

St. Albert the Great University Parish

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Entrance Antiphon for the Baptism of the Lord

“After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” cf. Matthew 3:16-17

The Baptism of the Lord
Jan. 10th, 2016

Mass Readings

Mon. JAN. 11

1 Sm 1:1-8
 Mk 1:14-20

Tues. JAN. 12

1 Sm 1:9-20
 Mk 1:21-28

Weds. JAN. 13

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
 Mk 1:29-39

Thurs. JAN. 14

1 Sm 4:1-11
 Mk 1:40-45

Fri. JAN. 15

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a
 Mk 2:1-12

Sat. JAN. 16

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a
 Mk 2:13-17

Sun. JAN. 17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5
 1 Cor 12:4-11
 Jn 2:1-11

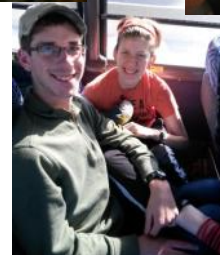
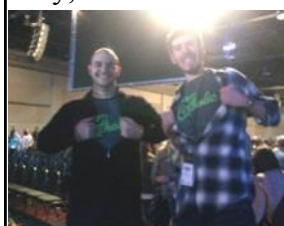


“The fire that is fed is the fire that spreads.”

We had an AMAZING trip over break to Dallas for the **2016 FOCUS Student Leadership Summit**... we joined well over 3000 student leaders from all over the U.S. It was a time for intense learning,

growth, and prayer, as well as fun! Even though it was a 30 hour trip each way, it was worth it!

SLS16 STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



Join us this Friday at Fireside to hear more about the trip and share in the joy!



Eucharistic Adoration

Solemn Exposition & Benediction:

Tues., 7:30 - 9 pm

Simple Exposition

Monday - Friday,

7:45 - 8:45 am

Come pray with us before our Eucharistic Lord!

Yea, though ye swing at the icy ball, your broom shall not be led astray!

Blessing of the Brooms

Wednesday, at the end of the 9 pm Mass!
 Bring your broom, your team, ask God for His gracious blessing on the Broomball Season that is about to begin!

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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, Wednesday 8:00 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

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Sun.	Jan. 10	11 am	In Honor of Jake & Samantha Burtch	By Chris Bryan	Mass Intentions
Sun.	Jan. 10	7 pm	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	
Weds.	Jan. 13	9 pm	† Eleanor Fornetti	By Bill & Sue Hasse	
Fri.	Jan. 15	5:30 pm	For the Intentions of All Our Alumni	By the Parish	
Sun.	Jan. 17	11 am	† Robert Gitzen	By Helen Wuthrich	
Sun.	Jan. 17	7 pm	† Charles, Virginia & Georgia Bryan	By Chris Bryan	

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	9:00 pm Weds., Jan. 13		Helen Rau	Help needed	Dan Killick
	5:30 pm Fri., Jan 15		Husam Sweidan	Melanie Howard	Michael Kostick
	11 am Sun., Jan 17	Akwasi Duah-Gyamfi Michael Hart	Josh Hallfrisch Daniel LaCroix Help Needed	Rafael Gil-Figueroa Miranda Sauter	Helen Wuthrich/Bob Hiltunen/ Dan Killick/ Help Needed/Help Needed
	7 pm Sun., Jan. 17	Dan Kulas Scott Pederson	Sam Marek Helen Rau	Carly Joseph Andrew Summers	Michael Best Mary Wachuta

PARISH EVENTS

Parish Envelopes Please pick up your envelopes after Mass!

Blessing of the Brooms Bring your broom to the 9 pm Mass on Sunday, and have it blessed at the end of Mass. Ice Cream social to follow.

Spring Break Mission Trips We have two amazing opportunities to serve during spring break this year... St. Martin de Porres House of Hope in Chicago and Bay Cliff Health Camp near Marquette. Make plans to give of yourself during the upcoming spring break. Both groups will leave on Sunday, March 6 and return on Friday, March 11. Talk to Sr. Ellen or Fr. Ben ASAP if you're interested, or sign up in the office!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Christian Women's Brunch - Thurs., Jan. 14th, 9:15 am at Zion Lutheran Church in Hancock. Cooking Demonstration by Norma Nominelli. For reservations call 482-3426. Donation: \$8.00. All women are welcome.

Looking for financial assistance for college? Apply for the **2016 Bibianne Bessette Scholarship Fund**. The scholarships aid graduating seniors who are pursuing a college or vocational education at an accredited degree granting institution. Consideration is based on academic achievement. Applicants **must complete** the on-line application found at

www.dioceseofmarquette.org/bbscholarshipink and **mail an Official Transcript and ACT/SAT scores** (via postal mail) to: Bessette Scholarship Fund, Diocese of Marquette, 1004 Harbor Hills Drive, Marquette, MI 49855. Application must be received no later than March 15, 2016.

Local Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Ho. Cty. Med. Care Thurs., 2 pm	Cypress Manor Fri., 10:30 am	Portage Pointe Thurs., 11:00 am
Jan. 14, Fr. Corbin		Jan. 28, Fr. Corbin
Feb. 11, Fr. William	Feb. 12, Fr. Ben	Feb. 25, Fr. John

Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

This morning with prayer and an address, I inaugurated the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which Rev. Mr. Jahan had initiated, and which hopefully will do much good. May God grant it!"

Frederic Baraga, January 13, 1855.



Friday Night

Fireside

Fellowship:

Our Regular Weekly Hotspot for Fellowship, Prayer, Fun, & Learning!

FNFF starts about 7 pm, unless otherwise announced.

(Preceded by 4:30 pm Confessions & 5:30 pm Mass)

- Jan. 15 **SLS Revue** - What happened in Dallas? Come find out from those who went...
- Jan. 22 **Night Snowshoeing and Forest Chili** - explore the woods on snowshoes, hearty hot chili to be found there!
- Jan. 29 **To the Skete** - an evening of monastic chanted prayer, conversation, and delicious monk-food!
- Feb. 5 **Mass in the Ice Church** - For Winter Carnival, we'll have 5:30 pm Mass in a special ice chapel!
- Feb. 12 **Spring Retreat: The Roots of Discipleship** - Join the other UP campuses for a weekend of prayer, fellowship, and learning @ Marygrove Retreat Center



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 10

Baraga County Catholic Community Prayer Group will be hosting a Life in the Spirit Seminar on **Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in L'Anse**. This eight-week seminar will teach us what living our lives in the Holy Spirit is all about and how it can truly change us.

Come and be set on fire by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT, and allow Him to stir into flame all the gifts he has bestowed upon us at our Baptism. Then we can go out into the world and make disciples of all the nations. In the words of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis "Expect to be surprised by God." He has created us for greatness. Let us receive his wonderful gifts so we can bring them out into the world and Renew the Face of the Earth! For more information regarding the seminar, contact Jacque Velmer at 524-5307.

Welcome back to all the students who have already come back to town! I hope your time away was filled with graces and blessings, and I'm very glad to welcome you back!



Our Christmas Season has gone by too quickly! I know I have spent far too little time lingering quietly before the manger. After the Feast of the Holy Family, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and then the Epiphany, we come to the final Christmas Feast: **the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

We do not know much about the years that intervened between the Lord's birth and the beginning of His public ministry. It was this encounter with St. John the Baptist, and even more the Father's voice and the descent of the Holy Spirit, that initiated Jesus' return to the public stage. **Jesus is NOT baptized because He needs to be purified, St. John the Baptist says as much, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."** Rather, Jesus is baptized in solidarity with us, taking upon Himself *our* need for repentance. The Church Fathers loved to say that He wasn't purified by the water, but that the water was purified by Him!

I hope many of you have had a chance to begin reading and praying with Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Jesus*. I suspect you may find that there is little "new" information... but a powerful invitation to act on and live out what we know to be true! If you haven't taken a copy, take one now... and take one to share! This is one simple way to encourage a friend, to share God's grace with a relative!

As you go, please also take a **parish calendar**, and a **Living Faith prayer book** for January, February, and March. If you didn't pick up your parish offering envelopes yet, you should see them in the mail in the next couple days.

We had a **TREMENDOUS** experience at the FOCUS SLS conference down in Dallas—I hope you enjoy the pictures on the cover. The travel was grueling, 30 hours each way from Houghton, but worth it. There were over 3000 student leaders from campuses all over the country, including our group of 23 from Michigan Tech (which included Fr. Ryan and 3 of our seminarians as well). Each day was given to training in prayer and evangelization. **I come back to you filled with hope for the future of our Church, and lots of lessons that I hope I can unpack with you in the days ahead! Come Holy Spirit!**

There is a lot coming up: **the Blessing of the Brooms** on Wednesday, **SLS Revue at Fireside** on Friday, and much more! I will be going down to **Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit this coming weekend** to visit our seminarians there and to bring a group of men to visit the seminary as well. Please pray for safe travel and hearts open to God's guidance, and welcome Fr. Jeff Johnson and Fr. Corbin Eddy who have graciously agreed to cover Masses once again!

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, Jan. 17th.

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.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 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

Jan 31, 2016 - Black & Indian Mission Collection


	January 3 rd , 2015	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$875.00	\$24,855.64
Loose	\$155.00	\$10,507.86
Holy Day	\$20.00	\$1,219.95
Fuel	\$0.00	\$180.00
Total	\$1,050.00	\$36,763.45
Budgeted	\$1,144.23	\$30,894.21
Overage/ (shortfall)	-\$94.23	+\$5,869.24

Please Note: Barbara and I just noticed this week that we have been using the wrong "budgeted" number. We corrected this, and that is why the budgeted and overage numbers you see here have changed from last week. - Fr. Ben



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**



2015 - 2016 FOCUS Team

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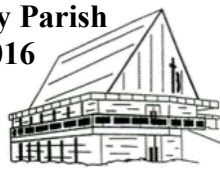
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Michael Best (Spring '16)
Rat Rep: Tom Webb



CHAPEL RAT Student Residents:

Spring 2015
Tom Webb (Head Rat)
Dan Killick + Michael Kostick + Sam Marek
+ 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 FNFF This Week: SLS Revue!
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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STUDY:
Apologetics volunteer needed
FOCUS Bible Studies Richard Fitzpatrick, richard.fitzpatrick@focus.org
Learn the Faith a new ministry in the making... help needed, contact Fr. Ben!

SERVICE:
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Master of the Solemn Brunch Mike Theoret, mtheore@mtu.edu
Respect Life volunteer needed
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To get involved, contact the leaders to get more information, or talk with Fr. Ben or Sister Ellen

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