



St. Albert the Great University Parish



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2nd Sunday of Lent
March 12th, 2017

Entrance Antiphon for the Second Sunday of Lent
Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord,
that I seek; hide not your face from me. cf. Psalm 27 (26):8-9

Mass Readings

Monday
March 13
Dn 9:4b-10
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday
March 14
Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23:1-12

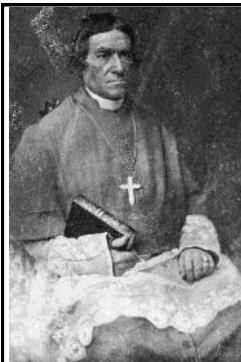
Wednesday
March 15
Jer 18:18-20
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday
March 16
Jer 17:5-10
Lk 16:19-31

Friday
March 17
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday
March 18
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday
March 19
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42



St. Al's Scholarship applications available!

Due back by Friday, March 31st... pick one up soon!
If you're an MTU student, & active at St. Al's, apply for 1 of 9 scholarships:
Kevin Crowley Memorial Scholarships, 2 @ \$1,000.00
Tom Mullins Honorary Scholarship, 1 @ \$1,000.00
Joe East Honorary Scholarship, 1 @ \$1,000.00
Bizjak-Baraga Scholarships, 5 @ \$2,000.00
(Bizjak-Baraga Scholarships go first to students of Slovenian or Native American descent)
Pick up an application after Mass, or stop by the office ASAP!

Fireside this week:
A visit from the **Franciscan Sister of Christian Charity**, with a presentation on
"Living Joyfully the Virtue of Chastity"

Spring Campus Ministry Retreat

in just **TWO WEEKS!** March 24-26
Theme: "The Loving Heart of God the Father"



Bay Cliff Health
Camp, Retreat Fee
\$75.00, Scholarships
available
Register at:
mtucatholic.org/retreats



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross happen
twice each Lenten week at St.
Al's: 7:30 pm on Tuesday, fol-
lowed by our Eucharistic Holy
Hour, then again on Friday at
12:15 pm. Come pray with the Lord Jesus!

*Stations also at 5:30 pm on Weds. at St. Anne's in Chassell,
followed by a Soup Supper*

Lenten Penance Services

Mar. 13 th (Mon.)	Holy Family, South Range	6 pm
Mar. 22 nd (Weds.)	Sacred Heart, L'Anse	6 pm
Mar. 27 th (Mon.)	St. Ignatius, Houghton	6 pm
Mar. 29 th (Weds.)	Sacred Heart, Calumet	6 pm
Apr. 2 nd (Sun.)	St. Albert the Great, Houghton	2 pm
Apr. 3 rd (Mon.)	St. Anne's, Chassell	6 pm
Apr. 5 th (Weds.)	Resurrection, Hancock	6 pm

Eucharistic Adoration



**Solemn Exposition
& Benediction:**
Tues., 7:30 - 9 pm
Simple Exposition
8-9 am, Monday - Friday
**Come pray with us before
our Eucharistic Lord!**

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

Pastoral Associate: Sr. Ellen Enright, IBVM + (906)523-4912 + cell (630) 542-9938 + ibvmellen@stal-mtu.com

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. 5:30 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.	Mar. 12	11 am	† Ann Pollack	By Roger Skufca & Patti Wheeler	Mass Intentions
Sun.	Mar. 12	7 pm	† Fr. Norman Clisch	By the Parish	
Weds.	Mar. 15	9 pm	† Richard L. Kuharevicz	By Dave & Judy Haddrill	
Thurs.	Mar. 16	12:15 pm	For our Lenten Conversion	By the Parishes	
Fri.	Mar. 17	5:30 pm	† Hans Adler	By Terry Peterson	
Sun.	Mar. 19	11 am	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	
Sun.	Mar. 19	7 pm	† Jason Fink & for his wife Kelly & Family	By Gerald & Marylou Kotajarvi	

Liturgical Ministers	Mass	Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	9 pm Weds., Mar. 15		J. Bonar	M. Schorr	M. Best, M. Howard
	5:30 pm Fri., Mar. 17		D. LaCroix	V. Cistaro	D. Killick, A. Krusiec
	11 am Sun., Mar. 19	D. Fusco, K. Buchalski J. Dueweke	H. Sweidan, J. Paling C. Matetich	B. Gregory K. Gingras	M. Bersano, A. Bersano, J. Loew, G. Roose, C. Morrall
	7 pm Sun., Mar. 19	N. Fisher S. Pederson	A. Zackal S. Marek	T. Archibald C. Carr	L. Bloch J. Sauter

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Extra Thursday Mass For Lent, 12:15 pm Thursday.

EPIC: A Journey through Church History Monday night study group on Church History! 9:30 - 11:00 pm.

Apologetics Group Learn about the Catholic Faith, learn to explain and defend the faith: Thursdays, 4:15 - 5 pm, Fireplace

SoulCore: Thurs., 8:30-9:30 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

Spring Campus Ministry Retreat March 24-26, Theme: **The Loving Heart of God the Father.** Bay Cliff Health Camp, cost is \$75, register at mtucatholic.org/retreats

Spring Swing 2017 Our big spring dance is coming up on Sat., April 8, 9 pm—midnight, and this year it's co-sponsored by Concordia, Cru, His House, and Intervarsity!

Spring Camping Trip Celebrate the end of finals and the beginning of the "summer" break. Sunday, April 30 - Tuesday, May 2, destination TBA.

UPCOMING MARYGROVE RETREAT

A Three-Day Directed Retreat at Marygrove, Mar. 31st-Apr. 2nd. Observe a strict silence and get a brief experience of what a longer directed retreat is like. Info/register: 906-644-2771 or www.marygrove.org Fee for this retreat is \$150 per person.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Michigan Tech Concert Choir & ConScience - Concert entitled "Music for a Sacred Space" on Sun., Mar. 19th, 7:30 pm at St. Joe's, Lake Linden. Donations will benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. All are welcome.

Post-Abortion Healing Resources

Project Rachel: hopeafterabortion.com

Rachel's Vineyard: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Silent No More Campaign: www.silentnomoreawareness.org

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - The Wesley-Jones Foundation will award scholarships worth up to \$3,000 to Christian students. The Foundation often makes 8-12 awards of \$1,000 to \$3,000 each. The essential requirement is that students be *actively involved in Christian activities in local churches or on campus*. Because we want students to have established a track record, students must, at minimum, already be enrolled & approaching the end of their freshman year or later. All applications will be reviewed *without regard* to denomination. Application at: www.cs.mtu.edu/~zlwang/wesley-jones/forms.html.



Friday Night Fireside Fellowship:

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

Mar 17 **The Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity visit!**

Mar 24 **Spring Retreat begins!**

Mar 31 **Sr. Theresa Marie Moore, PVMI,**
Michigan Tech alumna!

April 7 **Senior Testimonies**

April 14 **Good Friday:**
Tenebrae & The Passion of the Christ

St. Al's Service Events

1. **Visiting the Bluffs- individual visiting.** The Bluffs has "coffee chats" 2-3pm on Sundays, & you can go on your own to spend some time with the residents. email activities@thebluffs.org

2. **Woodsplitting:** Sat. **Mar 18**, 1-4pm. Split wood to heat the homes of our local elderly citizens through Little Brother's firewood program. It's a great way to get a workout, spend time outside in the wonderful UP air, and help out!

3. **Little Brother's Easter-** Weekend of April 16. Individual opportunity to help cook or serve the Easter meal for the elderly. Details later...

4. **Visit Omega House-** The Omega House is a hospice home here in Houghton. A group from St. Al's will visit in April. More details coming.

Contact Carly Joseph cajoseph@mtu.edu /
248-881-5494 or Alexis Dani, amdani@mtu.edu to sign up!



In Memoriam

Please pray for **David Lampinen**,
who died recently, and for his family and friends.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

Visitation 5-7 p Mon. Chassell; Funeral 11a Tues., St. Anne's

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*



I took this picture of the **Church of the Transfiguration on the top of Mount Tabor in Galilee** in 2007 when I was there on pilgrimage as a seminarian. It was definitely one of my favorite places in the Holy Land, with a breathtaking view out over the Jezreel valley.

Peter, James, and John, beholding the Lord's glory, and overawed by His conversing with Elijah and Moses, were filled with fear. **Think of that: beauty and glory so overwhelming you're afraid!** And all they had was a glimpse, no full or lasting vision, such as we're called to in eternity!

One way of thinking about Lent is to recognize that our Lenten disciplines are meant to prepare us and dispose us to encounter the Lord's glory! Counter-intuitively, maybe this is a great way to think about fasting!

Fasting is fundamentally the giving up of some GOOD thing. You don't fast from sin... we're ALWAYS supposed to resist sin. We fast from meat... something the tradition sees as a good thing. We fast from other rich foods, traditionally in many countries from all meat and dairy for the whole Lenten season. We fast to strengthen our wills so that we can choose the good and reject the evil.

Fasting also opens up space for desire. It's not meant to destroy desire, but to train it, so it doesn't overwhelm us. Or, alternately, it's meant to deepen desire by giving us a chance to awaken to the mystery that all the desires of our heart, if we go deep enough, are rooted in our desire for God. A famous quote from the Scottish Catholic author Bruce Marshall says, "...the young man who rings the bell at the brothel is unconsciously looking for God."

An American Catholic version of fasting is the old "giving up one thing during Lent." It's simple, it's concrete... and it can be a terrible diminishment of what Lent is really about. It's what I grew up with, and I still commit myself to giving up certain things during Lent... we are indeed all called to fast. However, fasting is about opening to God, not just about displaying willpower, or dieting!

How can we go deeper in fasting? A few ideas:

- 1) Do I keep the **basic universal fast of the Church, Friday penance?** Every Friday of the year we are bound by Church law to perform penance. During Lent we must abstain from meat, during the rest of the year (in the U.S.) we have the privilege of choosing what form our penance will take.
- 2) Do I fast for one hour before receiving Communion?
- 3) Have I chosen to fast in a way that will remind me daily that it's Lent?
- 4) Have I chosen to fast in a way that inconveniences me more than others?
- 5) Do I make a spiritual offering of my fasting, opening my heart up to a deeper awareness of my desire for God?

That's a very inadequate exposition of fasting... but hopefully it provides a few thought-provoking points!

Welcome back from Spring Break! Lot's coming up in the next few weeks... check it out!

God Bless, Fr. Ben



Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

Prayer to St. Joseph from Baraga's notes:
"St. Joseph, I place myself under thy protection; look on me as your child, keep me from sin; lead me in the path of virtue; assist me at death."

"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 19th.

The sponsor is Portage Health Foundation

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.

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.

Development Updates

Our **Winter 2017 Newsletter** is just out... if you didn't get one, contact Rhen to make sure you're on the mailing list! (rhen@mtucatholic.org). Also, we **recently received a further \$10,000 pledge toward the replacement of our pews!** Hopefully the work will happen this summer.

Miranda Sauter and Michael Best have agreed to lead our first-ever Senior Class Gift! If you're a graduating senior, you'll have an opportunity to pledge \$20/month for 50 months (totaling \$1000) as a way of giving back to St. Al's! **Talk to Miranda & Michael after Mass to learn more details!** Details online at mtucatholic.org/class-gifts

CONTRIBUTIONS

	March 5 th , 2017	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$1,341.92	\$30,954.60
Loose	\$166.17	\$22,335.19
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$1,552.87
Fuel	\$25.00	\$501.00
Total	\$1,533.09	\$55,343.66
*Budgeted	\$1,532.70	\$55,177.20
Overage/ (shortfall)	+\$0.39	+\$166.46


Local Diocesan Catholic Schools Collection - \$11.00

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 where people can investigate Catholicism. We welcome anyone who wants to explore the teachings of the Church. **If you know anyone who is interested or wishes to be on the RCIA team, have them contact Sister Ellen: 906-523-4912 ibvmellen@stal-mtu.com**



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Year Round Parishioner: Jack Dueweke

Daniel LaCroix (& Rat. Rep.)
Grad. Rep: Teresa Wilson



CHAPEL RAT Student Residents:

Fall 2016: Head Rat: Daniel LaCroix
Peter Hoch + Dan Killick + Sam Marek
Patrick McFall + Phillip Wyman

What's Happening at St. Al's? (LENTEN Weekly Schedule)		
Sunday	11:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Mass + social RCIA/Fireplace Area Mass + social
Monday	8:00 am 9:30 pm 10:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Epic Ch. History Study Grp: Fireplace Night Prayer, DHH West Lounge
Tuesday	8:00 am 7:30 pm 8:55 pm 10:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Stations of the Cross , followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour, (Confession during Adoration) Solemn Benediction Night Prayer, DHH West Lounge
Wednesday	8:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm 9:00 pm 10:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Knitting and Crocheting w/ Sr. Ellen Confession Mass Night Prayer, DHH West Lounge
Thursday	8:00 am 12:15 pm 4:15 pm 9:00 pm 10:00 pm 10:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Mass (Extra for Lenten season) Apologetics Group (Fireplace) Rosary, Wadsworth Lobby Volleyball, SDC Court 1, til midnight Night Prayer, DHH West Lounge
Friday	8:00 am 12:15 pm 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour, Simple Exposition Stations of the Cross Confessions Mass: Fireside follows...
Saturday	At St. Anne's in Chassell: 4:30 pm Confessions & 5:30 pm Mass Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm Weds.	


2016-17 Ministry Leaders

MASS MINISTRIES:
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Head Cantor: Chris Schwartz, ceschwar@mtu.edu
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Praise and Worship help needed

STUDY:
Apologetics volunteer needed
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colleen.morrall@focus.org
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Youth Ministry Retreat Team volunteer needed



Life Outreach Center
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lifeoutreachhoughton@gmail.com

Think you're pregnant? Not sure what to do?
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Hours of Operation: (or by appointment)
Mon. 11 am - 5 pm // Weds. noon - 8 pm // Thurs. noon - 8 pm

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