



St. Albert the Great University Parish



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1st Sunday of Advent
Nov. 30, 2025

Entrance Antiphon for the First Sunday of Advent

“To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.” -*cf. Ps 25(24):1-3*

Mass Readings

MON. Dec. 1
Is 4:2-6
Mt 8:5-11

TUES. Dec. 2
Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24

WED. Dec. 3
St. Francis Xavier
Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37

THURS. Dec. 4
Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRI. Dec. 5
Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-31

SAT. Dec. 6
Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

SUN. Dec. 7
2nd Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10
Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12
Mt 24:37-44

Advent: a time to prepare!

- *Advent Wreath, no Gloria*
- *New Lectionary Cycle: Sunday A, Weekday II*
- *First Readings from the Prophet Isaiah*
 - *Communion Antiphon with verses*
 - *Silent Recessional*

SEEK '26
Jan. 1-5
Columbus,
OH



Sign up ASAP!
We have spots left!

Get details and the scholarship codes from one of the FOCUS Missionaries! Get the FRIEND discount by signing up with someone else!

Buses will be coming back to St. Al's in time for Monday, Jan. 5 classes.



Upcoming Advent Penance Services

Holy Name of Jesus Vicariate
Prepare well for Christmas!

- 7:30 - 9 pm Tues., Dec 2
St. Al's, Houghton
- 6 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 3
St. Ignatius, Houghton
- 6 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 10
Sacred Heart, Calumet



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday, Dec. 8th

A Holy Day of Obligation



Monday, Dec. 8

- 7:00 am, St. Anne's, Chassell**
- 9:00 am, St. Anne's, Chassell**
- 12:20 pm, St. Al's, Houghton**
- 5:30 pm, St. Al's, Houghton**
- 9:00 pm, St. Al's, Houghton**

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Natural Family Planning Coordinator: Kylie Hoehn + kylie@mtucatholic.org

Mass Times: Sat. 5:30 pm | Sun. 11 am & 7 pm | Mon. & Fri. 5:30 pm | Tues & Thurs 12:20 pm | Wed. 9 pm

Confessions: Tuesday 7:30 - 9 pm, Wednesday 8 pm, Friday 4:30 pm

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 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 am

Tuesday: 5:30 pm

Thursday: 9 am

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Sat.	Nov	29	5:30 pm	No Mass-Thanksgiving Break		
Sun.	Nov	30	11:00 am	For the Intentions of All Our Alumni	By the Parish	Masses
Sun.	Nov	31	7:00 pm	For the Intentions of Jackson A. Kocho	By Alvin & Colleen Klein	
Mon.	Dec	01	5:30 pm	No Mass <i>Intention scheduled for Mondays</i>		
Tues.	Dec	02	12:20 pm	† Gert Wilson	By Joe & Laura Shawhan	
Wed.	Dec	03	9:00 pm	† Anne Marie Thorrez	By Camiel Thorrez	
Thurs.	Dec	04	12:20 pm	For the Heath & Welfare of Philip Klein	By Alvin & Colleen Klein	
Fri.	Dec	05	5:30 pm	† Kirby Wm. Johnson	By the Parish	
Sat.	Dec	06	5:30 pm	† Denis Skoglund	By Mary Skoglund	
Sun.	Dec	07	11:00 am	† Paul & Margaret Kimball	By Susan DeKeyser	
Sun.	Dec	07	7:00 pm	For the People of St. Al's & St. Anne's	By the Parishes	

Ministry Schedule	Mass		Usher	Altar Server	Lector	EMHC
	9:00 pm	Wed., Dec. 3		D. Praasterink	L. Molitor	C. Alanis & L. Hull
	5:30 pm	Fri., Dec. 5		B. Buchalski	C. Greca	L. Borgula & Help Needed
	5:30 pm	Sat. Dec. 6	B. Sattler & H. Horvath	J. Goupell	M. Sauter & M. Korte	T. Newton & L. Seng
	11:00 am	Dec. 7	A. Crocker, A. Smith, & J. Dueweke	P. Nyquist, D. Spurgeon, & R. Sage	A. Jelenc & G. Howard	M. Zimmerman, D. Jaskowski, K. Gali, & J. Sepanic
	7:00 pm	Sun. Dec. 7	D. Thelen & I. Olson	T. Shaw	L. George & M. Poljan	A. Arya & B. Amat

FAITH FORMATION & PRAYER

Morning Adoration Every weekday from 7:30 am to 10 am... start the day off right with silent prayer before the Lord!

Regular Confession Make it a habit to go regularly! Confessions at St. Al's: Tues., 7:30 pm | Weds. 8 pm | Fri. 4:30 pm

All-Day Adoration To sign up, contact Mary Poljan: mepoljan@mtu.edu. 7:30 am to 9 pm every Wednesday.

FOCUS Bible Studies Sign up with one of the FOCUS missionaries ASAP! Contact info on the back of the bulletin!

Join Music Ministry! Contact Elsa: elsa@mtucatholic.org, we need cantors, instrumentalists, choir members, accompanists... we can also train you in voice or organ!

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 and friends.

PARISH EVENTS

2026 Parish Calendars Now available in the back of church and in the lobby area.

Christmas Caroling Dec. 20, 10 am, Canal View Nursing Home. Sing Christmas carols and spread Christmas cheer to the elderly. Adults and children both welcome! Contact Elsa Salo (elsa@mtucatholic.org) or Anica Roy (anicaaroy@gmail.com) for more info!

SEEK26 FOCUS' national conf., Columbus, OH Jan. 1-5 seek.focus.org **Registration is underway**, scholarships available, don't register without talking to one of the FOCUS Missionaries! **Register ASAP to get a spot!**

Saturday Night Swing Dancing Most Saturday evenings, there is swing dancing at St. Al's! Contact Rebekah Smith for more info and to confirm the schedule: rebekahs@mtu.edu

Chapel Rat spots available One spot open for spring 2026 and also possibly for next year ('26-'27), contact Fr Ben!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Copper Country Frassati Society Dec. 6, 9am Church of the Resurrection in Hancock. Mass + Potluck. Families encouraged to attend!

Catholic Man Breakfast Dec. 8, 7 am @ Lindell's in Lake Linden. Build Catholic fraternity and grow in the spiritual life with other Catholic men!



Friday Night Fireside Fellowship:

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

Dec. 5 Missions Fiesta: Opportunities to serve! Ghana, Totus Tuus, Summer Projects, and more!

Dec. 12 Christmas Break begins:
Movie: *The Nativity Story*



Looking for a new show to watch?

Go to Formed.org!

December 3: St. Francis Xavier

Watch w/ Kids: Francis Xavier and the Samurai's Lost Treasure

December 6: St. Nicholas

Watch: Saint Nicholas: The Real Story
Watch w/ Kids: The Story of St. Nicholas

December 7: St. Ambrose

Watch: Who is Saint Ambrose | Catholic Saints

Upcoming Service Opportunities

Games and Conversation w/ the Elderly:
Sundays from 1-3pm (not 1st Sundays)

Contact Sr. Catherine Peter:
sistercp@mtucatholic.org

Meet in the St. Al's Basement



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Our Gospel for the **First Sunday of Advent** contains this admonition: **“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”** How do we seek this spiritual and interior alertness? Advent gives us tools, especially the mercy we receive in Confessions, and the richness of the Scriptures that form our Advent liturgies.

The spirit of Thanksgiving is also very relevant to this Advent

preparation!!! Gratitude is spiritual discipline, a tool of the spiritual life, and an interior disposition that both opens our mind and heart to what God has done and is doing in our midst. It also protects from the enemy’s attack of jealousy and envy, and his attack of discouragement and sadness. God has done great things for us, we should be filled with joy! **Let gratitude clear your mind and heart this Advent!**

As we begin the Advent journey of preparation for Christmas, **make sure to get a Magnificat Advent Companion** to help you pray during this short but very important liturgical season! We also just put out our 2025 parish calendars, so please pick up one of those as well!

I guess I say it every year, but **the Church gives us the gift of these few short weeks before Christmas to make spiritual preparation for the joy of receiving the birth of the Christ Child!** May we make good use of it!

One of the very best preparations for Christmas (and also for Jesus’ coming at the End of Time) is a good confession! Advent Penance Services around the vicariate begin this week, check the schedule on the facing page.

We have thirteen children preparing for their First Communion at St. Anne’s this year! They will be making their First Confessions in a few weeks, please keep them and their families in your prayers!

We’re ramping up registration for SEEK26 in Columbus, OH, Jan. 1-5, 2026. Get all the details from the FOCUS Missionaries, don’t register without the scholarship codes! Make sure to ask about the bring a friend discount!



Please pray for all our seminarians! We are truly blessed to have 9 good men studying for the priesthood for our diocese. This week I will be visiting 5 of them where they study at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. **Please also pray for more men to hear God’s call!**

Next Saturday I have a wedding in Plymouth, MI. I have two more weddings in December, so the wedding rhythm has picked back up! Please pray for Nick and Rachel who will be married, and for all our engaged couples!

God Bless, Fr. Ben



Words of Wisdom from Bp. Baraga

“If you make love the rule of your life, you will be happy.”

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

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



All women are invited to:

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

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

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, & friends of persons with same-sex attractions. couragerc.net for info!

The fundamental building block of society is not the individual but *the family.*

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

St. Al’s CONTRIBUTIONS			
Nov 22 nd & Nov 23 rd 2025			Year to Date
Envelopes	\$2,490.00		\$25,611.75
Loose	\$313.34		\$15,598.91
Holy Day	\$0.00		\$150.00
Fuel	\$0.00		\$410.00
Total	\$2,803.34		\$41,770.66
Budgeted	\$2,015.40		\$42,323.40
Overage/ (shortfall)	+\$787.94		-\$552.74

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.

OCIA (Order 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 pm at St. Al's, after the 11 am Mass. **To get involved, contact Fr. Ben Hasse: benjhasse@yahoo.com**



St. Al's Pastoral Council 2025/2026
Rachel Cole, President Steven Luedeman-Tervo, VP
Emma Kerschbaum, Secretary Ben Amat, Treasurer
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Rat Rep: Dominik Fleury
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2025 - 2026
Student Ministry Leaders

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:
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PRAYER MINISTRIES:
Rosary Led on Wednesdays before Mass by the Knights
Praise and Worship **help needed**
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 Dominic Buzzelli, Grand Knight, debuzzel@mtu.edu

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Contact the leaders or Fr. Ben for more info.

CHAPEL RAT Student Residents, '25-'26
 Head Rat: Dominik Fleury
 Billy Buchalski, Alex Czeiszperger,
 Alex Hromada, Thomas Shaw, Nick Trocea

What's Happening at St. Al's?

Sunday	11 am 12:30 pm 7 pm	Mass + Donuts OCIA by the Fireplace Area Mass + Ice Cream
Monday	7:30 am 5:30 pm	Morning Adoration (until 10 am) Mass
Tuesday	7:30 am 12:20 pm 7:30-9 pm	Morning Adoration (until 10 am) Lunch Break Mass (under 30 mins) Eucharistic Adoration with Solemn Exposition, Benediction, Confessions
Weds.	7:30 am 8 pm 9 pm	All-Day Adoration begins (continues until 8:55pm) Confessions Mass + Ice Cream
Thursday	7:30 am 12:20 pm	Morning Adoration (until 10 am) Lunch Break Mass (under 30 mins)
Friday	7:30 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Morning Adoration (until 10 am) Confessions Mass followed Friday Night Fireside Missions Fiesta!
Saturday	5:30 pm	Mass + Ice Cream Sat. at St. Anne's in Chassell 3 pm Confessions & 4 pm Mass

St. Al's Church is open 24/7
All 365 days a year... come and pray!

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*