



St. Al's (Houghton) & St. Anne's (Chassell) Combined Christmas Bulletin



**The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 29, 2024**

Entrance Antiphon for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
“The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph
and the Infant lying in a manger.” -Lk 2:16

Mass Readings

MON. Dec. 30

Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40

TUES. Dec. 31

Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

WED. Jan. 1 (Holy Day)

**Mary, Holy
Mother of God**

**Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21**

THURS. Jan. 2

Sts. Basil the Great
& Gregory Nazianzen
1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

FRI. Jan. 3

1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Jn 1:29-34

SAT. Jan. 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

SUN. Jan. 5

Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12
Lk 2:41-52

Readings:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalms 128:1-5
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:41-52

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church (see 2 Corinthians 6:16-18).

In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it.

The family advice we hear in today's readings—for mothers, fathers, and children—is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth.

Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from



His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called "his parents" and are referred to separately as his "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God.

In what Jesus calls "my Father's house," every family finds its true mean-

ing and purpose (see Ephesians 3:15). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God's house, His dwelling (see Luke 19:46). But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church (see Ephesians 2:19-22; Hebrews 3:3-6; 10:21).

In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God—until He reveals His new dwelling among us and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be my son" (see Revelation 21:3, 7).

-From the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

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St. Anne's Mass Times: Sat. 5:30 pm // Sun. 7:30 am & 9 am // ~~Tues. 5:30 pm // Thurs. 9 am~~

Confessions: Saturday 4:30 - 5:20 pm // Sunday 7:00 - 7:20 am // or by appointment.

St. Al's Mass Times: Sunday 11 am // ~~Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 5:30 pm~~

Confessions: ~~Tuesday 8-9 pm, Wednesday & Friday 5 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. Al's Masses, Houghton:

Christmas Break:

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St. Anne Catholic Church

41903 Willson Memorial Dr. Chassell, MI 49916

stannechassell.org & facebook.com/st.anne.chassell

Sat.	Dec	28	4:00 pm	† Kathleen Peterson	By the Peterson Family	Masses
Sun.	Dec	29	7:30 am	For the People of St. Anne's & St Al's	By the Parishes	
Sun.	Dec	29	9:00 am	† Virginia Filpus	By Julie Filpus & Bruce Horsch	
Sat.	Jan	04	4:00 pm	† David Ash	By Nancy Courchaine	
Sun.	Jan	05	7:30 am	For the People of St. Anne's & St. Al's	By the Parishes	
Sun.	Jan	05	9:00 am	† Kenlyn Crane	By Dcn Tom & Pat Corrigan	

No liturgy at St. Al's and St. Anne's from Tuesday, Dec. 31 to Friday, Jan. 3 due to the SEEK25 trip.

Please pray for the big group of college students and staff on this trip (almost 200 total)

FAITH FORMATION & PRAYER

Faith Formation at St. Anne's

- Dec. 29– No Class (Christmas Break)
- Jan. 5 & 12 – Regular Classes

Contact Sr. Jacqueline with questions or to register.

St. Anne's Altar Serving Schedule, Sunday 9 am Mass

Dec. 29: Andrew Williams, Orrin Andress, A. Schwaller

Jan. 5: TBD **Jan. 12:** TBD

Please pray for our altar servers as they begin to serve.

Mass Intentions can be offered for the eternal repose of people who have died, and also for the intentions of the living. The suggested offering is \$10 for each Mass, but if that is an obstacle, it can be reduced or waived. Contact the parish office (906-482-5530) to offer Masses for your family & friends.

Faith Formation Addition Pledges Please carefully read the packets that were sent out to registered parishioners and faith formation families, then please return your pledge. **Pledge packets for guests & visitors are available in the side entrance.**

PARISH EVENTS

2025 Parish Calendars Now available in the entrances

2025 Giving Envelopes Now Available in the entrances.

Good Old-Fashioned Family Fun The family fun events are back! All are welcome, bring your friends!

- ♦ **Ice Chapel Build, Jan. 25, 5:30 pm - 7 pm** Followed by soup potluck in the St. Al's Parish Hall.
- ♦ **Mardi Gras Game Night, March 2, 5:00-7:00 pm.** Bring your favorite board game and your prize chili.

FOUR Yooper Catholic buses to SEEK25 Please pray for 4 busloads of college students headed to Salt Lake City on Dec. 31 for the big national FOCUS conference. Come Holy Spirit!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Copper County Frassati Society Jan. 4, 9 am at Church of the Resurrection, Hancock. Young Adults 20s-40s. Mass + Potluck.

Catholic Man Breakfast Jan. 6, 7 am at Suomi in Houghton. Foster Catholic fraternity with other men and grow in faith.

Help Needed at the Life Outreach Center Provides support for mothers, families, and couples. Remote & in-person volunteers needed., especially for the Earn While You Learn program. Locations in Hancock & Baraga. Contact Ella Wasinski for info. ellawasinski@gmail.com | (616) 644-3385.



Holy Day of Obligation:
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
St. Ignatius (Houghton):
 9 am, Weds., Jan. 1
Holy Family (South Range):
 6 pm, Tuesday, Dec. 31
Resurrection (Hancock):
 7 pm Dec. 31 | 8:15 am & 5:30 pm Jan. 1
St. Francis (Dollar Bay):
 10 am, Weds., Jan. 1


Thank you very much to everyone who helped prepare our beautiful Christmas celebrations: those who decorated, our musicians and singers, everyone involved in the Christmas Pageant, and everyone who celebrated with us!

FORMED® **Looking for a new show to watch?**
Go to Formed.org!

December 29: St. Thomas Becket
 Watch: To Be a Pilgrim

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 The World's First Love: Mary, Mother of God by Fulton J. Sheen
 The Virgin Mary Revealed through Scripture by Dr. Scott Hahn

January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 Watch: Elizabeth Ann Seton: Seeker to Saint
 Watch: St. John the Apostle | Catholic Saints

St. Anne's CONTRIBUTIONS	
Give to St. Anne's online: stannechassell.org/give-online	
Dec 14th & Dec 15th, 2024	Year to Date
Collections data delayed due to the office being closed during the Christmas Break	
	10% of our parish income is tithed to ministries



St. Albert the Great University Parish



Michigan Technological University

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Sun.	Dec 29	11:00 am	For the Healing of Elizabeth Poirier	By Jack & Robin Dueweke
Mon.	Dec 30	5:30 pm	No Mass Intention scheduled for Mondays	
Sun.	Jan 05	11:00 am	† Jackie Treib	By Ken Treib
Sun.	Jan 05	7:00 pm	For the Peace & Reconciliation in the Middle East & Ukraine	By the Boes Family

From the desk of Fr. Ben... 29 Dec 2024



The Sunday that follows Christmas is dedicated to the **Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph**. Jesus' incarnation was personal, but also relational and familial. He experienced and lived and grew in the context of family life. It was a remarkable family, indeed, but a family all the same!

When we face both joys and sorrows in our own families, we are invited, then, to call upon the Holy Family! When we seek their intercession, this opens us to grace and courage, wisdom and patience! **May God continue to**

bless and heal our families!

We had a WONDERFUL celebration of Christmas at both parishes, and I am full of gratitude to everyone who made that possible! Thank you!



The Christmas Pageant in Chassell was both huge and wonderful this year! I was able to see the first part live, and the rest later on Facebook. Thank you to everyone who made it happen! More pictures will be coming soon!

On Tuesday morning we set out for SEEK25, the big national FOCUS conference in Salt Lake City. We have about 190 people travelling, most of them on 4 buses that I have arranged: 2 leaving Houghton, 1 leaving Marquette, and 1 starting down in the Lower Peninsula. Please pray for safe travel, good weather, and most of all, for deep conversion of heart. Every year students are transformed by this week of prayer, teaching, and fellowship! I think there's going to be about 20,000 people there! We'll be close to 1% of the crowd!!! ;)



Because of the trip, we won't be having liturgy Tuesday - Friday this coming week. **Because Wednesday, Jan. 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation**, I've listed on the facing page the Mass times for the four closest churches. Please show up at those parishes in force, with bells on!

God Bless, Fr. Ben



Words of Wisdom from Bp. Frederic Baraga

"Let Baraga's name be revered, and my God grant that it may someday be enrolled canonically among those of His saints." - Joseph Gregorich



Eucharistic Adoration

Solemn Exposition & Benediction:

Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

First Fridays: 4 pm Friday - 5 pm Saturday

Creighton Model System training is available at St. Al's!

Dive right in with an intro session or just come chat!



- Learn about your fertility
- Monitor your cycle health
- achieve or avoid pregnancy

Kylie Hoehn - email: kylie@mtucatholic.org
 website: www.coppercountryfertilitycare.com

Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled

By Jeff Cavins & Jeffrey Morrow

Adult Faith Formation Class with Sr Jacqueline Spaniola
 January 22/23rd - March 26/27th

St. Anne's Wednesdays 10am & 7pm (in person & Zoom)

St. Al's Thursdays 12:50 & 7pm (in person)

Register with Sr. Jacqueline: sisterj@mtucatholic.org

Discounted cost: \$28 for study guide (+\$6 if sent by mail)

St. Al's CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec 14th & Dec 15th 2024

Year to Date

Collections data delayed
 due to the office being closed
 during the Christmas Break
 Stay tuned for updates next week.

To give online: mtucatholic.org/donate



10 % of our parish income is tithed to charities and ministries that directly assist the poor and the needy.

St. Al's & St. Anne's

Holy Family Week Schedule 2024

Sunday Dec. 29	7:30 am 9 am 11 am	Mass (St. Anne's) Mass (St. Anne's) Mass (St. Al's)
Monday, Dec. 30	5:30 pm	Mass (St. Al's)
Tuesday Jan. 31		No liturgy at St. Al's or St. Anne's Jan. 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation, <u>see schedule inside for nearby parishes</u>
Wednesday Jan. 1 to Friday Jan. 3		No liturgy
Saturday Jan. 4	3:00 pm 4:00 pm	Confessions (St. Anne's) Mass (St. Anne's)
Sunday Jan. 5 Back to full normal schedule	7:00 am 7:30 am 9:00 am 11 am 7 pm	Confessions (St. Anne's) Mass (St. Anne's) Mass (St. Anne's) Mass (St. Al's) Mass (St. Al's)

St. Anne's Church is open for your prayer daily!
St. Al's is open for prayer 24-7!

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 lifoutreachhoughton@gmail.com

lifoutreachcenter.org

300B Quincy St. Hancock, MI 49930

Hours of Operation: (or by appointment)

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 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*, which we keep by the church entrances.

Do you have room in your heart and home for a child in need? Interested

Catholic Social Services
of the Upper Peninsula



in helping children by becoming a licensed foster parent or adopting? If you want to learn more, please contact Mary Sparapani at (906) 282-4605 or mkrause@cssup.org

UP Catholic Newspaper Please contact office@mtucatholic.org if you are not receiving the UP Catholic paper. All parishioners should be receiving the newspaper as a member of their parish. Thank you!

