



CHURCH *of* ST. ALBERT

The Catholic Church in the Heart of Albertville

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Parish: www.churchofstalbert.org | Youth: www.stmacatholicyouth.org

October 23, 2022

Welcome Visitors!

Are you new to our community?

We are glad you're here and hope that you find our parish a place to call home! To register as a member, please contact the Parish Office at 763-497-2474 or complete the Registration Form on our website.

Mass Schedule*

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00pm
Sunday Mass	8:00am 10:00am

Daily Mass

Tuesday	8:00am
Wednesday	8:00am
Thursday	8:00am
Friday <i>Ad Orientem</i>	12:00pm
1st Saturday <i>Latin Chant</i>	8:30am

Sacraments

Reconciliation Schedule*

Saturday	2:30-3:45pm
Wednesday	8:30-9:00am
Friday	12:30-1:00pm
1st Saturday	7:30-8:15am

Marriage

Call the Parish Office one year prior to your proposed marriage date.

Baptism

Available on the 1st Saturday after the 4:00pm Mass and on the 3rd Sunday after the 10:00am Mass. Call the Parish Office to register for Baptism and for preparation details.

RCIA

Classes are available October to April. To learn more about becoming Catholic, contact the Parish Office.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00pm
(Closed 12:00-1:00pm for lunch)

Chapel Hours

Our Adoration Chapel is open from 6:00pm Sunday to 8:00am Saturday.

* subject to change with Holidays

THIRTIETH
Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever exalts
himself will be humbled,
and the one who
humbles himself
will be exalted."

Luke 18:14

October **23** 2022

Readings | Mass Intentions


Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Luke 18:9-14).

 Mass Intentions for the Week of October 24- 30		
<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Mass Time</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
Tue, Oct 25	8:00am	† Benjamin Steward
Wed, Oct 26	8:00am	† Brian Cervetti
Thu, Oct 27	8:00am	† Floyd Goenner
Fri, Oct 28	12:00pm <i>Ad Orientem</i>	† Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat, Oct 29	4:00pm	† Earl & LaVerne Beaudry
Sun, Oct 30	8:00am	† Mike & Helen Scherr
	10:00am	All Parishioners

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

Hours: The Chapel opens on Sunday at 6:00pm and closes on Saturday at 8:00am

Immediate Need

5:00-6:00pm—Monday
2:00-3:00am—Thursday
4:00-5:00am—Thursday
3:00-4:00am—Friday
7:00-8:00am—Friday
5:00-6:00pm—Friday

Prayer Partner Needed

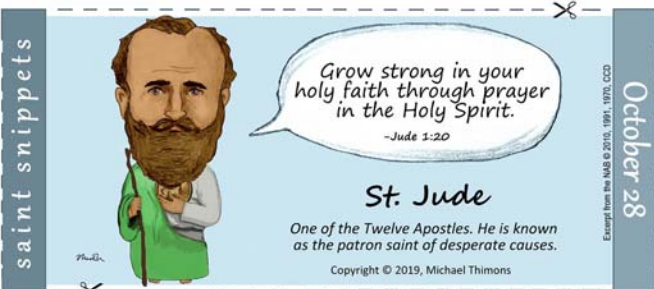
3:00-4:00pm—Monday,
4:00-5:00am—Friday
11:00am-Noon—Friday



*If you have questions
or would like to
have a weekly
hour of adoration,
contact Brenda
at 763-286-8570.*

A Vocation View:

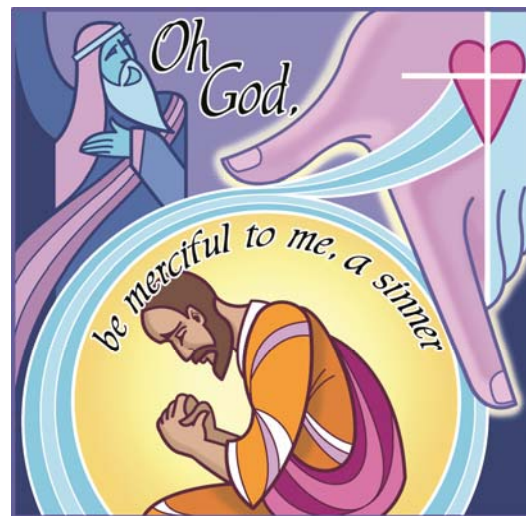
Be humble and allow God to do great things through you. (Luke 18:9-14) If you want to talk about your vocation discernment, contact Fr. Joe Zabinski at 763-497-2474 or send him an email at frjoe@churchofstalbert.org.



From the Desk of Fr. Joe Zabinski

True Righteousness

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.
Luke 18:9



This Scripture passage is the introduction to the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. This parable offers quite a contrast

between two general attitudes. First, the Pharisee's attitude reveals that he is very impressed with himself, thinking highly of his public image, and is unaware of his own sin. Second, the tax collector's attitude reveals that he is deeply aware of his own sin, is sorry for it and knows he is in need of God's mercy. The result of these two very different attitudes is that the tax collector went home justified whereas the Pharisee did not.

What does it mean to be justified? It means that the tax collector had a clear conscience and was grounded in the truth. He knew his need for mercy, begged for it and received it. He did not lie to himself, to others or to God. He knew who he was and it is this truth that allowed God to exalt him. The tax collector's justification came through the forgiveness of his sins and the bestowal of the mercy of God in his life.

The Pharisee may have felt good about himself to a certain extent in that he elevated himself for all to see. He was convinced of his own self-righteousness but, in truth, was not righteous. He was only self-righteous. He was living a lie and most likely believed that lie and even may have convinced others of that lie. But the fact remained, the Pharisee was not righteous and he was not truly justified.

What we must take from this passage is a profound realization of the importance of living in the truth. Those who paint a false image of themselves may fool themselves and may even fool others. But they will never fool God and they will never be able to achieve true peace in their soul. We each must realize the humble truth of our sin and weakness and, in that realization, beg for the only remedy – the mercy of God.

St. Albert's Parishioners,

Please take a look at the bulletin insert for this week: **"Election Year Statement from the Catholic Bishops of Minnesota"** and read it. It is important that we be informed voting citizens when it comes to the importance of protecting all human life from conception to natural death. Please pray for the election, that pro-life leaders to represent the state of Minnesota will be elected. Thank you!

**Have a blessed week,
Fr. Joe Zabinski**

Reflect, today, upon the prayer of this tax collector: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). Make it your prayer. Admit your sin. Acknowledge your need for the mercy of God & allow that mercy to exalt you within the righteousness of God.


Lord of all righteousness, Jesus Christ, please be merciful to me, for I am a sinner. I acknowledge my sin and my

weakness and I beg for Your abundant mercy. Please pour forth Your mercy and help me to open my heart to all that You wish to bestow. Help me to live in the humble truth, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You!



Generosity, Goodwill & Gifts

Collection from October 15 & 16, 2022

Adult Envelopes/Donations	\$ 9,788.00	
Youth Envelopes	\$ 0.00	
Plate	\$ 487.00	
Abiding Love Envelopes	\$ 1,296.00	
Total Given Year-to-date	\$ 147,802.00	
Envelope Forecast-to-date	\$ 140,500.00	Contribute Online

Thank you parishioners of St. Albert for your generous financial support of our local parish.

St. Albert Parishioners! Here we are! It's picture time! Did you sign-up?

Do you know the names of those sitting next to you? Do you ever see people at Mass and wonder what their names are? Are you new to our parish and wish you could put a name to the face you see?

Please sign-up on our parish website or Joanne will be in the narthex to assist you after Mass through October 23. We want to see YOU in our directory!

BONUS! You will receive a free 8x10 of your picture AND a copy of the directory!



*Dear Church family,
It's time for a New Directory!*

Register Online: <https://www.ucdir.com/>

Photography Dates:

**Wednesday to Saturday,
October 26-29, 2022**

Keep in mind, the Time Slots are based on the size of your group!

**Questions? Please contact
Joanne Wacker at 612-214-4795**

**Photography
Appointment
Scheduling
Login**

Church Code:
mn264
Password:
photos

All Saints Day Mass Times

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Mass Times at St. Albert's will be:

Monday, October 31—5:00pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday, November 1—7:00am Mass & 7:00pm Mass

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 23

Photography Session Sign-up after Masses
8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass (NO Liturgy of the Word for Children)
11:00am-6:00pm Our Lady of Fatima at St. Albert's
1:00pm Welcome Continuation Meeting (parish center)

Monday, October 24

6:00pm TLC Preparation Night (parish center)
6:30pm Middle School Bible Study (parish center)
7:00pm TLC Catechist Workshop (parish center)

Tuesday, October 25

8:00am Mass
7:00pm Hour of Encounter (church)
7:00pm High School Theology 101 (St. Michael)

Wednesday, October 26

8:00am Mass
8:30-9:00am Reconciliation
6:15pm Alpha for Youth (TBD)
2:00-9:00pm Photography Sessions (parish center)

Thursday, October 27

8:00am Mass
2:00-9:00pm Photography Sessions (parish center)
6:00pm Alpha for Adults—Fall Course (parish center)
6:30pm Fall Study (parish center)
7:30pm Men's Evening with Fr. Joe (parish grounds)

Friday, October 28

12:00pm Mass *Ad Orientem*
12:30-1:00pm Reconciliation
2:00-9:00pm Photography Sessions (parish center)

Saturday, October 29

10:30am-5:30pm Photography Sessions (parish center)
2:30-3:45pm Reconciliation
4:00pm Mass
6:00pm Respect Life Dinner (parish center)

Sunday, October 30

8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass with Liturgy of the Word for Children
2:15pm Adult Core Team Meeting (parish center)
3:30pm Core Team Meeting (parish center)

World Mission Sunday

You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8) This weekend, **October 22 & 23**, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. It is a day where we celebrate our baptismal call to be witnesses to all. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports over 1,100 vulnerable communities worldwide. This year, we celebrate individuals who have followed their baptismal call to be witnesses of the Gospel message. Please be as generous as you are able. If you did not come prepared this week, please bring your donation in a marked envelope and place it in the regular collection basket next week. Thank You.

St. Albert Faith Formation



Everybody Needs a Little TLC!

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**2022-2023
Faith Formation**

Family and Youth (Pre K-Gr 6) Offerings

TLC has begun and we just completed our first TLC Session. However, there is still room for your family – register today! Register on line at churchofstalbert.org under the Sacraments | Faith Formation tab.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, October 24: TLC Preparation Night 6:00-7:30pm
Monday, October 24: TLC Catechist Workshop 7:00-8:00pm
Sunday, October 30: Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10am Mass

For questions contact Jean at 763-497-3782 or jjwold@churchofstalbert.org

Adult Faith Offerings

Check out the following Adult faith formation offerings at St. Albert's this Fall! These faith formation offerings were created for adults who want to understand and live their relationship with God in more meaningful and committed ways. Join us! Check out the website for full details and registration.

Upcoming Dates:

- **Tuesday, October 25: Hour of Encounter**
7:00-8:00pm | Adoration, Confession, & Prayer Ministry
- **Thursday, October 27: Alpha—Session #4**
6:00-8:00pm | How Can I Have Faith?
- **Thursday, October 27: Bible Study**
6:30-8:00pm | Follow Me
- **Saturday, November 5: Motherhood Matters**
Mothers of Young Children Gathering
8:30-10:00am | Starts with Latin Chant Mass at 8:30am

For questions contact Jean at 763-497-3782 or jjwold@churchofstalbert.org

Baptized in Christ

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Madeline Anna Hobbs

Daughter of Quinn & Elizabeth Hobbs

Congratulations and Welcome!



Our Lady of Fatima Schedule



Our Lady of Fatima Traveling Statue at St. Albert's

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, which has been traveling for 75 years, will be at St. Albert's on **Sunday, October 23, 8:00am-6:00pm**

After being blessed by the Bishop of Leiria-Fatima, on October 13, 1947, the statue left Fatima and was flown to America to begin its tours. The bishop

prayed that Our Lady's presence would travel with it wherever she went. It was blessed again in 1952 by Pope Pius XII, who had crowned the original statue in Fatima as Queen of the World just a few years earlier. On this 75th anniversary year, the mission of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima continues the same, to bring the message of Fatima—the Peace Plan from Heaven—to a world in need. Our Lord told Sister Lucia, the oldest of the three seers at Fatima, that he had entrusted the peace of the world to the Immaculate Heart. The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue has visited more than 100 countries, including Russia and China, bringing Mary's powerful message of salvation and hope to millions of people. Countless favors and graces have been reported wherever the Virgin Statue has traveled.

We hope you will come and experience the blessings of Our Lady during this special statue visitation, sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA – Our Lady's Blue Army. (www.bluearmy.com)

Pray to Our Lady of Fatima for our Nation

Schedule at St. Albert's on Sunday, October 23

8:00am/10:00am: Procession into Mass with Our Lady of Fatima.

11:00am: Silent Prayer, Adoration and Veneration

12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm & 4:00pm:
the Rosary and Litany to our Lady of Fatima will be prayed at the top of each hour followed by time of silent prayer and veneration.

3:00pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed following by a time of silent prayer and veneration.

5:00pm: Our Lady of Fatima Speaker, Larry Maginot, will be speaking about the messages of Our Lady of Fatima

6:00pm: Closing with Benediction

"When I am before the Blessed Sacrament I feel such a lively faith that I can't describe it. Christ in the Eucharist is almost tangible to me...When it is time for me to leave, I have to tear myself away from His sacred presence."

~ St. Anthony Mary Claret (October 24), Pray for us!

Hour of Encounter



Hour of Encounter Encounter Jesus!

Tuesday, October 25

7:00-8:00pm

at St. Albert's

Open Adoration

Confession

Prayer Ministry Teams

Praise & Worship Music

"This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist." St. Pope John Paul II

All are Welcome!

Contact Jean at 763-497-3782

jwold@churchofstalbert.org

Men of St. Albert's

Men's Night!



Men of St. Albert:
Join Fr. Joe for Beer,
Beverages and a Bonfire

Thursday, October 27
at 7:30pm
on parish grounds*

Snacks will be provided!

Bring your lawn chair!

**We will move to the parish center, if inclement weather.*

Opportunities and Events

Respect Life Family Dinner

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Respect Life Family Dinner **Saturday, October 29** at the St. Albert Parish Center. There is a social at 6:00pm, chicken dinner at 6:30pm followed by music and featured speaker, Mary Kiffmeyer. Mary served as Minnesota's Secretary of State from 1999 to 2007, as a member of the House of Representatives from 2008 to 2012 and in the Minnesota Senate since 2013. The children will be entertained during the talk. Reservations are required. Please call Jim at 763-497-3909 to reserve tickets by Oct 25. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults; \$10 for students or \$50 for a family.

All Saints Eve Party

We will be offering a Celebration of Saints on **Monday, October 31 at 6:00pm** at St. Albert Parish Center for families of young children who prefer to party with the saints. All are welcome to attend the **5:00pm Vigil Mass for All Saints Day on October 31 at St. Albert's** before the Party begins. There will be a Procession of the Saints before Mass for those who want to participate. Come dressed as a saint, angel, religious, bible animal, etc. Spend some quality time eating with family and friends, playing games, and winning nice raffle items. There will be candy bags!

STMA Catholic Youth Ministry

Middle School Bible Studies 2022-2023

This year we will be offering a Middle School Bible Study. The Bible Study will be hosted at St. Albert Youth Room on Monday Evenings from 6:30-8:00pm Register online.

Fall Study: A Father who keeps his promises.

October 24 Our Father, Abraham

November 21 The First-Born Son of God

December 12 A Throne For All Generations

High School Theology 101

All 9-12 graders wanting to grow and learn more about their Catholic Faith are invited to attend **Tuesday, October 25 from 7:00-8:30pm**. Hosted at St. Michael Catholic Church. Theology 101 is an opportunity for High School youth to grow in their knowledge and understanding of our beautiful Catholic faith. We are using the Catechism of the Catholic Church as our main text. Our goal is to get through all four sections of the Catechism in four years. Every participant must do the reading and be prepared to discuss what was read. They will be tested throughout the year through asking questions, small quizzes, and a variety of challenges both individually and as a group. All will walk away from this class with a deeper knowledge of our faith, which hopefully will lead to a deeper love of Our Lord! This year we are studying the Creed!

Alpha for Youth

EXPLORE LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS...

All 8th Grade youth are welcome to join us on **Wednesday, October 26 from 6:15-8:15pm** for the Alpha Youth series. Find a community where you can hear the Gospel message, ask questions, and explore the meaning of life, faith, etc. Dinner, games, and a chance to explore the gospel message. Hosted at: TBD. For more info or if you have questions, contact: Hollie Danis at: hdanis@stmacatholicyouth.org

Friday Night Life (FNL)

All 5th-7th graders are invited to join us on **Friday, November 4** from 7:00-9:30pm at St. Albert Parish Center for our FNL led by our high school Core Team. FNL's include fun games, snacks, small groups, and prayer. This night is an awesome fun filled opportunity to grow closer to God and friends. Please note a code of conduct is needed prior to becoming regularly involved and reviewed online with parent/child online. A one-time registration for Friday Night Lives is available now!

For more information, please contact:

Gabby Ilkka—gilkka@stmacatholicyouth.org.

John O'Sullivan—josullivan@stmacatholicyouth.org

Hollie Danis—hdanis@stmacatholicyouth.org

Check out all of our events for youth in 4th to 12th Grade—from Middle School to High School, there is something for you!

Website: www.stmacatholicyouth.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/STMACatholic>

*"Truly, matters in the world are in a bad state;
but if you and I begin in earnest to reform
ourselves, a really good beginning
will have been made."*

~ St. Peter of Alcantara (October 26), Pray for us!

CCW Pancake Breakfast

Attention CCW Members!

Our annual pancake breakfast will take place on Sunday, November 6. If you would like to donate a raffle item, **please drop it off at the Parish Office before Friday, November 4.** For more information, call Linda Richter at 763-497-2065.

St. Albert's Council of CATHOLIC WOMEN ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST, RAFFLE, AND BAKE SALE!



FREE WILL
OFFERING!

**Sunday,
November 6
8:30 - 11:30
at St. Albert
Parish Center**

Menu:

**Pancakes, Sausage, Carmel Rolls
Coffee, and Juice!**

Opportunities and Events

Flame of Love Rosary

Please join us at St. Albert's every Monday evening at 7:00pm to pray the Flame of Love Rosary. We pray for the souls in purgatory and for the whole world.

St. Henry's CCW Holiday Boutique

St. Henry's CCW in Monticello is hosting their annual Holiday Boutique. This boutique offers many beautiful, hand-crafted items made by ladies of the parish. This event will take place **Saturday, November 5** from 9:00am to 2:00pm and **Sunday, November 6** after morning Masses in the Social Hall.

Trip of a Lifetime!

Have you ever dreamed of traveling to the Holy Land, Rome, or some other amazing Catholic pilgrimage site? If so, purchase a raffle ticket for a TRIP OF A LIFETIME Pilgrimage for 2 (valued up to \$10,000)! Cash prizes will also be awarded. \$50 a ticket. Holy Spirit Academy students from St. Albert's are selling tickets. You may call or stop by the parish office to buy your ticket! We still have a few left. Thank you for your support!

10th Annual Harvest Banquet

Holy Spirit Academy invites you to our 10th Annual Harvest Banquet on **Saturday, November 12** at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest. Dr. Scott Hahn is our keynote speaker which we are very excited about! Enjoy an evening of fellowship, a great speaker, live & silent auction, live music with a 16 piece band, and great food! Tickets can be purchased online at holyspiritacademy.org.

Prayer Requests

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If you want to place someone on the prayer list, please send an email: jwelter@churchofstalbert.org or call the Parish Office at 763-497-2474. Their name will remain in the bulletin for 4 weeks. If additional prayers are needed, please request that their name remain on the list.



Please Pray For:

Family of Floyd Goenner	
Gloria Lehn-Marilyn DeMars sister	
Family of Patty Zahler-Marilyn DeMars sister	
LuAnn Greninger	Family of Ken Wacker
Paul Greninger	Lori Hassing
Family of Bonnie Cornelius	Donny Weidenbach
Greg & Teresa Roden	Steve DeMars
Bernice Dalbec-Sister of Marlene Vetsch	
Sheryl Eull-SIL of Jacques	Nancy Jacobs
Patrick Ryan-grandfather of Ashley Raymond	
Theresa Preim-daughter of Kathy Beaudry	
Mitzi Praught	Billy Dwinnell
Doug Blood-brother of Larry	Roger Zabinski
Greg Armstrong-brother of Cyndie Winkelman	
Suzanne Swenson-friend of parishioner	
Karen Dehmer-daughter of Betty Barthel	
Bridget Daleiden	
Barb Berning	Joe Scherber
Kristina McKenzie	Jim Current
Darlene Donais	Kurt Roden
Beatrice Praught	Charles Hoskins
Charlotte Gabler-daughter of Richard & Nancy Bistodeau	
Kris Aikens-daughter of Margaret Oakden	
Charles Anderson	Blaise Ptak
Tony Barthel	Paul Schumacher
Russell Lindenfelser	Marlene Zachman
Ben Carroll	Dennis & Leona Vetsch
Florence Bosire	Wayne Kolles
Mara Norton-friend of Jacques & Debra Eull	
Adam Roden-son of Bill & Lois Roden	
Nicholas Wiltscheck-great-grandson of Joanne Kerkaert	

Please Pray for the Safety of our Service Men and Women:

Lindsey Brotkowski-grandaughter of Donais'
Nicole Cavanaugh-daughter of Mike & Polly
Michael & Steven Bistodeau
Tyler & Nicholas Franzen-sons of Scott & Dawn
Henry Kirscht-grandson of Ruth
Catrena Schumacher-daughter of Paul & Molly
Lance, Blake & Calvin Meyer-sons of Neil & Lisa
Mitch Greninger-grandson of Phyllis Greninger
Jack Helget-grandson of Phyllis Greninger



Prayer of the Week

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflection Question:

How would I change if my faith, hope, and charity were to increase? How would I behave differently?

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Mass Times	Saturday, October 29	Sunday, October 30	Sunday, October 30
	4:00pm	8:00am	10:00am
Altar Servers	CB Anthony Berning C Lauren Berning C Sofia Gates	CB Michael Perrault C Thomas Zachman C Benedict Lang	CB Jonathan Cavanaugh C Evelyn Swenson C Mia & Macy Lindenfelser
Reader	Kristen Berning	Nancy Eiyneck	Lori Valerius
Sacristan	Marie Vetsch	John Vetsch	Karen Barthel
MC	Joyce Valerius	Melissa Lahr	Lori Valerius
EMHC	C Roxane Scherber W Sherri Dzuik E Peter Klinkner	C Deacon Paul Ravnika W Chris Heuring E Dave Vetsch	C Deacon Paul Ravnika W Scott Franzen E Nancy Lehn
Greeters	Brian & Roxane Scherber	Chris Heuring & Tom Ginter	Shawn & Lisa Haines
Ushers	Brian Scherber Mike Valerius Joel Lindenfelser Ray Lindenfelser	George Lahr Tom Berning LeRoy Berning Hugh O'Donnell	Jim Valerius Matt Lindenfelser Mark Anderson Donny Praught

Parish Contact Information

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STMA Catholic Youth Ministry

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Assist. Dir. of Youth Ministry — Hollie Danis
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Youth Ministry Interns — Gabe Thorp & Micah Olsen

Parish Leadership

Trustees — Denise Beaudry and Bill Roden
Parish Council — Blake Beaudry, Tom Berning, Amy Dinkel, Scott Franzen, Joanne Wacker, and Chris Yerxa
Finance Council — George Lahr, Dave Plude, and Heidi Van De Berg
Stewardship Committee — Amy Dinkel, Charles Foster, Mary Haehn, Lisa Haines, and Jaci Wacker

Outreach

Homebound Ministry

For those who are homebound due to surgery, serious illness (NOT contagious), or cannot make it to Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion each week, please contact Joanne Wacker, Homebound Coordinator, at 612-214-4795 or call the Parish Office at 763-497-2474 to be included in the weekly visits.

Holy Communion for Gluten Intolerant

Please speak to the Mass Coordinator before Mass.

St. Albert Email Prayer Chain

Email your request to: triciaandfarmerken@q.com or call the Parish Office at 763-497-2474.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

If you or someone you know would like the comfort of a prayer blanket along with the extra prayers for support, please call Marlene Lindenfelser 763-497-2265 or the Parish Office at 763-497-2474.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance and support or you would like to offer your support and assistance, please call 763-634-1167.

**Thank you,
Business of
the Week!**

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Hanover, MN
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763.498.7335

"Our Lord has created persons for all states in life,
and in all of them we see people who achieved
sanctity by fulfilling their obligations well."

~ St. Anthony Mary Claret (October 24), Pray for us!

Catholic young adults ages 18-30 from local parishes are welcome to

young adult night

BONFIRE
GRILLOUT
GAMES

ST. HENRY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
FRIDAY OCT. 28TH
6:30 PM

Election Year Statement from the Catholic Bishops of Minnesota



Catholics are called to be faithful citizens and to infuse public life with the values necessary to protect human dignity, combat injustice, and promote the common good. Because of this duty, it is necessary that we, your pastors, reflect with you on the state of our public life and the choices Minnesotans face as we go to the polls in a year in which all state legislative and executive officers are up for election.

Right relationships

The task of politics is to foster justice and the common good. Despite our many differences, pursuing justice is a cornerstone political value shared by almost all Americans. In Catholic social doctrine, working for justice requires establishing right relationships between persons, where each is given his or her due. Justice requires that all parties embrace certain responsibilities toward each other.

Paraphrasing Pope St. Paul VI, if we want peace, we must work for justice.

There are different types of justice. Commutative justice requires justice in commercial exchange. Distributive justice requires, among other things, that each person and family have access to the material resources they need not just to survive, but also to flourish. Economic justice means building an economic order on right relationships that foster both distributive and commutative justice. Social justice requires creating those conditions for all social actors, including schools, faith communities, and the government, to fulfill their social responsibilities.

Criminal justice should be built on criminals taking responsibility for the injustice perpetrated on victims, and society working through the penal system to rehabilitate and then restore offenders to the community. Other types of justice include racial justice, environmental justice, and legal justice.

When there is injustice in society, that is, when society fails to establish right relationships, the state can step in to help right what is wrong and to repair, in some measure, what is broken. That is a task of prudence, which is why it is important to carefully choose our elected leaders who, often at great sacrifice, take on the responsibility of making those decisions. They should be wise and virtuous. And voters, informed by Catholic social doctrine, should consider how candidates will work for the various types of justice across a spectrum of issues, including education, public safety, tax policy, migration, creation stewardship, and healthcare.

This year, in a special way, we call on Catholics to consider how a candidate will work for prenatal justice as a pre-eminent consideration in his or her voting calculus. Prenatal justice is not simply being anti-abortion, though that is the foundation of the pro-life witness. Prenatal justice means establishing right relationships between the mother and the unborn child in her womb, between society and the unborn child, and between society and the mother and father of the unborn child. As life begins in the womb, so must justice. As we discuss below, there are responsibilities entailed by each set of relationships and good public policies that follow.

Fostering prenatal justice

The recent Dobbs decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, declaring that there is no right to an abortion protected by the U.S. Constitution, has returned the matter of abortion to the political process for deliberation.

Will states allow the continued killing of innocent human life? What are our responsibilities to the child and the mother? How do we foster right relationships between them and the broader society for the common good? These are questions elected officials must answer as they work to foster prenatal justice.

It would be a dereliction of duty for us as bishops to pretend as though the abortion question was not a focus of Minnesota's election discourse this year, especially as Dobbs has changed the abortion landscape in this nation. And as Pope Francis teaches, we cannot stay silent when nearly a million unborn lives are being cast aside in our country year after year through abortion.[1]

Right now in Minnesota, the situation is troubling: in spite of the fact that scientific inquiry has definitively determined that human life begins at conception[2], a woman can procure an abortion for almost any reason at any stage of pregnancy up till birth. To put this in perspective, in 2021 there were 222 abortions involving babies older than 20 weeks. Almost half of all abortions are paid for with taxpayer funds. Our laws allow an 11-year-old girl to get an abortion without even one parent knowing. There is no requirement in force that a licensed physician perform an abortion. And abortion proponents, including elected officials, are working proactively to shut down pregnancy resource centers.

Fostering right relationships requires that we determine what we, as a society, owe the unborn child in the womb. At minimum, that is the right an innocent human being has to life, as well as the protection of the law from being killed. It also requires welcoming the child into the world.

Part of that welcome is establishing right relationships between mother, father, and child. We must encourage marriage and family stability, and clarify that abortion is not about bodily autonomy and freedom, but about the life of another human being for whom the father and mother are responsible.[3]

It follows that if we are intent on protecting innocent children from abortion, and ensuring that parents meet their obligations, then, as a society, we must step in to ensure that mothers and fathers are supported when necessary due to economic hardship.[4] This means, among other things, policies that fund: nutritional supports for expectant mothers; adequate healthcare coverage during and after pregnancy for both mother and child; childcare assistance; housing supports; early learning assistance programs; and parenting education. Enacting paid family and caregiver leave laws would help people retain work and care for their newborns. Reconsidering whether our adoption policies are unreasonably burdened by excessive costs or barriers to participation is an imperative. We also need to continue to support pregnancy resource centers through programs such as the Positive Alternatives grants that help them walk with women in need during crisis pregnancies.

Even beyond the pregnancy and years of early childhood development, we have a social duty to remove barriers to marriage, having children, and being able to raise them well. In short, we need to make family economic security the principal consideration in budget and tax policy discussions. By raising the family to the top of our state's policy priorities, we can help restore the family to its proper position as the foundational building block of society and the place where children can flourish.[5] In doing so, Minnesota can become the best place to bring children into the world.[6] And even if our state maintains a permissive abortion policy, putting families first will hopefully weaken demand for abortions.

In sum, working for prenatal justice transcends the false binary of pitting mother against child. Our public policy can foster right relationships and support the work of fulfilling our responsibilities to each other. It is in the fulfillment of our duties, even in difficult situations, that we grow in virtue and character and realize the best chance of true happiness.

Faithful citizenship

We encourage Catholics and other advocates for human life to step proactively into the political debate both winsomely and charitably, and to use creatively all peaceable levers of political power to prudently, and incrementally, transform our cities and our state into places that respect the human rights of the unborn by welcoming them in life and protecting them by law.

Part of that work is voting. A representative democracy such as ours requires that the citizenry elect good people into office and continue to inform their elected representatives of their views on important issues.

Unfortunately, many candidates are openly advocating for Minnesota to become an abortion sanctuary state with taxpayer-funded abortion on demand, as well as pledging to deregulate the abortion industry by removing safeguards put in place to protect women from medical malpractice or to protect teenage girls from ill-considered abortions. Far too many others, moreover, although professing to be pro-life on paper, are going out of their way to avoid talking about Minnesota's future as a potential abortion sanctuary or what should be done to limit abortion, preferring to avoid the subject altogether.

In this situation, it is incumbent on the Catholic laity to be especially proactive in speaking to candidates about prenatal justice and supporting legislative and judicial efforts to limit abortion. The effect of proactive engagement with candidates, not just in this election cycle but also during their term of office, will give courage and political will to those who support pro-life policies in principle, and moderate the pro-abortion extremism of other candidates and elected officials. Catholics cannot expect just laws will be enacted without their faithful citizenship and building relationships with legislators. That is what faithful citizenship is all about.

Combating abortion is a pre-eminent concern in public life

As Archbishop José Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has noted, calling abortion a pre-eminent concern does not mean it is the only concern.[7] Ensuring that every human life is welcomed in life and respected by law does not end at birth. As discussed above, we believe that our Catholic faith leads us to promote an eco-system of public policy that promotes human flourishing for mother and child from conception to natural death.

What we seek to emphasize here is that, just as the bishops of the United States have identified the ending of abortion as a pre-eminent policy priority[8], so too should Catholic voters make protecting innocent human life and stopping abortion extremism a pre-eminent consideration in our voting calculus.[9]



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[1] "[R]egarding abortion, the point when human life begins is not a religious belief but a scientific fact -- a fact on which there is clear agreement even among leading abortion advocates. Second, the sanctity of human life is not merely Catholic doctrine but part of humanity's global ethical heritage, and our nation's founding principle." (USCCB, "Living the Gospel of Life," 23).

[2] Mark Pattison, "Pope Francis 'has our backs' on pro-life cause, says archbishop," Catholic News Service, Jan. 24, 2020, available at <https://catholicnews.com/pope-francis-has-our-backs-on-pro-life-cause-says-archbishop/>.

[3] We understand that sometimes pregnancy can be the result of sexual coercion and rape. These are difficult situations that require care and sensitivity. We do not condone abortion in these instances, but we recognize that fostering justice may mean society has a special responsibility to care for the mother and child, including economic supports or facilitating adoption. Our parishes will help women in these difficult situations.

[4] Though the overwhelming majority of abortions are procured because the mother does not wish to have a child, almost one in five are reportedly procured specifically due to economic hardship.

[5] See the Minnesota Catholic Conference "Families First Project" (familiesfirstproject.com). Policies such as a permanent state child tax credit are the cornerstone of this initiative.

[6] It should be emphasized that working for policies that promote human flourishing does not absolve anyone from the responsibility of working for an end to the state-sanctioned killing of innocent human life. "[B]eing 'right' in such matters can never excuse a wrong choice regarding direct attacks on innocent human life. Indeed, the failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stages renders suspect any claims to the 'rightness' of positions in other matters affecting the poorest and least powerful of the human community." (USCCB, "Living the Gospel of Life," 22).

[7] "A political commitment to a single isolated aspect of the Church's social doctrine does not exhaust one's responsibility towards the common good." (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Pertaining to the Participation of Catholics in Political Life, 4, 2002).

[8] "Pope speaks to U.S. bishops about pro-life issues, transgender ideology," Catholic News Service, Jan. 16, 2020, available at <https://www.osvnews.com/2020/01/16/pope-speaks-to-u-s-bishops-about-pro-life-issues-transgender-ideology/>. (Note Pope Francis's agreement with U.S. bishops that abortion is a pre-eminent social and political concern).

[9] "[A] well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law which contradicts the fundamental contents of faith and morals." (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Pertaining to the Participation of Catholics in Political Life, 4, 2002).



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