



# St. Albert the Great University Parish

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of Advent  
Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

## Entrance Antiphon for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 14**

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
Nm 24:2-7,15-17a  
Mt 21:23-27

**Tues. DEC. 15**

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13  
Mt 21:28-32

**Weds. DEC. 16**

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13  
Mt 21:28-32

**Thurs. DEC. 17**

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

**Fri. DEC. 18**

Jer 23:5-8  
Mt 1:18-25

**Sat. DEC. 19**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a  
Lk 1:5-25

**Sun. DEC. 20**

4th Sunday of Advent  
Mi 5:1-4a  
Heb 10:5-10  
Lk 1:39-45

### Take Note: Christmas Break schedule begins next Sunday, Dec. 20th!

St. Al's 7 pm Sunday Mass will be suspended Dec. 20, Dec. 27, and Jan 3.

Also, during the Christmas Break, Eucharistic Adoration both on Tuesday evening and weekday mornings will be suspended, and the Weds. Mass will move to 5:30 pm. There will be confessions Weds & Fri. at 4:30 pm.



#### Something new this

#### Finals Week:

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!!!



### !!!MIDNIGHT PANCAKES!!!

First ever special Finals Week event...

11:59 pm on Monday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>!

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

## 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

# Third Sunday of Advent

# December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Sun.	Dec. 13	11 am	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	Mass Intentions
Sun.	Dec. 13	7 pm	† Mary McGrath	By Helen Wachuta	
Weds.	Dec. 16	9 pm	† Fr. Wayne Marcotte	On Behalf of St. Joseph's-Lake Linden	
Fri.	Dec. 18	5:30 pm	† Josephine Meneguzzo	On Behalf of St. Joseph's-Lake Linden	
Sun.	Dec. 20	11 am	For All Seminary Faculty & Staff	By Fr. Ben Hasse	
Sun.	Dec. 20	7 pm	NO MASS		

Liturgical Ministers	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>EMHC</b>
	9 pm Weds., Dec. 16		Helen Rau	Tom Stroup	Matt Johnson/Michael Kostick
	5:30 pm Fri., Dec. 18		Christopher Matetich	Nathan Dills	Mary Wachuta/Rachelle Wiegand
	11 am Sun., Dec. 20	Jack Dueweke Pat Roche	Rafael Gil-Figueroa Husam Sweidan Help Needed	Isidore Dorpenyo Bobby Escobar	André Bonen Chris Bryan Helen Wuthrich
	7 pm Sun., Dec. 20	<b>NO MASS</b>			

### PARISH EVENTS

**Choir Practice** - There will be practice after the 11 am Mass on Sun., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, for those who are interested in singing at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Will last approximately one hour.

**Finance Council Meeting** - Weds., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4 pm in the Parish Office.

**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.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Blue Christmas Prayer Service** - Thurs., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at Portage Lake United Church. Sponsored by PLUC & Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Everyone is invited to join in prayers, readings and music to remind us that God is present for those who mourn and struggle, and that God's word comes to shine light into darkness. Candles are lit as prayers of remembrance & hope are offered. Refreshments.

### 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. 18 Movie Night, *The Nativity Story*

### Holy Name of Jesus Vicariate Advent Penance Services

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

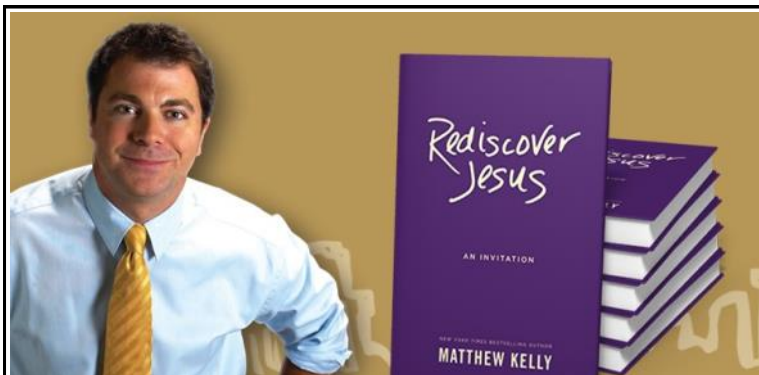
### Local Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Ho. Cty. Med. Care Thurs., 2 pm	Cypress Manor Fri., 10:30 am	Portage Pointe Thurs., 11:00 am
		Dec. 17, Fr. William
		Dec. 25, Fr. Ben
Jan. 14, Fr. Corbin	Jan. 08, Fr. John	Jan. 28, Fr. Corbin



### Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

About four o'clock in the morning, Baraga could be found kneeling on the cold, frozen ground, deeply engrossed in prayer. To talk thus to his Master rekindled his every burning missionary Zeal into a lambent



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!



### Christmas Liturgy Schedule

**Christmas Eve: 4 pm** Mass, St. Al's, Houghton  
**(Thurs. 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  
**(Fri., Dec. 25) 11 am** Mass, Portage Pointe Facility

**Feast of the Holy Family: Normal Weekend Mass Schedule**

### Join St. Anne's for their first Christmas Pageant in several years!

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



### Christmas Pageant





**“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!** Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.” St. Paul’s words in Phil 4 give this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent its nickname: *Gaudete Sunday*, that is, Rejoice Sunday! Here is the Latin of the Vulgate translation, just so you know I’m not making this up! *“Gaudete in Domino semper iterum dico Gaudete.”* The rose vestments are worn to express joy, the joy of eager anticipation that our Christmas Feast has almost arrived... the King will come when morning dawns in just 13 days!

We are getting close to the full joy of Christmas... but the Lord wants us to keep preparing well! **The Gospel gives us St. John the Baptist’s advice on how we can prepare to receive the Baby Jesus:** “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He answered them, “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” Soldiers also asked him, “And what is it that we should do?” He told them, “Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.”

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 four penance services left to make a good confession.

Finals week begins on Monday for Michigan Tech, so this Sunday’s 7 pm Mass is the last one until January. **St. Al’s 7 pm Sunday Mass will be suspended Dec. 20, Dec. 27, and Jan 3.** As it is Finals Week, we’re going to be having quiet study hours in our parish hall at St. Al’s... if anyone would be willing to bake up or provide some snacks for the students, please drop them off at St. Al’s basement! Thank you!

We’re also having our first **Midnight Pancakes at 11:59 pm on Monday**, to fuel everyone’s studies! Come on by for a study break and a hearty meal!

Pick up your 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!

**Congratulations to all who will graduate next Saturday!**

The Men’s Retreat last weekend was very fruitful, but I’m grateful to be back with you. Next weekend Fr. Jeff Johnson will be in town, as I’ll be in Phoenix to become the godfather to my college roommate’s daughter!

*God Bless, Fr. Ben*



Wise men still seek Him.

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.**

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**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


		December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Year to Date
Envelopes		\$1,220.99	\$17,525.64
Loose		\$311.92	\$9,618.86
Holy Day		\$164.00	\$214.00
Fuel		\$0.00	\$120.00
<b>Total</b>		\$1,696.91	\$27,478.50
Budgeted		\$1,048.08	\$24,105.84
Overage/ (shortfall)		+\$648.83	+\$3,372.66

Retirement Fund for Religious - \$100.00



**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](mailto:ibvmellen@stal-mtu.com)**



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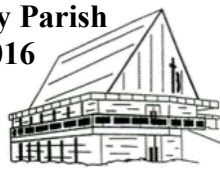
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**CHAPEL RAT Student Residents:**

**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 Movie Night!
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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**Apologetics** volunteer needed  
**FOCUS Bible Studies** Richard Fitzpatrick, [richard.fitzpatrick@focus.org](mailto:richard.fitzpatrick@focus.org)  
**Learn the Faith** a new ministry in the making... help needed, contact Fr. Ben!

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**Master of the Solemn Brunch** Mike Theoret, [mttheo-re@mtu.edu](mailto:mttheo-re@mtu.edu)  
**Respect Life** volunteer needed  
**Youth Ministry Retreat Team** volunteer needed

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