solemn Benediction
Wednesday	7:30 am 8:00 am 8:00 pm 9:00 pm	Morning Prayer, DHH Center Lounge Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Confession Mass
Thursday	8:00 am 12:15 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Bible Class (Fireplace) Bible Class (Fireplace) SoulCore (Wads G17 / G19)
Friday	7:30 am 8:00 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Morning Prayer, DHH Center Lounge Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition ALL DAY ADORATION (til 5:15 pm) Confessions Mass followed by dinner, Fireside: Overcoming Gambling Addiction
Saturday		At St. Anne's in Chassell: 4:30 pm Confessions & 5:30 pm Mass



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

**St. Albert the Great University Parish
Pastoral Council 2017/2018**



Jill Poliskey, President
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Grad. Rep: TBD **FOCUS Rep:** Colleen Morrall
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2017-18 Ministry Leaders

MASS MINISTRIES:

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7 pm Choir: help needed
Head Cantor: Chris Schwartz, ceschwar@mtu.edu
Instrumental Coordinator: Ben Gregory, blgregor@mtu.edu

Ushers/Greeters Tim Ciarelli, tciarel@mtu.edu

PRAYER MINISTRIES:

Night Prayer Alex Gorcyca, ajgorcyc@mtu.edu

Rosary TBA

Praise and Worship help needed

SoulCore Rose Turner, roset@mtu.edu; Katie Buchalski, kcbuchal@mtu.edu

STUDY:

Apologetics volunteer needed

FOCUS Bible Studies Colleen Morrall, Team Director
colleen.morrall@focus.org

Learn the Faith Devon Van Order, djvanord@mtu.edu

SERVICE:

New Student Outreach Abby Steinbrecher, arsteinb@mtu.edu

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Steward of the Solemn Brunch Sam Marek, smarek@mtu.edu

Respect Life TBA

Youth Ministry Retreat Team volunteer needed

COMMUNITY:

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Friday Night Fireside Fellowship James Bonar, jbbonar@mtu.edu; Piersan Kimmes, pekimmes@mtu.edu; Zach Smith, ztsmith@mtu.edu

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