

St. Albert the Great University Parish



Michigan Technological University

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Entrance Antiphon for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior. cf. Is 45:8

**4th Sunday of Advent,
Dec. 23, 2018**

Mass Readings

Mon. Dec. 24
 2 Sm 7:1-5,
 8b-12, 14a, 16
 Lk 1:67-79

**Tues. Dec. 25
 CHRISTMAS**
 Is 52:7-10
 Heb 1:1-6
 Jn 1:1-18

Weds. Dec. 26
 St. Stephen,
 The First Martyr
 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
 Mt 10:17-22

Thurs. Dec. 27
 St. John, Apostle &
 Evangelist
 1 Jn 1:1-4
 Jn 20:1a & 2-8

Fri. Dec. 28
 The Holy Innocents,
 Martyrs
 1 Jn 1:5-2:2
 Mt 2:13-18

Sat. Dec. 29
 Fifth Day in the
 Octave of Christmas
 1 Jn 2:3-11
 Lk 2:22-35

Sun. Dec. 30
 The Holy Family
 of Jesus,
 Mary & Joseph
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
 Col 3:12-21
 Lk 2:41-52

Christmas Liturgy Schedule 2018

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm Mass, St. Al's, Houghton
(Mon.. Dec. 24) 6:15 pm Christmas Concert & Pageant @ St. Anne's, Chassell
7:00 pm Mass, St. Anne's, Chassell
Christmas Day 9:00 am Mass, St. Anne's, Chassell
(Tues., Dec. 25) 11:00 am Mass, Portage Pointe Facility



Christmas Season Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 26, **Mass**, 5:30 pm St. Al's
 Thursday, Dec. 27, **Mass**, 9 am St. Anne's
 Friday, Dec. 28, **Mass**, 5:30 pm St. Al's
Feast of the Holy Family Dec. 29/30
 Saturday, 4 pm Mass, St. Anne's
 Sunday: 9 am, St. Anne's & 11 am, St. Al's

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation
 Monday, Dec. 31, **Mass** 7 pm St. Al's
 Tuesday, Jan. 1, 9 am **Mass** St. Anne's

Wednesday, Jan. 2, **Mass**, 5:30 pm St. Al's
Thursday, Jan. 3 & Friday, Jan. 4 NO MASSES
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Jan 3/4
 Saturday, 4 pm Mass, St. Anne's
 Sunday: 9 am, St. Anne's & 11 am, St. Al's

Holiday Office Schedule at St. Al's:

Office will be closed Dec. 24 & 25, and also Dec. 31 & Jan 1.
 The office open as usual Dec. 26-28 and Jan. 2-4.

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 to **Fr. Carr's Place 2B**, a homeless shelter, clinic, and foodbank in Oshkosh, WI.
Leave on Sunday, March 10th and return on Friday, March 15th!

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

Mass Times: Sat. 5:30 pm, Sun. 11 am & 7 pm - / Weds. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Confessions: Tuesday 8:00 pm, Wednesday & 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
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am
Tuesday: 5:30 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am

Sun.	Dec. 23	11 am	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	Mass Intentions
Mon.	Dec. 24	4 pm	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	
Weds.	Dec. 26	5:30 pm	For an Abundant Outpouring of Vocations in our Diocese & World	By the Parish	
Fri.	Dec. 28	5:30 pm	† John (Jack) Longhini	By the Parish	
Sun.	Dec. 30	11 am	† Ralph Bammert	By Pat & Anna Roche	

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	5:30pm Weds Dec. 26		J. Kinnunen	Help Needed	
	5:30 pm Fri., Dec. 28		J. Kinnunen	G. Jose	
11 am Sun., Dec. 30	J. Dueweke P. Roche	A. Zackal J. Kinnunen	A. Sutherland G. Jose	A. Bonen C. Campbell-Olszewski	

FAITH FORMATION & PRAYER

Learn the Faith with Sr. Jacqueline! Classes will resume next semester with Theology of the Body on Thursday!

Monday Night Learning The Kings will lead a group next semester on Monday evenings, 9:30 to 11:00 pm, Jeff Cavins on the Gospel of Matthew: *The King & His Kingdom*

PARISH EVENTS

St. Anne's & St. Al's Offices will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

2019 Parish Calendars Please pick them up after Mass

2019 Parish Envelopes Please pick them up after Mass! It's a big help to the counters if you use your envelopes!

St. Al's Christmas Break Schedule St. Al's 5:30 pm Saturday Mass, and the 7 pm Sunday Mass are suspended Dec. 22/23, Jan. 5/6, and Jan. 12. The Sunday 7 pm resumes on Jan. 13, the Saturday 5:30 pm resumes on Jan. 20.

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) **Two spots are available for this coming semester, spring 2019!**

SEEK 2019 FOCUS' national conference is in Indianapolis! SEEK is Jan 3-7, so save the date! seek2019.com

Spring Break Mission Trip It's not too early to set aside your spring break (Sunday afternoon through Friday) for service! Join the St. Al's group going down to the homeless shelter and food pantry, Fr. Carr's Place 2B, in Oshkosh, WI. Learn, serve, grow... give of yourself in imitation of Christ!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR The Diocesan Council of Marquette, MI - Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking an Executive Director. Position is 40 hours per week at office in Marquette. A Bachelor's Degree in business management or social services is required. Limited benefits. Salaried position. Please submit resume with references by December 28, 2018. Mail to DCM, 2119 Presque Isle Ave., Room 101, Marquette, MI 49855 or email: svdp@svdpup.org. DCM website is www.svdpu.org.

Copper Country Frassati Society, Monthly Gathering Fri., Jan. 4. Mass at St. Paul's in Calumet at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to participate in Adoration and Benediction before Mass as well. After Mass, at about 7:30, the group will have a pot-luck dinner at 216 N Florida St. in Laurium. Young adult Catholics, their family, and friends are invited to join in any or all of the evening's activities.

Life Outreach Center is holding a Diaper Drive in December for their clients. A drop box is provided for donations. Life Outreach has a new location on Quincy St. in Hancock across from the Salvation Army. Thank you for your support!

Flood Relief from St. Vincent de Paul If you were impacted

Thank you, each for your kind remembrances of me. Be assured of my love, gratitude and prayer.
- Sister Ellen


by the flood, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Hancock to learn about relief aid that may be available: 906-523-5504. Please also encourage your friends, family, or neighbors to call.

UPCOMING MARYGROVE RETREAT

Knights of Columbus Retreat - Jan. 4-6. Join with your fellow Knights for a weekend of fellowship and spiritual growth. (Director: Fr. Tim Ferguson)

Info: 906-644-2771, www.marygrove.org or email mgcbox38@centurylink.net

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.

Post-Abortion Healing Resources

Project Rachel: hopeafterabortion.com

Rachel's Vineyard: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Silent No More Campaign: www.silentnomoreawareness.org



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
300B Quincy Street Hancock, MI 49930

Our mailing address: PO Box 563 Hancock MI 49930

Hours of Operation: (or by appointment)
Mon. 11 am - 5 pm //Weds. noon - 8 pm //Thurs. noon - 8 pm

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*



Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

Fr. Baraga was repaid for all his sacrifices and his six mile nightly journey, as on Christmas Day he baptized twenty-two persons, the majority of whom were adults.



In our Gospel **this Sunday for the 4th Sunday of Advent**, we hear of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. Both of them were bearing special infants in their wombs!

We are drawing very near the joy of Christmas! **God has come to save us**, He has come Himself, He has come in the flesh, He has come as tiny baby child!

Hosanna in the highest!

Please note that our Christmas Eve Mass at St. Al's has returned to the normal 4 pm time. If you are willing to sing in the special Christmas Choir (all comers welcome!), please report to the choir loft by 3:30 pm. Thank you to everyone who has been preparing for the celebration!

One very beautiful and appropriate spiritual practice during these upcoming Christmas weeks is to pray before the manger scene. Make some time to stop at the church and gaze prayerfully upon the crib, as you're in the Lord's Eucharistic Presence, and thank God for this gift!!!

We have two books as parish gifts for Christmas! *Signs of Life: 20 Catholic Customs and their Biblical Roots* by Scott Hahn and *Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ* by Edward Sri. Please take one for yourself, and for your friends! We want to see them all go to "good homes!"

Note: no 5:30 pm Sat. or 7 pm Sunday Masses at St. Al's during the Christmas break at MTU. There is more detail of the schedule for next week and the week after on the front and on the back of the bulletin.

As we have finished the fall semester, I just want to express my warm gratitude for all your spiritual, practical, and financial support for our little parish! We have had a tremendous semester, and a lot of involvement. Fr. Dustin has brought a lot of new initiatives, and a very generous and bold priestly presence and invitation. I'm really excited about what God is doing here in our midst!

Having wrapped up all the final paperwork and the bills on the new garage earlier this fall, **we have begun work on the Campaign for St. Al's** that Bishop John approved in October. A Campaign Committee has been formed, and is working diligently on the campaign. **Pat & Anna Roche** represent the parish on the campaign committee, and Pat serves as a liaison between our Finance Council and the Campaign Committee as well. **Joe and Laura Shawhan** are serving as Honorary Chairs, along with Bishop John. We are in the process of soliciting leadership and major gifts for the campaign, and hope to be ready for a public launch in the spring.

The first work we hope to do with campaign proceeds is the addition of **a second story to the Rat Residence.** That floor would contain a relocated priest residence and 2 new meeting rooms for groups, classes, and Bible studies. We have begun design work on this part of the project, and hope to begin work right after classes get done in May. Next school year (2019-2020) and the following summer, we hope to do further renovation work on the offices and well as rat residence and hall.

On Christmas afternoon I will head south to spend a few days with my family at my sister Becky and brother-in-law John's home in Knoxville, TN. From there I go to our St. Al's event at the GLI Hockey Tournament on Dec. 30th, and then I return on New Year's Eve. Fr. Dustin will be holding down the fort while I'm away, and then he'll be heading to spend a few days with his family as I return.

God Bless, Fr. Ben

How to Report Abuse in the Diocese of Marquette

The Diocese of Marquette encourages individuals to report clergy, employee or volunteer sexual abuse of minors and others – no matter when the abuse occurred. For more than 15 years the diocese has had a "hotline" to Victims Assistance Coordinators for anyone to report abuse, which continues to be available.

Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Diocese of Marquette by calling one of the Victim Assistance Coordinators: Stephen Lynott at (844) 495-4330 or Diane Tryan at (844) 694-4362. Or by writing to Victims Assistance Coordinator, c/o Catholic Social Services of the UP, 1100 Ludington St. Suite 401, Escanaba MI 49829. Please mark the letter "Personal and Confidential" and indicate in your letter how you wish to be contacted (by phone or by letter).

In addition, the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

The diocese reports allegations to appropriate civil authorities. More information about the diocese's efforts to address abuse may be found under the "Protecting Children" dropdown menu on the homepage at www.dioceseofmarquette.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.

St. Al's CONTRIBUTIONS		
	Dec. 15 th & 16 th , 2018	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$925.00	\$23,343.90
Loose	\$1,021.00	\$23,175.86
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$632.66
Fuel	\$30.00	\$560.00
Total	\$1,976.00	\$47,712.42
*Budgeted	\$1,540.39	\$38,509.75
Overage/ (shortfall)	+\$435.61	+\$9,202.67

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**

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CHAPEL RAT Student Residents, 2018:

(Head Rat) James Bonar, Jay Czerniak
Jacob Flynn, Tanner Sheahan

**What's Happening at St. Al's?
(Christmas Break)**

Sunday	11:00 am	Mass + social
For Christmas Eve & Christmas Schedules, see inside...		
Tuesday	8:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Solemn Exposition (Confession) (Dec 26 only)
	8:55 pm	Solemn Benediction
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Confessions
	5:30 pm	Mass
Friday	5:00 pm	Confessions
	5:30 pm	Mass
Saturday	At St. Anne's in Chassell: 3:00 pm Confessions & 4:00 pm Mass	

Local Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Ho. Cty. Med. Care Thurs., 2 pm	Lighthouse Fri., 10:30 am	Portage Pointe Thurs., 11:00 am
Jan. 10, Fr. John	Jan. 11, Fr. Dustin	Dec. 27, Fr. William

“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, January 20th.

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