

# St. Albert the Great University Parish



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**First Sunday of Lent**  
**February 18, 2018**

## Entrance Antiphon for the First Sunday of Lent

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.  
cf. Psalm 91 (90):15-16

## Mass Readings

**Monday Feb. 19**  
Lenten Weekday  
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18  
Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday Feb. 20**  
Lenten Weekday  
Is 55:10-11  
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday Feb. 21**  
Lenten Weekday  
Jon 3:1-10  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday Feb. 22**  
Chair of St. Peter, Apostle  
1 Pt 5:1-4  
Mt 16:13-19

**Friday Feb. 23**  
Lenten Weekday  
Ez 18:21-28  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday Feb. 24**  
Lenten Weekday  
Dt 26:16-19  
Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday Feb. 25**  
2nd Sunday of Lent  
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Rom 8:31b-34  
Mk 9:2-10



## 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!

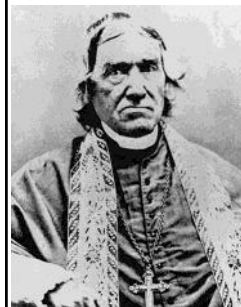
Our Spring Break Mission Trip this year is a return to a site we've visited before:

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

**Leave on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**and return on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>!**

Contact Fr. Ben: [benjhasse@yahoo.com](mailto:benjhasse@yahoo.com) or  
Mickey Moore, [bm Moore@mtu.edu](mailto:bm Moore@mtu.edu)

## FIRESIDE this Friday: "Who is Bishop Baraga?"



Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Len McKeen, the Executive Director of the Bishop Baraga Association, will speak to us about Bishop Baraga's life, and the progress of his cause for canonization!

## St. Al's Service

Get involved with service to those who are most in need!

**Emily Burke**

([emilyb@mtu.edu](mailto:emilyb@mtu.edu))

and **Virginia Cistaro**

([vlcistar@mtu.edu](mailto:vlcistar@mtu.edu)) are leading our service ministry.



• **Crafting with the Elderly**  
**Sunday, March 4, 2 pm**

Join our elder friends at the Bluffs to make Easter Egg trees and for conversation!

## Eucharistic Adoration

Solemn Exposition & Benediction:  
Tuesday 7:30 - 9 pm

Simple Exposition 8-9 am, Mon-Thurs

and on Friday:  
8:00am - 5:15pm

**ALL DAY ADORATION**



**Come pray before our Eucharistic Lord!**



Our Parish has been gifted with 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!**

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**Pastoral Associates:** [Sr. Jacqueline Spaniola](mailto:Sr. Jacqueline Spaniola) cell (906)231-6862 [sisterj@mtucatholic.org](mailto:sisterj@mtucatholic.org)  
[Sr. Marcelyn Gervais](mailto: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](mailto:rhen@stal-mtu.com) + Work Schedule M-F, 9 am - 5 pm

**Parish Secretary & Bookkeeper:** Barbara Wakeham (906)482-5530 [stalbert@stal-mtu.com](mailto:stalbert@stal-mtu.com) **Office Hours:** Tues - Fri, 9a - 4p

**Mass Times: Sun. 11 am & 7 pm / Tues. 12:15 pm / Weds. 9:00 pm / Thurs 12:15 pm / Fri. 5:30 pm**

**Confessions:** Tuesday 7:45 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. 18	11 am	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	Mass Intentions
Sun.	Feb. 18	7 pm	† Michael Shiroda, Sr.	By André Bonen & Family	
Tues.	Feb. 20	12:15 pm	† Joyce Bonen	By Alvin & Colleen Klein	
Weds.	Feb. 21	9 pm	† Aloysius Nowicki	By Fr. Ben Hasse	
Thurs.	Feb. 22	12:15 pm	† Mike Pellar	By Chris Bryan	
Fri.	Feb. 23	5:30 pm	† Camille & Clara Bourdeau	Offered on Behalf of St. Joseph's-Lake Linden	
Sun.	Feb. 25	11 am	† Helen Obst	By Mark & Cathy Campbell-Olszewski	
Sun.	Feb. 25	7 pm	For the Intentions of the Clergy	By Fr. Ben Hasse	

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	9 pm Weds., Feb. 21		M. Hollman	V. Cistaro	D. Kulas & J. Sauter
	5:30 pm Fri., Feb. 23		J. Treib	Z. LaLonde	A. Krusiec & C. Morrall
	11 am Sun., Feb. 25	P. Cauley, T. DeOpsomer & M. Moore	D. LaCroix, H. Sweidan & S. Oley	J. Loew B. Gregory	C. Bryan, A. Bersano, G. Roose, M. Bersano & A. Bonen
	7 pm, Sun., Feb. 25	N. Marino J. Flynn	J. Paling E. Daley	B. Metzger M. Kwesiga	I. Hermann E. Bloch

**FAITH FORMATION & PRAYER**

**Stations of the Cross** Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm, Friday at 12:15 pm (Weds. at 5:30 pm at St. Anne's in Chassell)

**EXTRA Masses** Starting next Tuesday, there will be Mass at St. Al's on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent at 12:15 pm.

**Magnificat Lenten Companion** Please pick up a copy of our 2018 Magnificat Lenten Companion. These compact prayer-books offer you a daily devotion for every day of Lent and more... grow in prayer this Lent!

**A Biblical Journey through the Mass** Wednesday at St. Anne's (10 am & 7 pm). At St. Al's, Mondays (9:30 pm) and Thursdays (12:15 pm & 7 pm). Go deeper into the Mass!

**Financial Peace University** What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's FPU class, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. Class coordinated by Rhen & Kylie Hoehn, starting **THIS Sunday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm** at St. Al's, it will teach this famous plan to help people take control of their lives, especially with regards to debt. To register and to buy the course materials use this link: [www.fpu.com/1059034](http://www.fpu.com/1059034) ???'s [rhen@mtucatholic.org](mailto:rhen@mtucatholic.org)

**Spring Campus Ministry Retreat** April 13-15 Bay Cliff Retreat Center, \$75.00.

**PARISH EVENTS**

**Finance Committee Meeting** - Weds., Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4 pm.

**Spring Break Mission Trip** March 11-16, going to Fr. Carr's Place 2B, a homeless shelter and foodbank in Oshkosh, WI. No set fee, all participants send fundraising letters. **If you're interested, please sign up after Mass this weekend!**

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**UPCOMING MARYGROVE RETREATS**

**Six Day Silent Directed Retreat (March 19-24)** When the topic of a silent retreat comes up, without fail someone will laugh and say: "I could never do that!" Is this true about you? If your day is saturated by information and communication, then you are probably a good candidate for a Silent Directed Retreat. Consider taking a break from your phone and all the noise that invades your life. Even the most skeptical participant on a Silent Directed Retreat comes away refreshed and renewed. (Six Day: \$260).

**Holy Week Triduum Guided Retreat (March 29-April 1)** The Triduum of Holy Week (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) and Easter Sunday is the high point of the Church year. This retreat includes periods of silence during



**Friday Night Fireside Fellowship:**

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

Feb. 23 Who is Bishop Baraga?

Mar. 2 Men's & Women's Night

Mar. 9 Spring Break Begins



**Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga**

"Nothing is difficult, nothing tedious, to a loving heart." Fr. Frederic Baraga

which to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Holy Week liturgies, Scripture study, Tenebrae service, private and communal prayer, and one retreat conference each day. This year, enter into celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection in a way that cannot be experienced except in a retreat setting. A free-will offering will be taken to cover the costs of the retreat.

**Info: 906-644-2771, or [www.marygrove.org](http://www.marygrove.org)  
or email: [mgcbox38@centurylink.net](mailto:mgcbox38@centurylink.net).**

**"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, Feb. 18.**

**Sponsored by: A Generous Neighbor  
Volunteer Appreciation Day will be held at the event!**



**Life Outreach Center**

**Think you're pregnant?  
Not sure what to do?**

**We listen. We care. We can help. There is hope.**

906-482-8681 [lifoutreachhoughton@gmail.com](mailto:lifoutreachhoughton@gmail.com)  
Web: [lifoutreachhoughton.wixsite.com/pregnancy-services](http://lifoutreachhoughton.wixsite.com/pregnancy-services)  
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





“The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.”

We hear on this **First Sunday of Lent** of Jesus driven into the desert by the Spirit. The desert is hot, dry, and “empty,” at least relative to a forest or a town. **Lent is meant to be a kind of spiritual desert**, a time where things quiet down.

**The liturgy gets simpler.** No *Gloria*, no *Alleluia*, and we forgo the Closing Hymn. We’re using the simple English chant setting for the Mass parts, as well as the Communion Antiphon alone at communion. We’re preparing, we’re waiting, we’re listening.

**Our meals should get simpler:** no meat on Fridays, along with whatever personal forms of fasting we may embrace. Maybe our spending could get simpler, leaving more to be given away.

**All of this is meant to open up space for prayer, for encounter, for relationship with God.**

I invited everyone at our Ash Wednesday services to **write down one concrete commitment in each of the three Lenten disciplines: prayer, fasting, almsgiving.** If you haven’t done that already, do so before you go to bed tonight:

- ◆ One way you’ll go deeper in **PRAYER**
- ◆ One way you’ll **FAST**
- ◆ One way you will give **ALMS**

THIS Sunday afternoon, Rhen and Kylie Hoehn are going to begin teaching **Financial Peace University** at St. Al’s from 3-5 pm. Childcare is offered. Even if you haven’t registered online, try out the first session to see what it’s like!

**Thank you to everyone who was part of our Winter Carnival Living Faith Matching Challenge!** We went past the \$5000 challenge match, and pledges are still coming in!

**Take advantage of all the Lenten opportunities** outlined in the bulletin insert... this is a great time to grow spiritually!

*God Bless, Fr. Ben*

**Lent Penance Services**

6 pm	Weds., Feb. 28	St. Joseph, Lake Linden
6 pm	Mon., Mar. 5	Holy Family, South Range
6 pm	Weds., Mar. 7	Sacred Heart, Calumet
7-9 pm	Thurs., Mar. 8	St. Al’s, Houghton
6 pm	Mon., Mar. 12	St. Ignatius, Houghton
6 pm	Weds., Mar. 14	Resurrection, Hancock
6 pm	Mon., Mar. 19	St. Anne’s, Chassell
6 pm	Weds., Mar. 28	Sacred Heart, L’Anse

**Post-Abortion Healing Resources**

**Project Rachel:** [hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com)

**Rachel’s Vineyard:** [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

**Silent No More Campaign:** [www.silentnomoreawareness.org](http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org)

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.

**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*

**Local Nursing Home Mass Schedule**

Ho. Cty. Med. Care Thurs., 2 pm	Lighthouse Fri., 10:30 am	Portage Pointe Mon., 11:00 am
Mar. 08, Fr. John	Mar. 09, Fr. John	Feb. 22, Fr. John

**Stewardship Updates**

- **Our Winter Carnival Living Faith Matching Challenge was a great success!** As of Monday, \$5,898.00 was pledged as monthly gifts over the next 6 months, exceeding the challenge gift of \$5000! 17 people pledged, of whom 11 were new to monthly giving, and 6 of them new donors in our system!
- **Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic schools of our diocese!** You can still turn in your offering for this purpose using the special envelope! Results next week.
- Most of our spots are full for the first week of interviews regarding our **draft case statement for a proposed capital campaign!** Thank you for your quick responses! There will be an additional week for interviews in early April.
- **The sale of our half acre backlot is complete.** In the next couple weeks, we’ll be moving out of the pole barn, and harvesting the oak trees for lumber and firewood.

**St. Al’s CONTRIBUTIONS**

	Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$1,075.00	\$25,541.20
Loose	\$487.64	\$17,244.20
Holy Day	\$0.0	\$5,820.56
Fuel	\$0.00	\$398.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,562.64</b>	<b>\$49,003.96</b>
*Budgeted	\$1,532.70	\$50,579.10
Overage/ (shortfall)	+\$29.94	-\$1,575.14

To give online: [www.mtucatholic.org/donate](http://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**



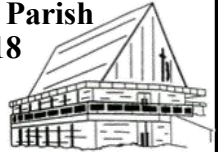
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**St. Albert the Great University Parish  
Pastoral Council 2017/2018**



Jill Poliskey, President  
Isaac Hermann, Vice-President  
Virginia Cistaro, Secretary  
Rudy Hoover, Jessica Paling, Daniel LaCroix (& Rat. Rep.)  
**Grad. Rep:** TBD      **FOCUS Rep:** Colleen Morrall  
**Faculty Adviser:** Dr. Martin Thompson  
**Year Round Parishioner:** Jack Dueueke

**2017-18 Ministry Leaders**

**MASS MINISTRIES:**

**Altar Server** Jessica Paling, jepaling@mtu.edu

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
Jake Sauter, jmsauter@mtu.edu

**Lectors** Caroline Spezia, cespezia@mtu.edu

**Music Ministry** Phillip Wyman, pjwyman@mtu.edu  
Music Coordinator: Deb Zei, dazei@mtu.edu

7 pm Choir: help needed  
Head Cantor: Chris Schwartz, ceschwar@mtu.edu  
Instrumental Coordinator: Ben Gregory, blgregor@mtu.edu

**Ushers/Greeters** Tim Ciarelli, tciarel@mtu.edu

**PRAYER MINISTRIES:**

**Night Prayer** Alex Gorcyca, ajgorcyc@mtu.edu

**Rosary** Aaron Kramer, akramer@mtu.edu

**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

**St. Al's Service** Emily Burke, emilyb@mtu.edu; Virginia Cistaro, vlcistar@mtu.edu

**Master of the Solemn Brunch** James Bonar, jbbonar@mtu.edu

**Respect Life** TBA

**Youth Ministry Retreat Team** volunteer needed

**COMMUNITY:**

**Women's House:** Zoe LaLonde, zmlalond@mtu.edu

**Men's Houses:** JP II: 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; Zach Smith, ztsmith@mtu.edu

**QuarterMaster (4th Period)** Josh Treib, jgtreib@mtu.edu

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

**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 12:15 pm 7:30 pm 8:55 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Mass (extra for Lent) Stations of the Cross followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour, Solemn Exposition (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 Confession Mass
Thursday	8:00 am 12:15 pm 12:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Mass (extra for Lent) Bible Class (Fireplace) Bible Class (Fireplace) SoulCore (Wads G17 / G19)
Friday	7:30 am 8:00 am 4:30am 5:30 pm	Morning Prayer, DHH Center Lounge Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition ALL DAY ADORATION (til 5:15 pm) Confession Mass, afterwards dinner and Fireside: "Who is Bishop Baraga?"
Saturday		At St. Anne's in Chassell: 4:30 pm Confessions & 5:30 pm Mass

**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.