



St. Albert the Great University Parish



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3rd Sunday of Advent
Dec. 17th, 2017

Entrance Antiphon for the Third Sunday of Advent

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near. Philippians 4:4-5

Mass Readings

Monday
December 18

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

Tuesday
December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday
December 20

Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday
December 21

Sg 2:8-14
Lk 1:39-45

Friday
December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28
1 Lk 1:46-56

Saturday
December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Lk 1:57-66

Sunday
December 24

Fourth Sunday
Of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

Congratulations to our Dec. graduates!

We are proud of you,
but sad to see you go!
Know of our prayers
for you as you take the
next step!

Matthew Adams

Luke Brechting

Jake Bures

Matt Byrne

Alexis Dani

Hanna Dolinski

Keelyn Eby

Aubrey Ficek

Alessandro

Fitzsimmons

Keagan Fortier

Zack Furger

Nick Glass

Ed Glowacki

Terry Gregoricka

Brian Kass

Zach Klassen

Gabrielle Kuznicki
Bryce Litschauer
Jake Loew
Emily Macomber
Sam Marek
Elizabeth Martin
Ryan Masakowski
Christopher Matetich

Nic Olbrantz

Corey Ortiz

Spencer Phillips

Adam Pionke

George Platz

Matt Rudy

Joseph Ryan

Daniel Saltzmann

Marissa Schorr

Grace Schroeder

Dallas St. Arnaud

Andrew Summers

Zoe Sutton

Zachary Verran

Nick Waara

Margo Weaver

Nick Ceconi

Stephen Krease



!!!MIDNIGHT PANCAKES!!!

10 pm, Mon. December 18nd!

Take a study break, and fuel your brain... we'll have a hearty breakfast available as Monday turns into Tuesday! (10 pm - 11:59 pm)

Spring Break Mission Trip!!!

Now's the time to sign up for
St. Al's Spring Break Mission Trip!

Use your spring break for service and adventure!

Our Spring Break Mission Trip this year is a
return to a site we've visited before:

Fr. Carr's Place 2B, a homeless shelter,
clinic, and foodbank in Oshkosh, WI.

Leave on Sunday, March 11th
and return on Friday, March 16th!

Contact Fr. Ben: benjhase@yahoo.com

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

Advent Penance Services

Prepare well for Christmas!

* Mon., Dec. 18, 6 pm
St. Anne's, Chassell

* Weds, Dec. 20, 6 pm
Sacred Heart, L'Anse

Pastor: Fr. Ben Hasse + 906-482-5530 + cell (906)290-2434 + benjhase@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

Sun.	Dec. 17	11 am	† Joyce Bonen	By André Bonen & Family By Chris Bryan By St. Peter's Cathedral By the Parish By the Parishes By Fr. Ben Hasse	Mass Intentions
Sun.	Dec. 17	7 pm	† Charlie Conner		
Weds.	Dec. 20	9 pm	All Souls		
Fri.	Dec. 22	5:30 pm	An Abundant Outpouring of Vocations		
Sun.	Dec. 24	11 am	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's		
Sun.	Dec. 24	11:59 pm	† Eileen Hasse		

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	9 pm Weds., Dec. 20		D. LaCroix	M. Schorr	D. Kulas & E. Murphy
	5:30 pm Fri., Dec. 22		D. Killick	G. Rushlau	C. Morrall & P. Wyman
	11 am Sun., Dec. 24	Jack Dueweke Pat Roche	Help needed	C. Bryan Help needed	Help needed, Help needed
	11:59 pm Sun., Dec. 24	TBA	TBA	M. Kwesiga TBA	B. Hiltunen, C. Bryan Help needed, Help needed
Please note: Christmas Eve Mass is at midnight, and the Christmas Day Mass at 11 am is at Portage Pointe					

FAITH FORMATION & PRAYER

Organ Recital 3pm THIS Sun., Dec. 17. Listen our beautiful pipe organ played by two Michigan Tech students who are currently taking organ lessons, as well as their teacher, Dr. Leslie Dukes. Program about 30 minutes.

Midnight Pancakes: Need a study break and a boost? Come out on Monday evening from 10:00 pm - midnight for a late night pancake feast! The final brunch cooked by our Steward of the Solemn Brunch before he graduates!

NET Retreat at Resurrection Parish: Weds. January 10th
An evening retreat for all 5th-12th graders led by a group of NET (National Evangelization Team) missionaries. Sign up with Sr. Jacqueline. Pizza at 5 pm, program starting 6 pm, done at 9 pm.

No All Day Adoration this Friday, Dec. 22 With finals ending, our adorers will have left town!

Liturgical Schedule Shifts: St. Al's shifts to the Christmas Break schedule on Dec. 26th.

PARISH EVENTS

St. Al's Finance Committee Meeting - Tues., Dec. 20th, 4 pm.

Christmas Eve Mass @ St. Al's this year begins at 11:59 pm on Sunday, Dec. 24th (not at 4 pm as in the past).

2018 Parish Calendars are available in the vestibule.

2018 Parish Offering Envelopes are also available there!

St. Anne's Christmas Pageant Christmas Eve (Sunday, Dec. 24th) at 7:15 pm. Come early to get a good seat! Christmas Eve Mass will follow at 8 pm. Questions, contact Monica Aho: monicaaho@gmail.com or (906)370-1488

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

Bilbane Bessette Scholarships Available: Looking for financial assistance with your college education? Applications are now being accepted for the 2018 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. On-line application found at <http://>



Friday Night Fireside Fellowship:

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

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

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, 2018.

St. Al's has replaced it's pews, and the old pews are available for a suggested donation of \$100/pew (or piece of a pew). We have many 13' pews left... and they can be cut down to a shorter pew about 7' long. Call the parish office if you're interested, or email Rhen, rhen@mtucatholic.org.

"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 this Sunday, Dec. 17.

Sponsored by a Generous Chassell Resident

Local Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Ho. Cty. Med. Care	Lighthouse	Portage Pointe
Thurs., 2 pm	Fri., 10:30 am	Thurs., 11:00 am
		Dec. 25, Fr. Ben

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



We hear again this Sunday about John the Baptist, this time from the Gospel of John: “A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.”

Where does the Light that John testified to shine today? We’ll commemorate the Light coming into the world with great joy and lit candles on Christmas Eve... and we can ourselves give witness to the light by our lives, by our daily words and actions. **Where might God be calling you to let your love shine this week?**

This coming weekend is going to be a little confusing since Christmas falls on Monday. There are two obligations for us all to fulfill with joy: the 4th Sunday of Advent (either Saturday evening, Dec. 23 or Sunday Dec. 24—any Mass all day) and **Christmas** (either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day). **To put it bluntly, no double whammies!** I’m privileged to be celebrating Mass for you 7 times those 3 days... I hope you’ll take advantage by coming to two of them, as that is what is required by Church discipline. It is also what will allow you to experience the full beauty of the Church’s liturgy!

The one thing with this opportunity that is counter-intuitive: because our 8 pm Christmas Eve Mass is on Sunday, it could be used to fulfill the Sunday Obligation, but you would then still need to come to one of the other Christmas Masses (midnight at St. Al’s, 9 am at St. Anne’s, 11 am at Portage Pointe) to fulfill the Christmas obligation. Let me know if you have questions about that!

Also, please note the different Mass time this year for Christmas Eve Mass at St. Al’s: St. Ignatius is NOT having the midnight Mass this year, so St. Al’s is going to do that (instead of our typical 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass).

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.

We’ll also be hosting Fr. Jose Cheria for part of this upcoming week. He is doing help-out work around the diocese this year, and will be coming back to be with us (when he’s not helping out somewhere else) from mid-February until June! Please give him a warm welcome!

There has been much discussion, paperwork, legal work, etc., but after over 6 months of process, **it looks like we are going to sell part of our backlot (about half an acre, the area near the pole barn) to the apartment complex next door.** This will allow us to replenish our parish fund, much of which has been spent in our much increased outreach to alumni, as well as kick-start a number of other projects. Once all the details are in place, I’ll get out an informational letter to all our registered parishioners.

Congratulations to all the December graduates! May God guide and bless you as you begin the next part of your journey, and know that our prayers go with you!

Our liturgical schedule will shift after Christmas, so watch next week’s bulletin for the details. *God Bless, Fr. Ben*

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

One Christmas Eve, when Fr. Baraga read “...and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes...” he was so overcome by the poverty of the Infant Jesus reflected through the suffering and poverty of his beloved Indians before him, he could not stop sobbing; he felt like a shepherd at the manger.

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. 10 th , 2017	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$505.00	\$18,330.20
Loose	\$310.84	\$14,132.99
Holy Day	\$195.56	\$367.56
Fuel	\$0.00	\$300.00
Total	\$1,011.40	\$33,130.75
*Budgeted	\$1,532.70	\$36,784.80
Overage/ (shortfall)	-\$521.30	-\$3,654.05

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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CHAPEL RAT Student Residents:

Fall 2017: Head Rat: Daniel LaCroix
Jacob Flynn + Alex Gorcyca + Dan Killick
Husam Sweidan + 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	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 8:00 pm 9:00 pm	Morning Prayer, DHH Center Lounge Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Confessions Mass followed by social
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 Confessions Mass followed by dinner, Fireside: Movie (or Snowshoeing?)
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
Isaac Hermann, Vice-President
Virginia Cistaro, Secretary
Rudy Hoover, Piersan Kimmes, Daniel LaCroix (& Rat. Rep.)
Grad. Rep: TBD **FOCUS Rep:** Colleen Morrall
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2017-18 Ministry Leaders

MASS MINISTRIES:

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7 pm Choir: help needed
Head Cantor: Chris Schwartz, ceschwar@mtu.edu
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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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Men's Houses: JPII: Devon Van Order djvanord@mtu.edu

St. Joseph: Rudy Hoover, rchoover@mtu.edu

Intramural Sports Patrick McFall, pdmcfall@mtu.edu

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