



# St. Albert the Great University Parish

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
of Advent  
Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

## Entrance Antiphon for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 7**

St. Ambrose,  
Bishop & Doctor  
of the Church  
Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26

**Tues. DEC. 8**

Immaculate  
Conception of  
the B.V.M.

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

**Weds. DEC. 9**

Is 40:25-31

Mt 11:28-30

**Thurs. DEC. 10**

Is 41:13-20

Mt 11:11-15

**Fri. DEC. 11**

Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

**Sat. DEC. 12**

Our Lady of  
Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or

Rv 11:19a; 12:1

-6a, 10ab

Lk 1:26-38

**Sun. DEC. 13**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of  
Advent

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

This Tuesday, the

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patroness of the United States of America!

It is a Holy Day of Obligation,  
and there will be 4 Masses:

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



## Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe!

The Americas are dedicated to the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

- ◇ this Friday for **Fireside**, a newly released documentary on Guadalupe,
- ◇ this Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, we'll celebrate Mass in Spanish at 11 am, followed by a potluck!

## Eucharistic Adoration

Solemn Exposition  
& Benediction:



Tuesday:  
7:30-9 pm

Simple  
Exposition:  
Mon. - Fri.  
7:45 - 8:45

## Would you like to be baptized into the Catholic Church?

**Are you a Christian interested in coming into full communion with the Church?**

**Are you a Catholic who would like to be confirmed?**

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group is getting into gear! Led by Sr. Ellen and a group of student volunteers, RCIA meets every Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass by the fireplace (about 12:30 - 2:00 pm).

**It is a true conversation and exploration...  
come to find out if you want to answer "Yes!"  
to one of those questions!**



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**Mass Times: Sunday 11:00 am & 7:00 pm // Wednesday 9:00 pm / Friday 5:30 pm**

**Confessions:** Tuesday 7:45 pm, Weds 8:00 pm & Friday 4:30 pm// 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

# Second Sunday of Advent

# December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Sun.	Dec. 06	11 am	† William & Beatrice Wheeler	By Pat Wheeler & Roger Skufca	Mass Intentions
Sun.	Dec. 06	7 pm	† Kathy Judnich	On Behalf of St. Joseph's-Lake Linden	
Mon.	Dec. 07	9 pm	† Victims of Recent Terrorist Attacks	By the Parish	
Tues.	Dec. 08	12:15 pm	For Conversion & Renewal of Our Country	By the Parish	
Weds.	Dec. 09	9 pm	For the Renewal & Strengthening of Marriages	By the Parish	
Fri.	Dec. 11	5:30 pm	For All Prisoners	By the Parish	
Sat.	Dec. 12	11 am	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	
Sun.	Dec. 13	11 am	For Refugees & Immigrants	By the Parish	
Sun.	Dec. 13	7 pm	† Mary McGrath	By Helen Wachuta	

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	9 pm Mon., Dec. 07		Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
	12:15 pm Tues., Dec. 08		Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
	9 pm Weds., Dec. 09		Husam Sweidan	Abby Steinbrecher	Matt Johnson/Phillip Wyman
	5:30 pm Fri., Dec. 11		Helen Rau	Nathan Dills	Rafael Gil-Figueroa/Dan Killick
	11 am Sat., Dec. 12		Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
	11 am Sun., Dec. 13	Akwasi Duah-Gyamfi Nick Fisher	Dan Killick Matt Johnson Michael Paling	Isidore Dorpenyo Miranda Sauter	Rafael Gil-Figueroa Michael Kostick Rachelle Wiegand
	7 pm Sun., Dec. 13	Jacob Ahles Michael Hart	Alec Clark/Husam Sweidan/Daniel LaCroix	Isaac Hermann Devon Van Order	Helen Amiri Mary Wachuta

### PARISH EVENTS

**Steubenville North Youth Conference** NOW is the time to sign up for the conference next summer, July 22-24 in Kenosha, WI (a new location!). \$50.00 deposits due to the parish by Christmas. Youth must be entering their freshman year of high school for the 2016/2017 school year or older.

**A Service of Advent Lessons & Carols** At St. Joseph Church in Lake Linden on Sun., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. Nicholas. The service, at 7 pm, is connected to and derived from the Masses of the Ember Days of Advent and their numerous lessons recording the need for and promise of salvation from God. The service includes readers and pastors from a variety of parishes and congregations. The service is composed of nine lessons, Advent carols, anthems and organ literature underscoring themes of longing for salvation and the proximate arrival of the means of that salvation, Jesus Christ. Light refreshments will be served in Monsignor Raymond Hall following the service.

**Guadalupe Celebration** - we'll be celebrating the patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Fireside will be dedicated to her on Friday, and then on Saturday at 11 am, we'll have Mass followed by a potluck. Plan to come join us!

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Copper Country Chorale Presents The Colors of Christmas** at 3 pm on Sun., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, at St. Al's Church. Carol Waisanen, Director, and Kathleen Alatalo-Arten, Accompanist. Featuring: Fr. Corbin Eddy, organ; Melvin Kangas, piano; conScience: Michigan Tech Chamber Singers; Keweenaw Symphony Woodwind Quintet; and the Realtime Jazz Band. Adults: \$10. Students: \$5. Tickets available from Chorale members, at the church office, and at the door on the day of the concert. Refreshments served after the concert.

**Christian Women's Brunch - Zion Lutheran Church in Hancock** - Thurs., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 am. Speaker: Leonita Schweigert, Salvation Army Corps Administrator. Reservations 482-3426. Donation \$8. Nursery is provided (Tell if needed). Non-denominational, non-profit. All women are welcome.

## Friday Night Fireside Fellowship:

**Our Regular Weekly Hotspot for Fellowship, Prayer, Fun, and Learning!**



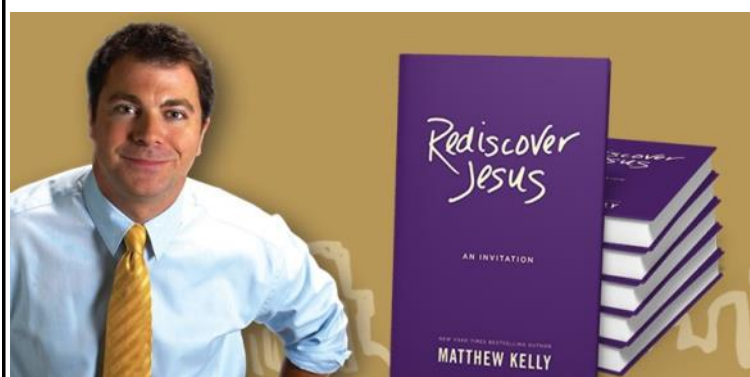
4:30 pm Confessions, 5:30 pm Mass, FNFF follows!

Dec. 11 Our Lady of Guadalupe Documentary

Dec. 18 Movie Night, *The Nativity Story*

### Holy Name of Jesus Vicariate Advent Penance Services

Weds., Dec. 09	Sacred Heart - Calumet	6 pm
Sun., Dec. 13	St. Albert the Great - Houghton	2 pm
Mon., Dec. 14	St. Ignatius Loyola - Houghton	6:30 pm
Weds., Dec. 16	Resurrection Church - Hancock	6:30 pm
Mon., Dec. 21	St. Anne's - Chassell	6 pm



Please pick up your EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT after Mass, a copy of Matthew Kelly's new book, *Rediscovering Jesus!* We have 300 copies... these were partially subsidized by a generous grant from our diocesan Legacy of Faith Endowment!





Our readings today continue to remind us that **our Advent preparation is oriented first towards our encounter with Christ in the present and definitively at the end of time...** and then also preparation for the Christmas feast. In our Gospel we encounter John the Baptist with his call to repentance and conversion: "A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made

low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" This echoes the hopeful anticipation of the Prophet Baruch: "The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company." The People of Israel, often battling desert heat and thirst, are assured of this refreshing shade, God's mercy, protecting them!

Perhaps **no spiritual preparation for Christmas is more powerful and more beautiful than a good confession.** Take note of the Vicariate schedule to the left... there are MANY good chances to make a good confession.

Two beautiful Advent events THIS Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>... the Copper Country Chorale's concert, hosted this year at St. Al's, at 3 pm, and then our Vicariate event at **St. Joe's in Lake Linden: Lessons and Carols, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.** That's a lot of beautiful music!

This week we will be honoring our Blessed Mother, first on the patronal feast of the United States, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary!** This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, and there will be 4 Masses:

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Then, at the end of the week, we will be celebrating on Saturday **Our Lady of Guadalupe with an 11 am Mass in Spanish at St. Al's**, followed by a potluck. Please plan to join us, bring a dish to share! This has been a lot of fun in recent years, a great chance to practice your Spanish, whether you're a native speaker or a student of the language, or just someone who's curious, and a great way to show our love of our mother Mary!

Starting this weekend, we'll be distributing an early Christmas gift! With the support of a grant from our diocesan Legacy of Faith Endowment Fund, we were able to get hundreds of copies of **an exciting new book by Matthew Kelly, Rediscovering Jesus!** I've been reading it, it is a GREAT way to revisit your faith in our Lord and Savior!

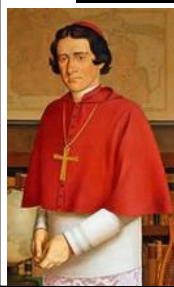
Fr. Corbin is with you once again this weekend as I am leading the Wise Men's Retreat at Marygrove. Please pray for us to have a fruitful retreat!

*God Bless, Fr. Ben*

**Local Nursing Home Mass Schedule**

<b>Ho. Cty. Med. Care</b> <b>Thurs., 2 pm</b>	<b>Cypress Manor</b> <b>Fri., 10:30 am</b>	<b>Portage Pointe</b> <b>Thurs., 11:00 am</b>
Dec. 10, Fr. John	Dec. 11, Fr. Ben	Dec. 17, Fr. William

**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.

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.**  
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

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

**National & Diocesan Collections**

Retirement Fund for Religious Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015


November 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015		Year to Date
Envelopes	\$638.00	\$16,304.65
Loose	\$184.00	\$9,306.94
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$50.00
Fuel	\$0.00	\$120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$822.00</b>	<b>\$25,781.59</b>
Budgeted	\$1,048.08	\$23,057.76
Overage/ (shortfall)	-\$226.08	+\$2,723.83

Catholic Campaign for Human Development - \$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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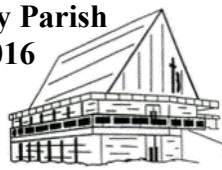
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**CHAPEL RAT Student Residents:**

**Fall 2015**  
Tom Webb (Head Rat)  
Dan Killick + Michael Kostick + 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 8:30 am	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Morning Prayer, DHH Center Lounge
Tuesday	7:45 am 7:30 pm 8:55 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Eucharistic Holy Hour, Solemn Exposition (Praise & Worship Music, Confession during Adoration) Solemn Benediction
Wednesday	7:45 am 8:30 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm 9:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Morning Prayer, DHH Center Lounge Knitting and Crocheting w/ Sr. Ellen Confession Mass
Thursday	7:45 am 9:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Rosary, Wadsworth Lobby
Friday	7:45 am 8:30 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Morning Prayer, DHH Center Lounge Confession Mass, followed by dinner Theme: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday		No regularly scheduled St. Al's activities, but there are 4:30 pm Confessions at St. Anne's in Chassell!

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

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**Learn the Faith** a new ministry in the making... help needed, contact Fr. Ben!

**SERVICE:**  
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**Respect Life** volunteer needed  
**Youth Ministry Retreat Team** volunteer needed

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**Friday Night Fireside Fellowship** Mary Wachuta, [mpwachut@mtu.edu](mailto:mpwachut@mtu.edu); Daniel LaCroix, [djlacroi@mtu.edu](mailto:djlacroi@mtu.edu); Abby Steinbrecher, [arsteinb@mtu.edu](mailto:arsteinb@mtu.edu)

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

**16" Prayer Shawl Squares (knitted or crocheted) needed for next May.**

