

January 8, 2023

# CHURCH *of* ST. ALBERT

The Catholic Church in the Heart of Albertville

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## 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



*Then they  
opened their  
treasures and  
offered him*

**GIFTS OF GOLD,  
FRANKINCENSE,  
AND MYRRH.**

*Matthew 2:11*

January 8, 2023 • The Epiphany of the Lord

## Readings | Mass Intentions

### Today's Readings

**First Reading**—Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalms**—All the nations will worship you, Lord (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading**—The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel**—Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).



### Mass Intentions for the Week of January 9 - 15

Day of Week	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Tue, Jan 10	8:00am	† Bonnie Cornelius
Wed, Jan 11	8:00am	† Victor Nagel
Thu, Jan 12	8:00am	† Stella Kasper
Fri, Jan 13	10:00am Engel Haus	† Pope Benedict XVI
	12:00pm	† Gary Kasper
Sat, Jan 14	4:00pm	† Alfred & Ann Valerius
Sun, Jan 15	8:00am	All Parishioners
	10:00am	† Vernetta & Eleanor Zachman

## Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

### Chapel Hours:

The chapel is open from 6:00pm on Sundays to 8:00am on Saturdays.

### 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

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



### Prayer Partner Needed

3:00-4:00pm—Monday,

4:00-5:00pm—Friday

11:00am-Noon—Friday

### A Vocation View:

More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one's life for one's friends. If you want to talk about your vocation discernment, call Fr. Joe Zabinski at 763-497-2474 or email: frjoe@churchofstalbert.org.

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*The more I do God's will,  
the more he will prove  
his love for me.*

**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys**  
French religious sister who devoted her life to  
educating young girls and the poor in Canada

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## From the Desk of Fr. Joe Zabinski



### All Share in the Promise

Picture a nativity scene in your mind's eye. The scene likely includes figures arriving on camels, some elaborately dressed, with jeweled boxes containing precious gifts. These magi arrived from distant lands to pay homage to the Christ Child. We know little about the magi, but

we do know that these visitors were not Jews. They represent people of all nations who will be drawn to the Lord. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." The Good News of Jesus cannot be limited to one people; all share in the promise of God's mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Dear Parishioners of St Albert,

I want to give a big thank you to all who attended and helped in anyway to make our Christmas liturgies so beautiful, warm and welcoming this year. We had about 700 people attend our Christmas Masses at St. Albert's! What a blessing!

Thank you to the Arts and Environment

Committee for creating a beautiful Christmas sanctuary and environment;

the musicians, cantors, and men's schola for providing beautiful classic hymns, including Stille Nacht;

our TLC student, Claire Peterson, for bringing in baby Jesus at the beginning of the 4:00pm Mass—what a special moment to pray in front of baby Jesus;

the Adult Faith Formation Committee for choosing two wonderful books for our Christmas gift to the parish;

and last but not least, the various liturgical ministers who served at each Mass, including the altar servers - there were 8 of them at the 10:00pm Mass. What a gifted Mass it was as was all of the Christmas Masses! May God bless you all!

On a personal note, I want to express my gratitude to all those who greeted me and wished me a 'Merry Christmas' through the many cards, notes, spiritual bouquets and gifts. I feel very loved by this parish community! Thank you for your kindness to me!

And this past Saturday, December 31st, the world saw a holy man leave this earth. He was Pope within the Church for 8 years. His name was Pope Benedict XVI. I talked about him in my homily this past Sunday. If you would like to listen to that homily, visit our website under the "Parish Podcast" tab and click on the January 1st homily. We prayed the Rosary for his soul on Wednesday evening and after the Thursday morning Mass this past week. We also offered up the Mass on Thursday for his soul as well. Let's keep him and all those who mourn his loss in our continued prayers.

### God's blessings for coming year!

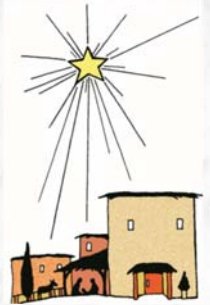
Fr. Joe Zabinski





As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

*Most glorious Christ Child, the Father in Heaven honored Your birth by placing a star over the place where you lay. Through that new star, Your divine presence was made manifest to the world in the Magi who responded with faith and worship. Please manifest yourself to me within my own soul where You wish to be born, and give me the love and zeal I need to follow the example of the Magi, offering You my own gifts in adoration and trust. Jesus, I trust in You!*



## Generosity, Goodwill & Gifts

### Collection for December 24 & 25, 2022

Adult Envelopes/Donations	\$ 17,267.00
Youth Envelopes	\$ 0.00
Plate	\$ 2,396.00
Abiding Love Envelopes	\$ 391.00
Total Given Year-to-date	\$ 258,400.00
Envelope Forecast-to-date	\$ 264,400.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 140.00



Contribute  
Online

**Due to early deadlines, the Collection for December 31, January 1, 7 & 8 will be posted in the January 15, 2023 Bulletin. Thank you parishioners of St. Albert for your generous financial support of our local parish.**

### Year-end Donation Statements

Year-end donation statements for 2022 will be printed and mail at the end of January, 2023. Thank you for your generosity.



### Religious Retirement Fund



This is the last weekend to contribute to the appeal for the Religious Retirement Fund which began December 10 & 11. You may also give online using the QR code above and choose 'Retired Religious

Fund' or go to our giving page on our website.

Thank you all for your generosity and support of the Retirement Fund for Religious!

*Thank You*

The family of Donald Weidenbach would like to thank everyone who attended dad's wake and/or funeral service, sent prayers, cards, and well wishes to the family during this time

of loss. We also want to thank the musicians for their beautiful music, the lunch committee for planning and preparing the delicious meal, and Fr. Joe and Fr. McGinnis for their support.



### Advent Calendar Collection for Food Shelf

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Advent Calendar Food Shelf Collection. St. Albert's collected 419 pounds of non-perishable food for the Food Shelf.

## The Week at a Glance

### Sunday, January 8

Hanover Food Shelf Weekend  
6:30-7:30am Men's Group (rectory)  
8:00am Mass  
9:00am CCW Prayers following Mass (church)  
9:00am Prayer Ministry following Mass (parish library)  
10:00am TLC Mass with Liturgy of the Word for Children

### Monday, January 9

9:00am-12:00pm Christmas Decoration Take-down (church)  
6:00-7:15pm First Communion Class (parish center)

### Tuesday, January 10

8:00am Mass  
9:30am Alpha Winter Course (parish center)  
5:30pm Adult Faith Formation Meeting (parish center)  
6:30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (rectory)  
7:00pm CCW Meeting (parish center)  
7:00pm High School Theology 101 (St. Michael)

### Wednesday, January 11

8:00am Mass  
8:30-9:00am Reconciliation  
6:15pm Alpha Youth (St. Michael)  
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Mass (church)

### Thursday, January 12

8:00am Mass  
6:00pm Alpha Winter Course (parish center)  
6:00pm 5th/6th Grade Open Youth Room (St. Michael)  
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (parish center)

### Friday, January 13

10:00am Mass & Confession at Engel Haus  
12:00pm Mass *Ad Orientem*  
12:30-1:00pm Reconciliation

### Saturday, January 14

2:30-3:45pm Reconciliation  
4:00pm Mass

### Sunday, January 15

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

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the Newborn King and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please consider a gift to St. Vincent de Paul so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child. Envelopes can be found in the narthex, on the information center and can be dropped off at the parish office, or placed in the collection basket marked SVdP.



## St. Albert Faith Formation



*Everybody Needs a Little TLC!*

**TOTAL LIFELONG CATECHESIS**

**2022-2023**

**Faith Formation**

**Family and Youth (Pre K-Gr 6)**

**Upcoming Dates:**

Monday, January 9: First Communion Class  
from 6:00-7:15pm

Sunday, January 15: Children's Liturgy of the Word  
during the 10:00am Mass

**Thank you!**

- A shout out and thank you to 2nd Grader, **Claire Petersen**, for bringing up baby Jesus at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.
- Thank you to all who came out to see the Live Outdoor Nativity and for those who participated and dressed up in costumes to witness the Nativity scene to our community! Also, a warm thank you to Catholic United Financial for financially supporting this event and helping with the food and beverages and to the Dale Zachman family for setting up the manger scene!

**Questions?** Contact Jean at [jwold@churchofstalbert.org](mailto:jwold@churchofstalbert.org)

## Adult Faith Formation

### Adult Faith Offerings

New Alpha Courses begin this month. Join us on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00am starting January 10 OR Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm starting January 12!

Alpha is for Catholics and non-Catholics to invite family and friends who may or may not be active in church life to bring their questions and opinions to open table discussions about life and faith. Through the Alpha course, guests will enjoy a shared space of lively conversation and time to discover or grow deeper in their relationship with Christ and each other.

### Check out these endorsements of Alpha:

*"Alpha is a wonderful method to introduce people to a first knowledge of faith in a way that is very appropriate to modern man."* Cardinal Cantalamessa

*"One of the reasons that Alpha is phenomenal is because there are not that many things you can invite a person to when you are Catholic. You can invite them to bingo or theology on tap, but you don't know those will lead them to Jesus or be even good. But when you take them to Alpha you know it will propose Christ..., and it will be excellent and fun. So my advice is to try Alpha because Alpha is phenomenal."* Father Michael Schmitz

### Married Couples—Save the Date!

A Cana Dinner is planned for **Saturday evening February 18**. This special night for married couples will include Mass, Dinner, Inspiring Speakers: Pat and Kenna Millea, a Marriage Blessing, Music and Dancing! Cost: \$50 per Couple. Or, reserve a table for up to four (4) couples for \$180. Register online now! See flyer insert!



## Beginning This Week

**YOU ARE INVITED.**

**AM Course: Tuesdays | 9:30-11:00am**  
beginning Tuesday, January 10

**PM Course: Thursdays | 6:30-8:00pm**  
beginning Thursday, January 12

**God as a baby?**

**Is it just make-believe?**



**What do you think?**

### What is Alpha?

Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Each of the 11 sessions includes a time to connect with others to hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith, and the chance to discuss, share, and ask questions within your group. Snacks and beverages will be provided! We'd love to hear your perspective! Come as you are!

### What St. Albert parishioners love about Alpha?

- ~ "Strengthened my faith, made new friends, found a new purpose for life."
- ~ "Being with others on a similar journey."
- ~ "I really appreciate the open discussion, openness and friendliness of everyone,"

### Information and Registration

[www.churchofstalbert.org/alpha](http://www.churchofstalbert.org/alpha)

Questions? Contact Jean Wold at 763-497-3782 or [jwold@churchofstalbert.org](mailto:jwold@churchofstalbert.org)

## All Men are Invited



**Thursday, January 19 | 6:00pm**  
**St. Albert Parish Center**

Men of all ages are invited to a Wild Game Feed with Fr. Joe!

It's a pot-luck so those attending are encouraged to bring a dish to share—it can be wild game, tame game, a side dish, or dessert—beverages will be provided.

No need to be a hunter or fisherman to come! It's for everyone!

Join us for a night of food, fellowship & fun!



## Opportunities and Events

### John O'Sullivan to Speak at Serra Meeting

The mission of Serra is to pray for, foster and affirm vocations. We seek to help the faithful understand that each person has a vocation and to support vocations to priesthood and religious life. The Serra Club of Wright County will meet at the Kings House in Buffalo on **Thursday, January 12**. Our meeting will start with a rosary in the Chapel at 5:10pm followed by Mass at 5:30pm. Please bring your own light meal to enjoy during our social time. At 7:00pm John O'Sullivan, a youth minister for 25 years and the founder of Extreme Faith Camp, will speak on how this camp has been instrumental in leading to many vocations. He will share the vision behind Extreme Faith Camp and how it has transformed our parishes and the lives of many young people throughout the Archdiocese. We welcome you to join us and learn more about the Serra Club of Wright County and our ministry. Please call Marian Meyer at 763-497-2371 or Kate Theisen at 952-955-1544 for more information. We usually meet the second Thursday evening of each month at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo. Also please visit Serra's website: [www.serraus.org](http://www.serraus.org)



### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Join Fr. Peter Richards for the pilgrimage of lifetime to the Holy Land, **May 17-25, 2023**. If you were not able to attend the information meeting this past week but are still interested, please send an email to [saintgabriel@stmacatholicyouth.org](mailto:saintgabriel@stmacatholicyouth.org). The pilgrimage registration deadline is **Friday, January 20**. To learn more go to: <https://www.saintgabrielpilgrim.org/>

### Celebrating Life at Cornerstone's 10th Anniversary Gala

Celebrating a Decade of Hope Gala, benefiting Options for Women/Cornerstone, a pro-life pregnancy medical center located in St. Michael, is coming up on **Friday, January 20** at St. Joseph Hall in St. Michael Catholic Church. The doors open at 5:00pm with a social hour and games; then a buffet dinner, live auction and speakers are from 6:30-9:30pm. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Michael McNelis, Cornerstone's Medical Director. Dr. Mike conducts Cornerstone ultrasounds, hear how he provides Moms with hope and encouragement by showing them the beautiful gift created in their womb. The emcee will be Fr. Brian Park, Cornerstone's Spiritual Director. Make your plans now to enjoy an evening celebrating life and the work of this vital ministry in the greater Wright County community! For more information or to buy tickets, please visit: [CornerstoneOptions.com/gala10](http://CornerstoneOptions.com/gala10) or call Patty at 612-584-9449. To become a sponsor, call Chad at 612-250-1544

### Men's Silent Retreat

Are you craving peace and solitude? Let God meet you at our beautiful retreat location in Lake Elmo, MN. Join us for a Men's Silent Retreat at the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House **January 19 – January 22**. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information, see our website [www.demontrevilleretreat.com](http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com) or call 651-777-1311.

## STMA Catholic Youth

### Alpha Youth

#### EXPLORE LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS...

All 8th Grade youth are welcome to join us on **Wednesday, January 11 & 18 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: St. Michael. For more info or if you have questions, contact: Hollie Danis at: [hdanis@stmacatholicyouth.org](mailto:hdanis@stmacatholicyouth.org)

#### 5th-6th Grade Open Youth Room

All 5th and 6th graders are invited to Middle School Open Youth Room on **Thursday, January 12** from 6:00-8:00pm. Hosted at St. Michael Catholic Church. It is an opportunity to grow in fellowship and hang out together. Come join us and do homework, buy snacks & pop from our snack bar, meet new people, and join in on various activities including dodge-ball, football & ultimate frisbee (weather permitting), board games, video games and more!

#### Middle School Winter/Spring Bible Study

##### The Winter/Spring Bible Study will begin soon!

The Letters of St. Paul is a course that journey's through St. Paul's letters using the Y-Disciple video series. The Bible Study will be hosted at St. Albert Youth Room and begins with the Introduction on **Monday, January 23** from 6:30-8:00pm. The study continues through May 1st. Register online.

#### Friday Night Live (FNL)

All 5th-7th graders are invited to join us on **Friday, January 27** 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!

#### Winter Faith Camp

##### 8th-12th Graders are invited to join us for an amazing retreat experience February 24-26, 2023

We are collaborating with St. Francis in Buffalo, St. Ignatius in Annandale, and Sacred Heart in Robbinsdale, to bring you an awesome winter faith camp experience that is full of dynamic talks, games, activities, prayer, Mass, adoration, and more! This retreat will be hosted at Camp Victory in Zumbro Falls.

**The cost per teen is \$200.** Registration is available on your families online Account. Registration Closes February 8th. We encourage D-groups to come together with their leader for a powerful group bonding experience but this retreat is open to all high schoolers!

**\*\*ADULTS**—we will need your help to chaperone/small group lead. If you'd like to help please reach out to the STMA Catholic Youth Ministry Staff.

#### For more information, please contact:

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**Website:** [www.stmacatholicyouth.org](http://www.stmacatholicyouth.org)  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/STMACatholic>

## Opportunities and Events

### Women's Retreat at the Church of St. Henry

You're invited to a free Women's Retreat on Mary and the Eucharist, featuring guest speaker Janette Howe. The retreat will be held on **Saturday, January 21** at the Church of Saint Henry. Retreat will start with Mass at 8:00am and will be followed by breakfast and a program. The flyer and online registration can be found on the Church of St. Henry's website: <https://www.sthenrycatholic.info/calendar-events>, Please register in advance either online or by calling the Parish office at 763-295-2402. The retreat location is 1001 E. 7th Street, Monticello, MN 55362.

### YOU are invited to Join...

#### The Temperament God Gave You Small Group for Moms

Do you want to better understand yourself, your husband and your children? Do you desire strong friendships with other moms just like you? Knowing your God-given temperament will help you become a better wife, mom and friend. Join The Temperament God Gave You: A Catholic Small Group for Mothers of Young Children. Two Group Options: Friday morning or Monday evening. Both groups meet twice per month January-May 2023. Contact Pam Kulas for more details at 763-291-8210 or [pamelakulas@yahoo.com](mailto:pamelakulas@yahoo.com).

## 2023 Epiphany House Blessing

### Epiphany House Blessing

If you wish, you can celebrate Epiphany at home with a blessing using the initials of the magi's traditional names (Casper, Melchior, Balthasar), four crosses, and the new year's numerals.

Materials: a piece of chalk and a small container of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

*Leader:* In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year: [20 + C + M + B + 23]

Let us pray: May Christ bless this house!

*ALL:* Amen!

Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room: Where two or three are gathered in your name, Lord, you are present. Bless this room, O Lord.

*ALL:* Amen!

Kitchen: Give us this day our daily bread.

Bless this room, O Lord.

*ALL:* Amen!

Dining room: Prepare us for the heavenly banquet.

Bless this room, O Lord.

*ALL:* Amen!

Bedrooms: Stay with us Lord, when night has come.

Bless this room, O Lord.

*ALL:* Amen!

Bathroom: Cleanse us from all sin. Bless this room, O Lord.

*ALL:* Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together.

*Leader:* Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father . . .

The leader sprinkles all present with holy water.

Bless this household through all days to come,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

*ALL:* Amen!

## Opportunities to Pray

### Prayer Requests

If you want to place someone on the prayer list, please send an email: [jwelter@churchofstalbert.org](mailto: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 Lloyd Cyr	Family of Mary Lou Kolles
Family of Donny Weidenbach	Paul Greninger
LuAnn Greninger	Greg & Teresa Roden
Lori Hassing	Sheryl Eull-SIL of Jacques
Steve DeMars	Mitzi Praught
Nancy Jacobs	Patrick Ryan-grandfather of Ashley Raymond
Billy Dwinnell	Roger Zabinski
Doug Blood-brother of Larry	Bridget Daleiden
Greg Armstrong-brother of Cyndie Winkelman	
Suzanne Swenson-friend of parishioner	
Karen Dehmer-daughter of Betty Barthel	
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 at the Manger: With the Magi

Let your light shine on us, O God, as the star showed the way to those who searched for Christ. Fill us with wisdom; help us walk in your ways, now and forever. Amen.

### Flame of Love Rosary

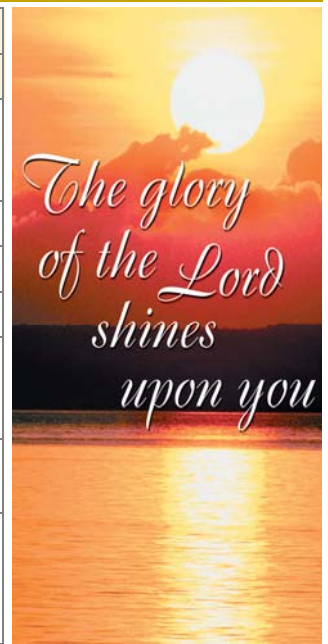
Please join us at St. Albert's every Monday evening at 7:00pm to pray the Flame of Love Rosary. We pray for the souls in purgatory and for the whole world.

### Mass Intentions for Deceased

Due to the extra number of Masses we have at St. Albert's, there are several openings for a Mass Intention to be said for your deceased loved ones. Please call the parish office for scheduling. The Mass stipend is \$7. Mass cards are also available if you wish to send a Mass greeting.

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Mass Times	Saturday, January 14	Sunday, January 15	Sunday, January 15
	4:00pm	8:00am	10:00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>	CB Anthony Berning C Lauren Berning C Sofia Gates	CB Thomas Zachman C Ben Zachman C Benedict Lang	CB Jonathan Cavanaugh C Philip Dufner C Gabe Barthel
<b>Reader</b>	Kristen Berning	Jeannine Backstrom	Lori Valerius
<b>Sacristan</b>	John Vetsch	Joanne Wacker	Janet Welter
<b>MC</b>	Joyce Valerius	Joanne Wacker	Lois Roden
<b>EMHC</b>	C Sherri Dzuik W Chris Heuring E Peter Klinkner	C Dave Vetsch W & E George Finka	C Mike Welter W & E Denise Beaudry
<b>Greeters</b>	Barb Shonka Chris Heuring	Sue Berning Tom Ginter	Elaine Czech Renee Lee
<b>Ushers</b>	Joel Lindenfelser Gene Kolles Ron Kolles Jordan Lindenfelser	Gary Greninger Jacques Eull Doug Hiltner Volunteer Needed	Jim Valerius Donny Praught David Dufner Mayan Dufner



## Parish Contact Information

### Clergy and Parish Staff

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### 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, Betty Matras, Dave Plude, and Heidi Van De Berg

**Stewardship Committee** — Amy Dinkel, Charles Foster, Mary Haehn, Lisa Haines, and Jacci 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 or Sacristan at least 10 minutes 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.

#### St. Peregrine Relic

If you or someone you know would like to host the St. Peregrine Relic in your home to pray for healing from cancer, contact 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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## New Phone System at St. Albert's

### Keeping up with Technology!

St. Albert's has been using the same 'now-outdated' phone system for the past 21 years. After much research and discussion on what is new and needed at St. Albert's, one being individual extensions and voicemails, we've decided to upgrade our phone system.

### Parish Office & Parish Center Combined

Our 'new phone system' includes both the parish office and parish center so when you call the main office phone, 763-497-2474, you'll also be able to reach the staff at the parish center without having to call a separate phone number. With the use of cell phones by most people, the parish center kitchen phone will no longer be available.

### What else is new?

When you call the parish office, you will initially hear a message with a list of extensions and options. The list of extensions is provided below. You are welcome to click on the one digit quick extension to reach the person you want to speak to. If available, they will pick-up the phone. If they are on the phone or away from their desk, you have the option to leave a voicemail message. We are still learning the many options that are available to us, so the initial greeting will be changing and updated as we go.

### Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency, press ★ right away. Either Fr. Joe or Janet will answer those calls.

### What is a Pastoral Emergency?

A Pastoral Emergency is when someone is seriously ill or has experienced an accident and/or is close to death where the anointing of the sick or last rites are needed.

### Other Immediate Requests

For other requests where a quick response is needed but is not a life or death emergency, click extension 9 and someone will answer or get back to you asap.

### Office Staff

### Quick Dial for Extension

Fr. Joe Zabinski, Pastor	0	(100)
Janet Welter, Administrative Assistant	1 or 9	(110)
Jean Wold, Faith Formation	2	(120)
Rita Fay, Bookkeeper	3	(130)
Greg Gacioch, Business Administrator	4	(140)
Gabby Ilkka, Youth Minister	5	(150)
Rachel Timmerman, Outreach	6	(160)
Pastoral Emergency Only	★	

## What's in the News



### We Remember: Pope Benedict XVI April 16, 1927 to December 31, 2023

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace. Amen.



### Pope Francis Announced on Thursday, January 5, 2023

the appointment of Bishop-elect Michael Izen as Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Please keep him in your prayers as preparations take place for his episcopal ordination on **Tuesday, April 11**

at the Cathedral of St. Paul. More information about Bishop-elect Michael Izen can be found on our parish website: [churchofstalbert.org/parish-news](http://churchofstalbert.org/parish-news)

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JANUARY 2023

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| Jan. 10    | <b>STMA High School Aliv Prolife Group Meeting</b>                    |
| Jan. 20    | <b>Options for Women Cornerstone Gala</b>                             |
| Jan. 22    | <b>Mass for Respect Life, 12:00 p.m., Cathedral of St. Paul</b>       |
| Jan. 22    | <b>MCCL March for Life, 2:00 p.m., State Capitol, St. Paul</b>        |
| Feb. 23    | <b>STMCC Respect Life Ministry Meeting, 10:30 a.m. or 7:15 p.m.</b>   |
| Feb. 28    | <b>Legislative Dinner, Landmark Center, St. Paul</b>                  |
| Mar. 14/23 | <b>Student Day at the Capitol, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., MN State Capitol</b> |



### Celebrate Life at Cornerstone's 10th Anniversary Gala Friday, January 20, 2023 "Celebrating A Decade of Hope"

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5:00 p.m. social hour and games

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## MASS FOR RESPECT LIFE

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**Sunday, January 22, 2023 | Noon**

Champions for Life Awards will be presented

MCCL March for Life at State Capitol follows at 2:00 p.m.

Bus - St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Elk River at 10:15 a.m.

Call John 612-250-6291 to reserve a spot



The Crow River MCCL donated a Touch of Life set to Holy Spirit Academy & The STMA ALIV Prolife Group

## STMA HIGH SCHOOL "ALIV" PROLIFE GROUP – NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

The Alive group is an active prolife group at STMA High School. We spend time talking about the effects of abortions. We make cards for prolife centers, pray, share and always enjoy treats! We help at the respect life dinner & breakfast at St. Albert's Catholic Church. In Jan/Feb we will have a tie blanket drive. Our meetings are about 30 minutes in the morning at the high school. Our goal is to reach more students and provide accurate and scientific knowledge of the development of a baby. Sending this message out to all is necessary. I am so grateful for all the people who have helped me make this group work so far and very excited as for what is to come for the next year! -Grace Eicher from STMA ALIV

JOIN OUR NEXT MEETING AT STMA HIGH SCHOOL: TUESDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>



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The Elizabeth Ministry, a ministry of St. Michael Catholic Church, would like all families to know that ministers are available to connect with women going through all stages of motherhood. We offer a small gift, support, prayers, connection and resources to those who are pregnant, wishing to become pregnant or adopt, or mourning the loss of a child. If you or someone you know is in need of support, please contact us: [elizabethministries@stmccatholicchurch.org](mailto:elizabethministries@stmccatholicchurch.org)



Minnesota Catholic Conference is the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota and serves to uphold life, dignity, and the common good.

#### MINNESOTA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

will be holding **Capitol Thursdays** on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. (January through May). They will equip you to successfully advocate for policies they are working on before visiting the Capitol and your legislators. You will need to RSVP by noon the Wednesday before. **Head to [MNCatholic.org/events](http://MNCatholic.org/events) for details and to RSVP.**

### Student Day at the Capitol 2023

(Grades 7-12)

**March 14 or March 23 at 9:30-2:00 P.M.**

MCCL's annual Student Day at the Capitol brings students to St. Paul for a day of pro-life education and political involvement. **To Register:** Online at [mccl.org/studentday](http://mccl.org/studentday), Call 612.825.6831 or E-mail: [information@mccl.org](mailto:information@mccl.org)

**ProLife Websites**

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[www.prolifeacrossamerica.org](http://www.prolifeacrossamerica.org)

### MINNESOTA AFTER ROE

In the 2022 elections, pro-abortion candidates won slim majorities in both the House and Senate. **As a result, they are expected in January 2023 to try to pass the Protect Reproductive Options Act, PRO, to enshrine into state law abortion up to birth.** The PRO Act (as it was previously introduced) would put the existing policy of unlimited abortion—legal abortion for any reason and at any time during pregnancy—into state statute.

The Doe vs Gomez Supreme Court ruling found a “right” to abortion in the Minnesota Constitution and ruled that Medicaid must cover abortion. **Since that 1995 ruling taxpayers have bankrolled close to 100,000 abortions at a cost of about \$29 million.**

A Ramsey Court ruling in July 2022, relying on Gomez, struck down laws including a woman's right to know; informed consent law; parental notification and a law preventing non-physicians from performing abortions.

**ACTION:** We need to pray, call and email our law-makers like never before to help stop this bill and any other pro-abortion efforts lawmakers may pursue. **If you are not on MCCL's email list please contact them, [mccl@mccl.org](mailto:mccl@mccl.org), with your email address so they can contact you with crucial updates.**

**PLAM ACTION** Pro-Life Action Ministries created a new organization called PLAM Action. Their mission is to inform, equip and engage citizens of Minnesota in the defense of unborn babies against the abortion industry.

“Just the Pill” is a business in Minnesota whose mission is to deliver chemical abortions directly by mail to pregnant women throughout Minnesota. Soon they will be purchasing a second mobile vehicle that will be capable of surgical abortions and will be traveling throughout our state. PLAM Action will be working directly with communities to ensure “Just the Pill” does not operate in them.

***Please consider joining Plam Action Prayer Network at [Plamaction.org](http://Plamaction.org)***



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