

# St. Albert the Great University Parish



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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 11, 2018**

## 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 12**  
Is 65:17-21  
Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday**  
**March 13**  
Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday**  
**March 14**  
Is 49:8-15  
Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday**  
**March 15**  
Ex 32:7-14  
Jn 5:31-47

**Friday**  
**March 16**  
Wis 2:1a,  
12-22  
Jn 7:1-2,  
10, 25-30

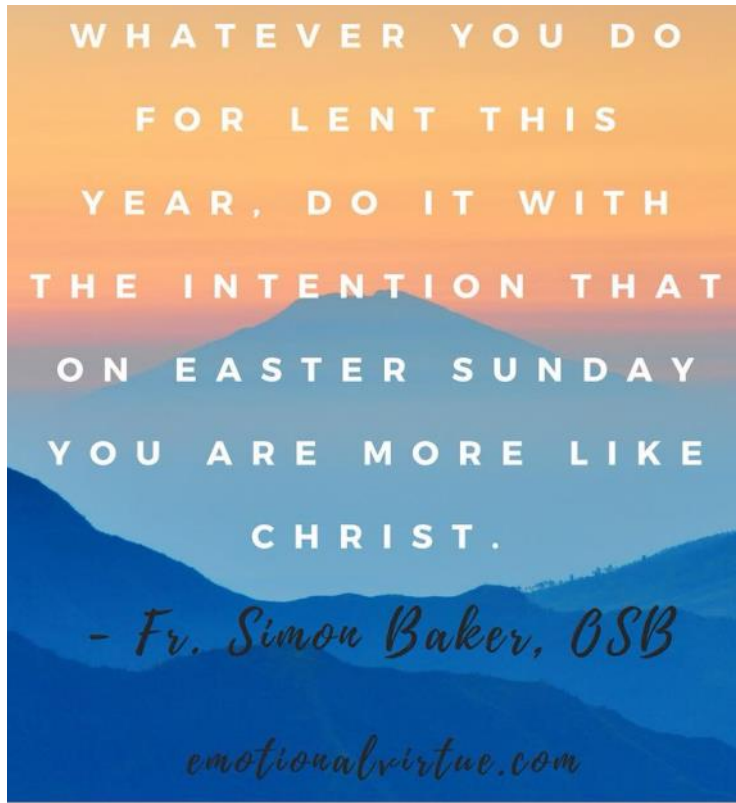
**Saturday**  
**March 17**  
Jer 11:18-20  
Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday**  
**March 18**  
Fifth Sunday  
of Lent  
Jer 31:31-34  
Heb 5:7-9  
Jn 12:20-33

## Spring Break Mission Trip!



Please pray for our group that travels this Sunday down to Fr. Carr's Place 2B, a homeless shelter and food pantry in Oshkosh, WI.



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!**

**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@mtucatholic.org + 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 Fri. 5:30 pm (This week due to spring break)**

**Confessions:** Tuesday 8:00 pm, ~~Wednesday 8 pm~~ & Friday 5:00 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. 11	11 am	† Tom Corrigan, Sr.	By André Bonen & Family	Mass Intentions
Fri.	Mar. 16	5:30 pm	For Vocations to the Franciscan Community	By the Franciscan Sisters	
Sun.	Mar. 18	11 am	† Mary Negri	By Patsy Reed	
Sun.	Mar. 18	7 pm	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	5:30 pm Fri., Mar. 16		Help needed	Help Needed	Help needed
	11 am Sun., Mar. 18	J. Dueweke, L. Wenderski & C. Wallenfang	J. Stine, S. Oley & J. Treib	R. Phipps J. Loew	C. Bryan, G. Roose, A. Bonen, J. Suidgeest & C. Morrall
	7 pm, Sun., Mar. 18	N. Marino, J. Flynn	J. Paling, E. Daley	M. Kwesiga, N. Sturgeon	E. Vandebusch, B. Metzger

**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** There will be Mass at St. Al's on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent at 12:15 pm. (Resume next week)

**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** (Resumes next week)

**Easter Vigil** The Mother of All Liturgies! 9 pm to midnight, Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, followed by a pizza social. Come welcome the candidates and catechumens as they receive the Sacraments of Initiation!

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

**Spring Silent Retreat** After finals, take either 3 or 6 days in silent prayer! May 4-9<sup>th</sup> at Marygrove Retreat Center

**PARISH EVENTS**

**Spring Break Mission Trip** Please pray for our mission group serving is Oshkosh this week!

**Spring Swing** A fun, themed, spring dance! 8 pm - midnight, Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, St. Al's Hall. Details TBA

**UPCOMING MARYGROVE RETREAT**

**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 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).



**Friday Night Fireside Fellowship:**

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

Mar. 16 Spring Break, no event

March 23 Fr. Jude McPeak, OP: Spiritual Combat

March 30 Good Friday: Tenebrae, movie *The Passion*

April 6 TBA

**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 Thurs., 11:00 am
Apr. 12, Fr. William	Apr. 13, Fr. John	Mar. 22, Fr. William

**Lent Penance Services**

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

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.

**"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, March 18.

Sponsored by: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



**Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga**

Fr. Baraga wrote to his benefactors the Lepoldine Society, "With outstretched hands, I beg you to have compassion on your unfortunate brothers in this part of the world."

**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](mailto:rhen@mtucatholic.org).



**It is a joy to be back with you after a week away.** My training at the seminary near Palm Beach, FL was fruitful. The focus was helping seminarians grow in virtue, especially with reference to the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit. The material was very good, and the camaraderie of being with other vocations directors and seminary formators was also a blessing.

Last Sunday I flew from Florida to Knoxville, TN where the older of my two

younger sisters lives with her family. I had not seen Becky and her husband John since last summer, the kids grow fast! Little John is 5, Thomas 4, and little Elle is 2. We made homemade fettucine... they were VERY "helpful!" We also made a tepee in their yard. It was only a couple days, but a great joy!

**"Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her..."** With these words of the Entrance Antiphon, the Church welcomes this **Fourth Sunday of Lent** with the joy of being more than halfway through our Lenten fast! The nickname, Laetare Sunday, comes from the Latin for "Rejoice," that is, "Laetare."

**This middle part of Lent is the time for perseverance...** to stick to our commitments in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. If you have fallen away from those practices, get up again, and begin anew. The Lord has special graces in store for you as we all prepare together for Easter!

**I'm very grateful to Fr. Jose Cherian for covering while I was gone!** He will be with us on and off until the end of June. At times he will be gone to help other priests around the diocese. Please introduce yourself to him, and continue to welcome him. It is a great blessing to have his presence and help!

**This week I will be with Sr. Jacqueline, our FOCUS missionaries, and a group of students at Fr. Carr's Place 2B, a homeless shelter, clinic, and food pantry in Oshkosh, WI for our Spring Break Mission Trip.** We will leave on Sunday afternoon and return on Friday. Please pray for the people we will serve, and especially for our college students who will be engaged in that service! Fr. Jose will be covering the weekday Masses.

**Please Note: the Liturgical Schedule this week at St. Al's is greatly curtailed.** Only three events:

- Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions from 8-9 pm on Tuesday,
- Stations of the Cross at 12:15 pm on Friday,
- 5 pm Confessions followed by 5:30 pm Mass on Friday.

This coming Sunday our full liturgical schedule will resume.

I hope you received **our spring newsletter** this week! I'm really happy with how it turned out: Rhen put a lot of hard work into preparing it. If you didn't get a copy, please let me know and we'll get you on the list!

**I continue to be VERY grateful for the good work of our four FOCUS missionaries.** Last week we featured Colleen's recent newsletter for her Mission Partners (the people who support her financially), this week I have included Allie

Slough's newsletter. Each missionary is responsible for fund-raising their own salary!

**One of the consistent pieces of feedback in our Campaign Study interviews is that many of you feel that when my time ends here (years from now, I hope), many of the new initiatives and growth may come to an end!** I am flattered by your good opinion of my efforts, and I certainly hope they continue to bear fruit. I was a little surprised by how widespread this sentiment is! **In thinking about it, I realized that I need to communicate more clearly to you the amazing weekly labors of our four missionaries!** At Mass, they may look like all the other college students, but they are a vital part of our staff serving the students!

The 4 missionaries are leading Bible Studies every week, meeting with students one-on-one daily, and spending significant time in prayer each day. They invite, encourage, teach, mentor, and intercede. **I speak with them weekly, especially Colleen, our Team Director, and nearly all of our plans and initiatives are marked by their insight and experience.**

On a very basic level, our FOCUS team brings four people who are working full time, and more than full time, to grow the Faith here at St. Al's! **St. Al's has NEVER before had that much time and energy dedicated to direct student ministry,** and their ministry is at the very center of the positive growth we have experienced. **I am happy to take credit for being instrumental in bringing the FOCUS team here, but I must be honest in recognizing their good work!**

Finally, as the Easter Vigil approaches, please continue to keep in your prayers **our 7 young adults preparing for Easter Sacraments at St. Al's!**

*God Bless, Fr. Ben*

### Stewardship Updates

- **I sent you a LONG letter a few weeks ago,** I hope it helps outline some of the current planning!
- **Our Spring Newsletter** went out this week to well over 6,000 households (parishioners, alumni, parents, friends, priests of the diocese, etc.) I hope you enjoy it! Let me know if you didn't get one!
- **We are well into our Campaign Study Interviews, both here and around the Midwest, and have learned a great deal.** Thank you to all who participated! There will be an additional week for interviews here in Houghton in early April.
- **The sale of our backlot is complete.** We've moved out of the pole barn, and are in the process of cutting up the remaining tree tops for firewood. My thanks to Jack and John for their hard work on that!

### St. Al's CONTRIBUTIONS

	March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$1,115.00	\$27,769.20
Loose	\$369.78	\$18,442.63
Holy Day	\$0.0	\$5,820.56
Fuel	\$0.00	\$513.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,484.78</b>	<b>\$52,545.39</b>
*Budgeted	\$1,532.70	\$55,177.20
Overage/ (shortfall)	-\$47.92	-\$2,631.81

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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**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?  
(SPRING BREAK Schedule)**

Sunday	11:00 am	Mass + social
Tuesday	8:00 pm	Solemn Exposition (Confession during Adoration)
	8:55 pm	Solemn Benediction
Friday	12:15 pm	Stations of the Cross
	5:00 pm	Confessions
	5:30 pm	Mass
Saturday	At St. Anne's in Chassell: 4:30 pm Confessions & 5:30 pm Mass	



**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 lifeoutreachhoughton@gmail.com  
Web: lifeoutreachhought.wixsite.com/pregnancy-services  
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

**Post-Abortion Healing Resources**

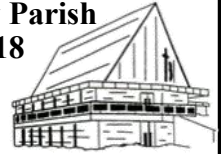
**Project Rachel:** hopeafterabortion.com  
**Rachel's Vineyard:** www.rachelsvineyard.org  
**Silent No More Campaign:** www.silentnomoreawareness.org

**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.

**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

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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** 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  
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**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**