



St. Albert the Great University Parish



Michigan Technological University

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feb. 12th 2017

Entrance Antiphon for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.

For you are my rock, my stronghold!

Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. cf. Psalm 31 (30):3-4

Mass Readings

Monday
Feb. 13

Gn 4:1-15, 25
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday
Feb. 14

Sts. Cyril, Monk,
and Methodius,
Bishop
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5,
10

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday
Feb. 15

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22
Mk 8:22-26

Thursday
Feb. 16

Gn 9:1-13
Mk 8:27-33

Friday
Feb. 17

Gn 11:1-9
Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday
Feb. 18

Heb 11:1-7
Mk 9:2-13

Sunday
Feb. 19

Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18
1 Cor 3:16-23
Mt 5:38-48

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!



Sign up after Mass today!

Contact: Fr. Ben Hasse benjhasse@yahoo.com

The All-Nighter Snow Statue turned out GREAT!
"An Icy Glimpse of '64, when St. Al's opened it doors"



Thank you to everyone who worked on it, all who prepared us food, and all who were involved in other Winter Carnival events, it's been a blast!

St. Al's Service

Upcoming Events:

1. **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.



2. **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

3. **Spring Break Mission Trips**: Mar. 5-10

4. **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!

5. **Little Brother's Easter**- Weekend of April 16. Individual opportunity to help cook or serve the Easter meal for the elderly. Details later...

6. **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** cjoseph@mtu.edu / 248-881-5494 or **Alexis Dani**, amdani@mtu.edu 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

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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. 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.	Feb. 12	11 am	† Mike & Meri Farmer	By Chris Bryan By Dave & Judy Hadrill By Helen Wachuta By Helen Wachuta By the Parishes By Helen Wachuta	Mass Intentions
Sun.	Feb. 12	7 pm	† Richard L. Kuharevicz		
Weds.	Feb. 15	9 pm	† Ed McGrath		
Fri.	Feb. 17	5:30 pm	† Betty McGrath		
Sun.	Feb. 19	11 am	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's		
Sun.	Feb. 19	7 pm	For the Children & Missionaries of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II, Peru		

Liturgical Ministers	Mass		Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	9 pm	Wed., Feb. 15		J. Bonar	M. Schorr	M. Best, M. Howard
	5:30 pm	Fri., Feb. 17		P. Hoch	D. VanOrder	P. Wyman, B. Metzger
	11 am	Sun., Feb. 19	D. Fusco, K. Buchalski J. Dueweke	D. LaCroix, C. Matetich M. Best	B. Gregory K. Gingras	M. Bersano, A. Bersano, J. Loew, A. Krusiec, G. Roose
	7 pm	Sun., Feb. 19	N. Fisher T. Ciarelli	A. Clark A. Zackal	T. Archibald G. Agbozo	L. Bloch J. Sauter

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

EPIC: A Journey through Church History Monday night study group on Church History! 9:30 - 11:00 pm.

SoulCore: this Thursday, 8:30-9:30 pm, Wads. G17/G19 SoulCore is a prayer experience that pairs core strengthening, stretching and functional movement with the prayers of the rosary; a sensory experience that combines candlelight, music, scripture, reflections and movement to nourish body, mind & soul and encourage deeper meditation on the mysteries and virtues of the rosary. Website: www.soulcore.com To get involved, contact Rose Turner: rosset@mtu.edu.

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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 & Fr. Ryan Ford are organizing the retreat! If you're interested in going, **register ASAP 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

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.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - The Wesley-Jones Foundation will award multiple scholarships worth up to \$3,000 to Christian students. In a typical year the Foundation makes 8-12 awards of \$1,000 to \$3,000 each. The essential requirement is that students be *actively involved in Christian activities in local churches or on campus*. Because we want students to have established a track record in this area, students must, at minimum, already be enrolled and approaching the end of their freshman year or later. All applications will be reviewed *without regard* to denominational affiliation. Application forms are available at: www.cs.mtu.edu/~zlwang/wesley-jones/forms.html.

Friday Night Fireside Fellowship:

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



- Feb. 17 **The Mystery of Natural Family Planning**
Vicki Sage presents on the gift of fertility.
- Feb. 24 **"A Testimony of Recovery"** by Matthew
- Mar. 3 **Spring Break begins (Movie Night)**



Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

"Nothing in this world can be obtained without labor: the more precious the object, the more serious the efforts to obtain it. Therefore, efforts to protect your greatest treasure, love of God, ought to be extreme."

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.



Our Parish just got gifted a year of access to **Formed.org** by a generous alumnus! It's basically a Catholic Netflix!

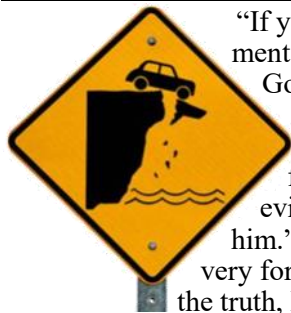
Just go to the website & set an account using our parish code: ZMH2NM
Learn MORE about the Catholic Faith!

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*



“If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.” This passage from our first reading is very forthright, very clear... God has told us the truth, He has given us freedom, and we have a choice to make! It’s a choice with real consequences!

I like this analogy: **imagine you came upon a Park Service sign near the edge of the Grand Canyon that said “Caution: Cliff.”** Imagine you said, “Who’s the Park Service to tell me how to live MY life! They’re not the boss of me!” Imagine that you then went walking on past the sign, and fell off the cliff! Could you say, “The Park Service punished me harshly for disobeying their made-up rules!” Of course not... you’d be dead! You couldn’t say anything!

My point is this... God’s moral law is like that sign: it identifies reality. Sin is it’s own punishment, because like that sign warning of a cliff, it identifies behavior which harms others and harms us. The moral law is NOT like the rules to Eucharist, or Hockey, or the fish and game laws. It’s not a convention. By saying this I don’t mean the moral law is always easy to understand, or that issues don’t arise that are new and need substantial reflection to evaluate. **I do mean that moral questions are questions of truth, not just of opinion, or preference, or convention.**

Therefore, God who loved the Israelites gave them the 10 Commandments, because He loved them! Jesus, loving us perfectly, teaches what He teaches in the Gospel, significantly upping the ante on some (and perhaps by extension, all) of the 10 Commandments! Why? Is He being strict or harsh? Is He being unrealistic or does He poorly understand our condition? No! Again, loving us, He warns away from external sin, but also from the lies in our hearts that also do us, and others, harm. **Because Jesus loves us so perfectly, because He has taken upon Himself the whole human condition (except sin itself), He longs for us to be more fully configured to the truth, to beauty, to goodness!**

That hits each of us in different places: unforgiveness, lust, harsh judgment, envy, bitter anger, gossip... wherever Jesus’ call challenges us personally, let’s ask the Lord for His grace and His help in being transformed more and more into His image! **Come Holy Spirit!**

Welcome back to Sr. Ellen! Her words of thanksgiving are below. Let’s all continue praying for the complete healing of her right arm!

I hope you were able to join us for the All-Nighter, the Ice Mass, and I hope the massive (40 x the recipe) batch of chili I made turned out well! We’ve done well in many of the special events so far, so we’ll see how we do when all the scores are in! There is no doubt we’ve had fun! **My warm gratitude to all who worked, cooked, and been involved in any way!!!**

On Monday morning early, God-willing, I’ll be flying to the same retreat center in Florida for an 8-day silent retreat,

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and gifts that you have given me during my recent illness and continued recovery. Please continue to keep me in your prayers!

Sister Ellen

just like last year at this time. It’s called the Cenacle of Our Lady of Divine Providence, in Clearwater, FL. The retreat is run by the Institute for Priestly Formation. It has been a long steady push without many chances to pause in recent weeks (months, years?), and I am very eager for this time of prayer and repose. (I do wish it was someplace I could ski, but it’s more important to me to have good spiritual directors than ideal recreation! I really am a Yooper!) **Please keep me in your prayers.** Fr. Jeff and Fr. Corbin will be covering for me.

God Bless, Fr. Ben

Local Nursing Home Mass Schedule

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

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.

“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 Erickson Feed & Seed - Hurontown

Development Updates

The **Winter Carnival Living Faith Matching Gift Challenge** is ongoing!!! Through midnight tonight (Sunday), any new Living Faith gifts (monthly giving) or any increased Living Faith gifts, are being matched for the first six months, up to a total of at least \$7100! **The insert in this bulletin can be used to participate!**

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


	February 5 th , 2017	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$1137.92	\$27,330.76
Loose	\$294.00	\$20,915.02
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$1,552.87
Fuel	\$0.00	\$425.00
Total	\$1,431.92	\$50,223.65
*Budgeted	\$1,532.70	\$49,046.40
Overage/ (shortfall)	-\$100.78	+\$1,177.25

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**



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Fall 2016: Head Rat: Daniel LaCroix
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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 10:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Epic Ch. History Study Grp: Fireplace Night Prayer, DHH West Lounge
Tuesday	8:00 am 7:30 pm 8:55 pm 10:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Eucharistic Holy Hour, Solemn Exposition (Praise & Worship Music, Confession during Adoration) Solemn Benediction Night Prayer, DHH West Lounge
Wednesday	8:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm 9:00 pm 10:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Knitting and Crocheting w/ Sr. Ellen Confession Mass Night Prayer, DHH West Lounge
Thursday	8:00 am 9:00 pm 10:00 pm 10:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Rosary, Wadsworth Lobby Volleyball, SDC Court 1, til midnight Night Prayer, DHH West Lounge
Friday	8:00 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Confessions Mass: Fireside follows...
Saturday		At St. Anne's in Chassell: 4:30 pm Confessions & 5:30 pm Mass




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lifeoutreachhoughton@gmail.com

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