



St. Albert the Great University Parish



Michigan Technological University

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4th Sunday of Lent
March 26th, 2017

Entrance Antiphon for the Fourth Sunday of Lent
Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. cf. Isaiah 66:10-11

Mass Readings

Monday March 27
Is 65:17-21
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday March 28
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday March 29
Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday March 30
Ex 32:7-14
Jn 5:31-47

Friday March 31
Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday April 1
Jer 11:18-20
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday April 2
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45

St. Al's Scholarship applications available!

Due back by **Friday, March 31st**... pick one up soon!
If you're an MTU student, & active at St. Al's, apply!
A total of \$14,000 will be given away!
Pick up an application after Mass, or stop by the office!

St. Al's Service Events

- 1. 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
- 2. Little Brother's Easter-** Weekend of April 16. Individual opportunity to help cook or serve the Easter meal for the elderly. Details later...
- 3. 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!

Fireside this week: From Engineer to Religious Sister! A visit from Sr. Theresa Marie Moore, PVMI, a recent graduate of Michigan Tech, and a former active St. Al's parishioner! Learn about her journey, and the ministry of evangelization conducted by the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate, her community.



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross happen twice each Lenten week at St. Al's: 7:30 pm on Tuesday, followed by our Eucharistic Holy Hour, then again on Friday at 12:15 pm. Come pray with the Lord Jesus!

Stations also at 5:30 pm on Weds. at St. Anne's in Chassell, followed by a Soup Supper

Lenten Penance Services

Mar. 27 th (Mon.)	St. Ignatius, Houghton	6 pm
Mar. 29 th (Weds.)	Sacred Heart, Calumet	6 pm
Apr. 2 nd (Sun.)	St. Albert the Great, Houghton	2 pm
Apr. 3 rd (Mon.)	St. Anne's, Chassell	6 pm
Apr. 5 th (Weds.)	Resurrection, Hancock	6 pm

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - The Wesley-Jones Foundation will award scholarships worth up to \$3,000 to Christian students. The Foundation often 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, students must, at minimum, already be enrolled & approaching the end of their freshman year or later. All applications will be reviewed *without regard* to denomination. Application at: www.cs.mtu.edu/~zlwang/wesley-jones/forms.html.

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 + benhasse@yahoo.com + blog: snowshoetracks.blogspot.com

Pastoral Associate: Sr. Ellen Enright, IBVM + (906)523-4912 + cell (630) 542-9938 + ibvmellen@stal-mtu.com

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. 5:30 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.	Mar. 26	11 am	† Deceased Members of Wheeler & Skufca Families	By Roger Skufca & Patti Wheeler	Mass Intentions
Sun.	Mar. 26	7 pm	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	
Tues.	Mar. 28	12:15 pm	For the Conversion of our Parishioners during Lent	By the Parishes	
Weds.	Mar. 29	9 pm	† Francis Bonen	By André Bonen & Family	
Thurs.	Mar. 30	12:15 pm	† Ruben Cerezo	By Sonia Cerezo	
Fri.	Mar. 31	5:30 pm	† Pat & Clifford Wachuta	By Helen Wachuta	
Sun.	April 02	11 am	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	
Sun.	April 02	7 pm	† Patricia Wachuta	By Helen Wachuta	

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	9 pm Weds., Mar. 29		A. Clark	M. Howard	A. Krusiec, J. Bonar
	5:30 pm Fri., Mar. 31		H. Sweidan	V. Cistaro	M. Best, B. Metzger
	11 am Sun., April 02	D. Fusco, K. Buchalski, J. Dueweke	H. Sweidan, J. Paling C. Matetich	Z. LaLonde M. Sauter	M. Best, D. LaCroix, D. Killick, A. Henrickson, J. Sauter
	7 pm Sun., April 02	D.Kulas, J. Ahles	A. Zackal, S. Marek	J. Berryman, G. Agbozo	C. Murray, B. Metzger

PARISH EVENT

Finance Committee Meeting - Tues., Mar. 28th, at 4 pm in the Parish Office.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Extra Thursday Mass For Lent, 12:15 pm Thursday.

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

Apologetics Group Learn about the Catholic Faith, learn to explain and defend the faith: Thursdays, 4:15 - 5 pm, Fireplace

SoulCore: Thurs., 8:30-9:30 pm, Wads. G17/G19 Contact Rose, roset@mtu.edu, www.soulcore.com

Spring Swing 2017 Our big spring dance is coming up on Sat., April 8, 9 pm—midnight, and this year it's co-sponsored by Concordia, Cru, His House, and Intervarsity!

Spring Camping Trip Celebrate the end of finals and the beginning of the "summer" break. Sunday, April 30 - Tuesday, May 2, destination TBA.

UPCOMING MARYGROVE RETREAT

A Three-Day Directed Retreat at Marygrove, Mar. 31st-Apr. 2nd. Observe a strict silence and get a brief experience of what a longer directed retreat is like. Info/register: 906-644-2771 or www.marygrove.org Fee for this retreat is \$150 per person.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Chrism Mass 3 pm, Thursday, April 6th. This beautiful liturgy precedes the Triduum. The priests of the diocese renew their vows, and the Holy Oils are blessed by the bishop. A group will be going from our parishes, and very likely staying after for dinner. Talk to Sr. Ellen if you are interested in going.

Fatima Centennial Celebration Diocesan-wide event on Sat., May 13. Activities are planned for the whole family. John Preiss, President of Fatima Family Apostolate will be telling us more about the Fatima message. From 9 am up to the 4 pm Mass at St. Peter Cathedral. Bp. John will be celebrating with us. Please register at www.DioceesofMarquette.org/fatima or call 1-800-562-9745 Ext 139.

O'BRIEN-VRBA SCHOLARSHIP TRUST Fr. Phillip Kaim, Pastor of Holy Family in Rockford, Illinois, is a member of the Advisory Committee for the O'Brien-Vrba Scholarship Trust. Please help spread the word about this scholarship fund that is available to **college juniors, seniors and graduate students** of rural areas in the five states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa. Questions about the scholarship may be directed to Alexis M. Lundeen at (216)-222-2799 or email at Alexis.Lundeen@pnc.com.



Friday Night Fireside Fellowship:

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

Mar 31 **Sr. Theresa Marie Moore, PVMI**, a Michigan Tech alumna shares her journey of discernment!

April 7 **Senior Testimonies**

April 14 **Good Friday:**
Tenebrae & *The Passion of the Christ*

April 21 **Senior Walk Hot Dog Stand**

April 22 **SATURDAY Coffee House**

April 30 - May 2 **Fireside Bonus!**
Spring Camping Trip right after Finals!



Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

"Dear Jesus, you carried your cross to give an example for us to take up our cross and follow you...to heaven."

Post-Abortion Healing Resources

Project Rachel: hopeafterabortion.com

Rachel's Vineyard: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Silent No More Campaign: www.silentnomoreawareness.org



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!

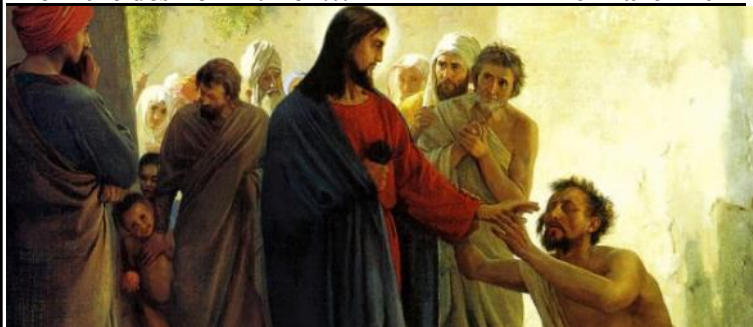
Porn Kills Love! Eliminate Porn in your Life!

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*



“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” On our best days this is a consoling truth! The Lord sees our good intentions, our efforts, our perseverance. On our worst days it is daunting... the Lord sees how fleeting and inconstant our faith, hope and love can be.

Christ is the Light of the World! He shines into darkness: the darkness of the world, or the darkness of our hearts. If we turn to Him, this light is a healing light, not a destroying fire. **The Lord shines the light of His love into our hearts, and although it may convict us, it does so to usher in our healing and conversion.** His invitation is a positive one, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

Jesus first heals the physical sight of the man born blind. At the end of the story, He encounters him once again, and invites him to a spiritual vision. Jesus finishes describing His own mission: “**Then Jesus said, ‘I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.’**”

This Lenten season is an opportunity to become more aware of our own blindness and need for healing. If we proudly declare “I see, I understand, I don’t need help,” then we turn our backs on the Lord’s grace. In contrast, if we can say, “Lord I am ever more aware of my own frailty,” then we are in a better position to be converted!

I have had abundant reason to know of my own frailty in recent days as I have fought a rather fierce flu. As I type this on Thursday, I am feeling better, although not great. Thank you for your prayers and well-wishes. Last Sunday was definitely the closest I’ve ever come to not being physically able to celebrate Mass, but we made it through!

Despite being sick, I was able to make it down to visit our very own seminarian, Jack Kinnunen, at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN** this past Sunday - Tuesday. I brought 2 young men with me, and met Fr. Tim Ekaitis there with 5 young men from his parishes. We had a great visit with Jack, who is doing well, and the young men got a great experience of what seminary life is like. **Please keep praying fervently for the Holy Spirit to draw forth many priestly vocations from our parishes and diocese!** It is a great blessing to have added two seminarians to our team recently!



There is a unique event coming up at St. Anne’s in Chassel: the **Living Stations of the Cross on Wednesday of Holy Week, April 12th, 5:30 pm.** Put it on your calendar!

I am very grateful to Fr. Jose Cherian for covering this weekend while I am at the Spring Campus Ministry Retreat. As pastor of St. Al’s, and Director of Campus Ministry for the dio-

cese, I need to be there. As Vocations Director, it is also a great time to get to know the young leaders from around our diocese, and to encourage them in discernment! Pray for the students who are on retreat this weekend!

Our **St. Al’s Scholarship Applications** are also available at the back of church. They’re due on Friday, March 31st, so pick one up now!

This coming week there will be **extra Masses on Tuesday and Thursday at 12:15 pm**, to assist you in your Lenten prayer!

Consider attending the **Chrism Mass in Marquette** in a couple weeks on **Thursday, April 6th, at 3 pm.** It is a beautiful and grace-filled liturgy!

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
May 11, Fr. William	May 12, Fr. Ben	April 27, Fr. John

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.

Development Updates

This coming week our **Lenten Appeal letter** goes out to all our St. Al’s supporters. Also, we **recently received a further \$10,000 pledge toward the replacement of our pews!** Hopefully the work will happen this summer.

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


	March 19 th , 2017	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$844.42	\$32,600.02
Loose	\$328.00	\$22,986.50
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$1,552.87
Fuel	\$0.00	\$610.00
Total	\$1,172.42	\$57,749.39
*Budgeted	\$1,532.70	\$58,242.60
Overage/ (shortfall)	-\$360.28	-\$493.21

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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CHAPEL RAT Student Residents:

Fall 2016: Head Rat: Daniel LaCroix
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Patrick McFall + Phillip Wyman

**What's Happening at St. Al's?
(LENTEN 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: Fir eplace Night Prayer, DHH West Lounge
Tuesday	8:00 am 7:30 pm 8:55 pm 10:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Stations of the Cross , followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour, (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 12:15 pm 4:15 pm 9:00 pm 10:00 pm 10:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Mass (Extra for Lenten season) Apologetics Group (Fireplace) Rosary, Wadsworth Lobby Volleyball, SDC Court 1, til midnight Night Prayer, DHH West Lounge
Friday	8:00 am 12:15 pm 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Stations of the Cross Confessions Mass: Fireside follows...
Saturday		At St. Anne's in Chassell: 4:30 pm Confessions & 5:30 pm Mass Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm Weds.

2016-17 Ministry Leaders

MASS MINISTRIES:

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7 pm Choir: help needed
Head Cantor: Chris Schwartz, ceschwar@mtu.edu

Ushers/Greeters Jacob Ahles jlahles@mtu.edu

PRAYER MINISTRIES:

Night Prayer Alex Gorcyca, ajgorcyc@mtu.edu

Rosary Logan Maurer, ljmaurer@mtu.edu

Praise and Worship help needed

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

St. Al's Service (S.A.S.S.) Carly Joseph, ca-joseph@mtu.edu; Alexis Dani, amdani@mtu.edu

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

Respect Life contact Alec Clark, alecc@mtu.edu

Youth Ministry Retreat Team volunteer needed



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 Sheldon 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

COMMUNITY:

Women's House: Melanie Howard mehoward@mtu.edu

Men's House: Devon Van Order djvanord@mtu.edu

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Friday Night Fireside Fellowship James Bonar, jjbonar@mtu.edu; Pierson Kimmes, pekimmes@mtu.edu; Zach Smith, zsmith@mtu.edu

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