



St. Albert the Great University Parish



Michigan Technological University

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2nd Sunday of Advent
Dec. 10th, 2017

Entrance Antiphon for the Second 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. 11

Is 35:1-10
Lk 5:17-26

Tues. Dec. 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17
Lk 1:26-38

Weds. Dec. 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
Is 40:25-31
Mt 11:28-30

Thurs. Dec. 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Is 41:13-20
Mt 11:11-15

Fri. Dec. 15

Is 48:17-19
Mt 11:16-19

Sat. Dec. 16

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun. Dec. 17

3rd Sunday of Advent
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe!

On **Monday, December 11th**, join in our annual celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe!



Mass in Spanish at 7 pm, followed by a potluck meal (homemade pozole) and, hopefully... a piñata!



Christmas Movie at Fisher!!!

This Weds. at 8:30 pm, Dec. 13th, St. Al's is sponsoring the showing of *The Nativity Story* at

Fisher 135, FREE Admisson!

Film Board will be offering Concessions

Take a study break, and enter into the Christmas Story! (not the one with the BB gun!)

Advent: a time to prepare!

Liturgical Review

- *Advent Wreath, English Chant Mass*
- *New Lectionary Cycle: Sunday B, Weekday II*
- *First Reading: Prophecies of Isaiah*
- *Communion Antiphon (no hymn)*
- *No Gloria, Silent Recessional*

Advent Penance Services

Prepare well for Christmas!

- * Weds., Dec 13, 6 pm Resurrection, Hancock
- * **Thurs., Dec. 14, 7 pm St. Al's, Houghton**
- * Sat., Dec. 16, 1 pm Holy Family, South Range
- * Mon., Dec. 18, 6 pm St. Anne's, Chassell
- * Weds, Dec. 20, 6 pm Sacred Heart, L'Anse

St. Al's Service

Get involved with service to those who are most in need! **Carly Joseph** (cajoseph@mtu.edu) and **Alexis Dani** (amdani@mtu.edu) are leading our service ministry.



- **Holiday Plates w/ the Elderly II**
The residents at the Bluffs have asked us to come back to make more Christmas plates with them! More help is needed. The event is at the Bluffs at **6-7:30pm on Tuesday 12/12.**

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

Christmas Eve: 7:15 pm Christmas Concert & Pageant (Sun. Dec. 24)
@ St. Anne's, Chassell
8 pm Mass, St. Anne's, Chassell
11:59 pm Mass, St. Al's, Houghton

Christmas Day 9 am Mass, St. Anne's, Chassell
(Mon., Dec. 25) 11 am Mass, Portage Pointe Facility

Pastor: Fr. Ben Hasse + 906-482-5530 + cell (906)290-2434 + benjhasse@yahoo.com + blog: snowshoetracks.blogspot.com

Pastoral Associates: Sr. Jacqueline Spaniola cell (906)231-6862 sisterj@mtucatholic.org
Sr. Marcelyn Gervais cell (906)281-7851 (Sr. Carolee Vanness is resident at St. Anne's, but serves in L'Anse)

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. 9:00 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

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| Sun. | Dec. 10 | 11 am | For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's | By the Parishes | Mass Intentions |
| Sun. | Dec. 10 | 7 pm | † Patricia Wachuta | By Helen Wachuta | |
| Mon. | Dec. 11 | 7 pm | For the Sanctification of the Americas | By the Parish | |
| Weds. | Dec. 13 | 9 pm | † Ed McGrath | By Helen Wachuta | |
| Fri. | Dec. 15 | 5:30 pm | † Paulette Mahr | By André Bonen & Family | |
| Sun. | Dec. 17 | 11 am | † Joyce Bonen | By André Bonen & Family | |
| Sun. | Dec. 17 | 7 pm | † Charlie Conner | By Chris Bryan | |

| Liturgical Ministers | Mass | Usher | Altar Server | Lector | EMHC |
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| | 7 pm Mon., Dec. 11 | | | | |
| | 9 pm Weds., Dec. 13 | | J. Treib | M. Campbell | J. Sauter & A. Krusiec |
| | 5:30 pm Fri., Dec. 15 | | J. Paling | V. Cistaro | P. Kimmes & C. Morrall |
| | 11 am Sun., Dec. 17 | B. Walbrun, C. Zimmer & C. Krautkramer | L. Lamptey, D. Killick & C. Matetich | R. Phipps B. Gregory | B. Hiltunen, G. Roose, D. La-Croix, A. Bersano & A. Bonen |
| | 7 pm Sun., Dec. 17 | J. Flynn N. Marino | E. Daley A. Zackal | L. DeSimpelare M. Jackels | I. Hermann E. Bloch |

FAITH FORMATION & PRAYER

The Nativity Story at Fisher THIS Weds., Dec. 13, 8:30 pm at Fisher 135. Sponsored by St. Al's... Free Admission!

Advent Penance Service at St. Al's This Thursday, 7-9 pm, multiple confessors. Prepare for Christmas the best way... make a good confession!

Mini-Mission Advent 2017 - Jesus, Fulfillment of the Old Testament Prophecies Led by Sr. Jacqueline, exploring the Old Testament passages that refer to Jesus. Discover how Jesus was the Long-Awaited Messiah, Bring a Bible. 6 - 8 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 13, St. Anne, Chassell.

Graduate Recognition We'll be recognizing the December graduates at the 11 am & 7 pm Masses on Sunday, Dec. 17th!!

Magnificat Advent Companions Look at the entrances for our Advent prayer books. Prepare well for Christmas!

Best Advent Ever Rediscover the joy in preparing for Christmas! Sign up for a daily inspiring email reflection to participate: site: BestAdventEver.com/Youreinvited

Morning Prayer Every Mon./Weds./Fri. 7:30 am DHH Center Lounge, Begin your day by praying with & for the Church!

Bible Class Thank you to Sr. Jacqueline and all who participated this fall! A new study will begin after Christmas, "A Biblical Journey through the Mass!"

SoulCore Thurs., 8-9 pm, Wads. G17/G19 SoulCore is a prayer experience that pairs core strengthening, stretching and functional movement with the prayers of the rosary. Contact Rose, roset@mtu.edu, www.soulcore.com

The Mystery of God Bishop Barron's DVD series on the Trinity. Delve into the deepest mystery of our God! **5:15 pm Wednesdays**, Fireplace Contact Devon: djvanord@mtu.edu

PARISH EVENTS

CHRISTmas Party The annual event for needy families from the community has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 14th, from 5 pm - 6:30 pm in St. Al's parish hall. Please pick up a gift packet after Mass, and sign up to be involved. Talk to Dennis Sliva for more information (906-482-5954).

St. Anne's Christmas Pageant The Christmas Pageant preparations have begun, and we always have room for more children! Not only those who live here... but if you have family and friends who will be in town for Christmas, we can get them involved as well. Please contact Monica Aho: monicaaho@gmail.com or (906)370-1488



Friday Night Fireside Fellowship:

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

Dec. 15 Men's & Women's Night

Dec. 22 End of Finals: Movie Night (or Snowshoeing?)

Catholic Men's and Women's Houses If you're interested in joining one of the houses, please talk to the house leaders: Marissa Schorr, Rudy Hoover, Devon VanOrder. House contact info on the back of the bulletin.

Chapel Rat Program If you're interested in applying to become a St. Al's Chapel Rat, or have questions about the program, please email Fr. Ben (benjhasse@yahoo.com)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

An Infant Messiah - Looking Into Matthew 1 & 2 - Led by Fr. Corbin Eddy. One surprise after another. Family Tree-Joseph-Star Gazers-Herod- Egypt. Sponsored by Holy Family & St. Ignatius Parishes. Sun., Dec. 10th, & Mon., Dec. 11th, in the Holy Family Parish Hall (6:30-8 pm). Light refreshments.

Christian Women's Brunch - Speaker: Kris Raisanen Schourek, Author of "A Celebration of Preservation-Favorite Recipes from the Queen of Canning". Thurs., Dec. 14th, at 9:15 am at Zion Lutheran Church-Hancock. Each woman attending will receive a gift. Donation: \$8. Music: Rev. David Whitaker, PHD, Exec. Dir. Of Love Inc. Reservation: call 482-3426.

Local Nursing Home Mass Schedule

| Ho. Cty. Med. Care Thurs., 2 pm | Lighthouse Fri., 10:30 am | Portage Pointe Thurs., 11:00 am |
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| Dec. 14, Fr. William | Dec. 15, Fr. Ben | Dec. 28, Fr. John |

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*

Post-Abortion Healing Resources

Project Rachel: hopeafterabortion.com

Rachel's Vineyard: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Silent No More Campaign: www.silentnomoreawareness.org



“John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. **And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."** We hear these words in our Gospel on this **Second Sunday of Advent...** but wait, where's the Nativity? This passage comes from long after Jesus' Birth?!?!

Why hear this now?

Remember... the first part of Advent (which means "arrival" or "coming") is NOT dedicated primarily to the Lord's Birth in time... but to His coming in glory at the end of time. This is why, in part, Advent does have a penitential character: just as John the Baptist called people to prepare to encounter Jesus by repenting, so now in our own time the Church calls us to prepare to encounter Jesus by repenting!

Repentance can lead to humility, and an openness to receive the Lord in whatever way He chooses to come into our lives. John the Baptist knew he was a messenger, not the main event, and so he recognized Jesus at His coming!

Take advantage of the **Advent Penance Service** at St. Al's this Thursday, 7-9 pm, multiple confessors!!!

Advent is a rich and special time for prayer. Please make use of some of our Advent resources: the *Magnificat Advent Companion* (many copies are stacked up at the entrances), as well as the online program, **The Best Advent Ever: BestAdventEver.com**

We have a great opportunity for service **this Thursday** with the CHRISTmas Party hosted at St. Al's by the Slivas. Contact Dennis to get involved (see announcement to the left).

This Monday we celebrate another Marian Feast, **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. **Mass is at 7 pm at St. Al's, Dec. 11** followed by a potluck.

St. Al's depends on the support of our parishioners, but also very significantly our alumni and other supporters. **If you're a graduating senior, consider becoming part of the Senior Class Gift.** Contact Carly Joseph, Alexis Dani, Jacob Loew, or Husam Sweidan to get more information.

On Weds, Dec. 13th at 8:30 pm, we'll be sponsoring the showing of the beautiful Christmas film *The Nativity Story* at Fisher 135. Admission will be free... take a break and immerse yourself in the story of Christmas! *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, Dec. 17.

Sponsored by a Generous Chassell Resident

NOTE: St. Al's Christmas Eve schedule is different this year, Mass will be at midnight (Sunday 11:59 pm).

Please join our Christmas Choir, there will be practice on Sunday, Dec. 17th, after the 11 am Mass

Join us for our Christmas Pageant!

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



Come early for a good seat!

Christmas Pageant

Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga



“The Will of God is our sanctification; we should know, love and serve God in this world, so to be happy with Him in the next.”

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.

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

St. Al's CONTRIBUTIONS

| | Dec. 3 rd , 2017 | Year to Date |
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| Envelopes | \$1,036.00 | \$17,825.20 |
| Loose | \$233.00 | \$13,822.15 |
| Holy Day | \$0.00 | \$172.00 |
| Fuel | \$0.00 | \$300.00 |
| Total | \$1,269.00 | \$32,119.35 |
| *Budgeted | \$1,532.70 | \$35,252.10 |
| Overage/ (shortfall) | -\$263.70 | -\$3,132.75 |

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 in which people can investigate Catholicism. We welcome anyone who wants to explore the teachings of the Church. Meetings take place each Sunday from 12:30 - 2:00 pm at St. Al's, after the 11 am Mass. **To get involved, contact Sister Jacqueline: cell 906-231-6862, sisterj@mtucatholic.org**

2017 - 2018 FOCUS Team



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Fall 2017: Head Rat: Daniel LaCroix
Jacob Flynn + Alex Gorcyca + Dan Killick
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What's Happening at St. Al's? (Weekly Schedule)

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| Sunday | 11:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm | Mass + social RCIA/Fireplace Area Mass + social |
| Monday | 7:30 am 8:00 am 9:00 am | Morning Prayer, DHH Center Lounge Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Mass (when Fr. Ben is in town) |
| Tuesday | 8:00 am 7:30 pm 8:55 pm | Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Eucharistic Holy Hour, Solemn Exposition (Praise & Worship, Confession) Solemn Benediction |
| Wednesday | 7:30 am 8:00 am 12:15 pm 7:00 pm | Morning Prayer, DHH Center Lounge Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Mass (moved due to movie) Confessions (moved due to movie) |
| Thursday | 8:00 am 12:15 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm | Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Bible Class -will restart next semester Bible Class -will restart next semester SoulCore (Wads G17 / G19) |
| Friday | 7:30 am 8:00 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm | Morning Prayer, DHH Center Lounge Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition ALL DAY ADORATION (til 5:15 pm) Confessions Mass followed by dinner, Fireside: Men's & Women's Night |
| Saturday | | At St. Anne's in Chassell: 4:30 pm Confessions & 5:30 pm Mass |



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!

**St. Albert the Great University Parish
Pastoral Council 2017/2018**



Jill Poliskey, President
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Grad. Rep: TBD **FOCUS Rep:** Colleen Morrall
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2017-18 Ministry Leaders

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7 pm Choir: help needed
Head Cantor: Chris Schwartz, ceschwar@mtu.edu
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Ushers/Greeters Tim Ciarelli, tciarel@mtu.edu

PRAYER MINISTRIES:

Night Prayer Alex Gorcyca, ajgorcyc@mtu.edu

Rosary TBA

Praise and Worship help needed

SoulCore Rose Turner, roset@mtu.edu; Katie Buchalski, kcbuchal@mtu.edu

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

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

Respect Life TBA

Youth Ministry Retreat Team volunteer needed

COMMUNITY:

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Friday Night Fireside Fellowship James Bonar, jbbonar@mtu.edu; Piersan Kimmes, pekimmes@mtu.edu; Zach Smith, ztsmith@mtu.edu

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