

December 10, 2023

# CHURCH *of* ST. ALBERT



The Catholic Church in the Heart of Albertville

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## *second sunday of* ADVENT



### 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.

#### Sunday Mass\*

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

#### Daily Mass\*

Tuesday 8:00am  
Wednesday 8:00am  
Thursday 8:00am  
Friday *Ad Orientem* 12:00pm  
1st Saturday *Latin Chant* 8:30am

#### Reconciliation

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

\* subject to change with Holidays

#### 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

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.



## Readings | Mass Intentions

### Today's Readings

**First Reading:** A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! (Is 40:3)

**Psalms:** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

**Second Reading:** We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

**Gospel:** John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)



### Mass Intentions for the Week of December 11 - December 17

<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Mass Time</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
Tue, Dec 12	8:00am	+ Donald & Janet Berning
Wed, Dec 13	8:00am	+ Deceased Members of the Al & Winnie Friendshuh Family
Thu, Dec 14	8:00am	+ Sister Nivelles Berning
Fri, Dec 15	12:00pm	+ Muriel Tiernan
Sat, Dec 16	4:00pm	+ Louise Theisen
Sun, Dec 17	8:00am	+ Donald Weidenbach
	10:00am	All Parishioners

## Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

### Chapel Hours:

The Chapel of Divine Mercy is open from 6:00pm on Sunday to 8:00am on Saturday.

### Immediate Need

Thursday—11:00-Noon  
Thursday—10:00-11:00pm  
Friday—2:00-3:00am  
Friday—6:00-7:00pm  
Saturday—2:00-3:00am  
Saturday—3:00-4:00am

### Prayer Partner Needed

Thursday—10:00-11:00am  
Friday—4:00-5:00am  
Friday—11:00am-Noon

*If you have questions or would like to have a weekly hour of adoration, contact Brenda at 763-286-8570 or Dawn Barthel at 763-301-3172.*



### A Vocation View:

God calls us to proclaim the Good News. How do you share that Good News? Pray for the grace to be a faith filled witness of God's love. (Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11). If you would like to talk with someone about your vocation, contact Fr. Joe at: 763-497-2474 ext. 100 or frjoe@churchofstalbert.org.

## From the Desk of Fr. Joe Zabinski

### Hello Parishioners of St Albert!

I hope that your Advent Season is off to a great start! Over this past month there has been a lot of good things taking place here in the parish! First of all - we had our St. Albert Feast Day Celebration which was a great turn out! Thank you to all of you who came out for it! Thank you also to the Parish Council who led the endeavor - organizing it and finding people to volunteer for it. Good work!

Secondly, we've started off our 2nd round of RCIA here at St. Alberts. Thank you to Jean Wold and our Catechists who are helping to lead our weekly sessions. We just had the Rite of Welcome for our three Candidates. The Rite of Welcome



is an official way of acknowledging those who are Baptized, but not yet Catholic as official Candidates for receiving Confirmation and 1st Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil this coming Easter. If you know anyone who would like to become Catholic, it is not too late to start the journey of RCIA. Please send me an email if anyone is interested. I'm still praying for more Sacraments here at St Alberts - especially the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Speaking of Sacraments being received, these past two months, we have had the most Baptisms that we've seen here at St. Alberts within that period of time - at least that I've seen within my time here at St. Alberts! We had multiple Baptisms per a month and multiple people getting Baptized each time. It is great to see as the shepherd of this parish! During that time, I also experienced a milestone as a priest. I experienced my first 5 Sacrament day! I celebrated a Wedding Mass, baptized two children, administered the Anointing of the Sick, heard Confessions, and celebrated multiple Masses that day!

Within the past couple months, the Master Planning Team was able to solicit feedback on the potential building project. We are now moving into the next phase of planning which is the Fundraising Viability Analysis phase, mentioned in the "Communication Corner" in last week's bulletin.

This past Sunday, I talked about the devastating "Pew Survey" fact that 69% of Catholics do not believe in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This is very sad! As a response to this, the USCCB has come up with a Eucharistic Revival for this year at the parish level - at the end of which will be a Eucharistic congress in Indianapolis next May. As a response to this, in our parish, we are taking the following action. Last August, we had a special leadership gathering with this theme in mind as a focus for our parish. We have adopted the Eucharist as our theme for this year.

Within that gathering, we handed.... **Continued on Page V**



Reflect, today, upon that “desert” to which you have been called, so as to prepare yourself and others for the coming of Christ. That desert is any place where there is need and every place where our Lord is not. It might be your family, work environment, community, among friends, or any place that lacks the superabundance of God’s grace. Seek to enter those deserts and to be open to be a channel of our Lord’s grace to those in need.

*Lord, You desire to come to me and to all of Your children every day. Please use me to not only prepare my own heart and soul for Your divine coming but to also prepare others to meet You. Give me wisdom and compassion, insight and strength, so that I can imitate Saint John the Baptist and prepare the way for Your most glorious coming by grace. Jesus, I trust in You!*



## Generosity, Goodwill & Gifts

### The Collection for December 2 & 3, 2023

Adult Envelopes/Donations	\$ 7,258.00
Youth Envelopes	\$ 0.00
Plate	\$ 1,004.00
Abiding Love Envelopes	\$ 754.00
Total Given Year-to-date	\$ 227,803.00
Envelope Forecast-to-date	\$ 208,313.00
All Saints Day Collection	\$ 1.00



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

**Contribute Online**

### 2023 Catholic Services Appeal Foundation For the Love of Christ Impels Us...

St. Albert's has not yet met our 2023 goal for the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. If you have not yet sent in your donation or a pledge, please do so. Extra envelopes are available in the narthex. We are currently at 71% of our goal. Once we meet 100% of our goal, St. Albert's receives a portion of that amount back.

#### Prayer Ministry

A prayer ministry team will be available in the parish library to the left of the sanctuary after the 8:00am Mass until 9:45am on, **Sunday, December 10**, for anyone who would like prayer. *"For where two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* Matt 18:20. Call the Parish Office, if you have questions.

#### Religious Retirement Fund

**December 16 & 17** is Religious Retirement Fund weekend. Please see the envelope and insert in this week's bulletin. Bring your donation in the envelope provided next weekend and place it in the regular collection basket.

#### Early Bulletin Deadlines

12:00pm on **Wed, Dec 13** for the December 24 Bulletin  
12:00pm on **Thu, Dec 21** for the December 31 Bulletin

#### Advent Penance Service

7:00-8:30pm on **Tuesday, December 19** (see page IV)

#### Christmas Mass Times

4:00pm on Christmas Eve, **Sunday, December 24**  
and 8:00am & 10:00am on Christmas Day, **Monday, December 25**.

#### Mary, Mother of God Mass Time

10:00am on **Monday, January 1**.

*Thank You*

Many thanks to all the friends and relatives who came to my 90th Birthday Celebration on Sunday, November 26. It was awesome!  
Love, Betty Barthel

## The Weekly Calendar at a Glance

### Sunday, December 10 | Second Sunday of Advent

Canal Dinner Gift Certificate Sales  
Adoration Push  
Hanover Food Shelf Weekend  
6:30am Men's Group  
8:00am Mass  
9:00am CCW Prayers following Mass  
9:00-9:45am Prayer Ministry following Mass (parish library)  
10:00am Mass with Liturgy of the Word for Children  
1:15pm FNL Planning Meeting (parish center)  
2:00pm Core Team Meeting (parish center/church)  
4:00pm FNL Planning Meeting (parish center)

### Monday, December 11

6:30pm Middle School Faith Study (parish center, 103 & 104)  
6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting (parish center, 109)  
7:00pm Flame of Love Rosary (church)  
7:30pm Pietra Fitness (parish center, dining hall)

### Tuesday, December 12

8:00am Mass  
8:00am-2:00pm LRSH Homeschool Coop (parish center)  
1:30-3:00pm Office Closed/Staff Formation  
6:30pm Parish Council Meeting (rectory)  
7:00pm Theology 101 (St. Michael)

### Wednesday, December 13

8:00am Mass  
8:30am Reconciliation  
12:00pm Deadline for December 24 Bulletin  
2:00pm 7th-8th Grade Open Youth Room (St. Michael)  
5:00pm Choir Practice (church)  
6:00pm First Communion Class (parish center, 108 & 110)  
6:00pm First Communion Parent Session (parish center, 109)  
6:30pm Youth Alpha (St. Michael)

### Thursday, December 14

8:00am Mass  
8:00am-2:00pm LRSH Homeschool Coop (parish center)  
6:00pm Alpha Fall Course (parish center, 109 & 110)  
6:00pm 5th-6th Grade Open Youth Room (St. Michael)  
7:00pm RCIA Meeting (parish center, 102)  
7:00pm KC Meeting (parish center, dining hall)

### Friday, December 15

12:00pm Mass *Ad Orientem* (church)  
1:00-1:30pm Reconciliation

### Saturday, December 16

Hospitality Weekend/Four Wheel Raffle Ticket Sales  
2:30-3:45pm Reconciliation  
4:00pm Mass

### Sunday, December 17 | Third Sunday of Advent

Hospitality Weekend/Four Wheel Raffle Ticket Sales  
8:00am Mass  
9:00am TLC Sunday FunDay (parish center, dining hall)  
10:00am Mass with Liturgy of the Word for Children

## St. Albert Faith Formation



### Family and Child Faith Formation TLC Sunday Funday

The monthly TLC Sunday Funday is on December 17 from 9:00-11:00am for all TLC Families. Families are asked to meet at the Parish Center at 9:00am for learning and fun, and then at 10:00am we will gather for the TLC Mass, and then enjoy yummy treats following Mass in the narthex of the church. Come and enjoy a Sunday Funday! Remember - *Everybody needs a little TLC!*

**Questions?** Contact Jean Wold at 763-497-2474, Ext 2 or [jwold@churchofstalbert.org](mailto:jwold@churchofstalbert.org).

## Christmas Gift for Couples



### The Cana Dinner for Married Couples

Registration is open for the Cana Dinner on **Saturday, January 27, 2024** from 5:00-10:00pm. This special night for married couples includes a Delicious Pasta Dinner, Inspiring Witness Talk, Interactive Games, Marriage Blessing, and Music and Dancing – think FUN Date Night! Registration Fee is \$75/Couple. See the website for more details at [churchofstalbert.org/parish-events/the-cana-dinner](http://churchofstalbert.org/parish-events/the-cana-dinner)

### Looking for a thoughtful Christmas gift?

Consider purchasing a ticket to the Cana Dinner for a married couple you care about! Volunteers will be selling Cana Dinner Gift Certificates after all Masses this weekend of **December 9 & 10**. The cost is \$75/couple. If you did not come prepared but would like to purchase a ticket(s) for friends or family, please call the parish office at 763-497-2474, Ext 2.

## Hats, Scarves, & Mittens Needed

### Winter Wear Collection

Winter is fast approaching and soon we will have a need for hats, scarves, and mittens. There are many adults and children who go without the warmth of these items. There will be a collection box in the Narthex of Church for any donations of new or slightly used (in good shape) hats, scarves, and mittens for these children. Please call Chris at 497-3662 with any questions.

## Advent Penance Service

### ENCOUNTER

Encounter Jesus, Encounter Jesus' Mercy,  
Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist—Encounter Love!

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 19 | 7:00-8:30pm

Confession, Praise & Worship, Adoration

Evening Prayer Intention:

Faith Filled Women, Wives & Mothers



## Job Openings at St. Albert's

### Business Administrator | Full-Time

The Church of St. Albert is seeking a full-time Business Administrator to manage our human resources, assure adherence to Archdiocesan policies, and oversee the maintenance of our facilities. Applicants must have a deep knowledge/subject matter expertise of Catholicism. This on-site role requires a commitment to confidentiality, strong interpersonal skills for effective collaboration, and the capacity for proven leadership. The administrator will also coordinate a safe environment program, prepare and oversee the budget, perform bookkeeping, and require excellent communication abilities. The most desirable candidates will have experience in business administration, accounting, finance, and supervisory roles to support our community's spiritual and operational needs. Please email your resume with a cover letter to [saintalbertapplications@gmail.com](mailto:saintalbertapplications@gmail.com) or you may deliver to 11400 57th St NE, P.O. Box 127, Albertville, MN 55301.

### Communications Coordinator | Part-Time

The Church of St. Albert is in search of a Communications Coordinator to enrich our parish's sense of community. Applicants must have a deep knowledge/subject matter expertise of Catholicism. The ideal candidate will maintain and enhance our weekly communications including but not limited to bulletins, newsletters, emails, and electronic sign. This role involves the creative design of brochures and advertisements for parish events, as well as crafting and executing comprehensive communication strategies that align with the church's mission. With a pivotal responsibility for our online presence, manage and engage our community through social media channels like Facebook and Instagram. Communication should be punctual. This position requires on-site availability and a sense of initiation and motivation to foster favorable communication within the parish. Strong written and verbal communication skills are essential, along with the ability to foster interpersonal connections to help promote the parish. Experience with Microsoft Suite 365 especially Publisher and PowerPoint is highly desirable. Please email your resume with a cover letter to [saintalbertapplications@gmail.com](mailto:saintalbertapplications@gmail.com) or you may deliver to 11400 57th St NE, P.O. Box 127, Albertville, MN 55301.



## From the Desk of Fr. Joe Zabinski

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out Bishop Barron's book and are now focusing on that book within formation for the Parish Council, Staff, Liturgical Committee, and Finance Council. We just handed this book out to the parish this past weekend at the Sunday Masses. I am amazed - we bought 400 copies of this book and they are all gone! What an amazing response by you the parishioners! As a part of handing out that book, we gave a bookmark which had a schedule on it to help read it by Christmas.

This past Sunday, in my homily, I also mentioned that my homily series this Advent season will be focused on the Eucharist. On the first Sunday of Advent, I focused on the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. On this second Sunday of Advent, Deacon is preaching about Eucharistic Adoration and making a push for additional adorers. With Adoration, my goal is to have a healthy substitute list and to eventually expand the hours to have adoration end by 3:00pm on Saturday and begin by Noon on Sunday. We hope to eventually accomplish that, but we'll focus on what we have thus far - making sure we have time slots filled and a healthy substitute list. On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, my homily will focus on how to receive the Eucharist reverently and fruitfully in a practical kind of way. Then finally for the fourth Sunday of Advent, I'll talk about the Eucharistic miracles and have some display boards available about various miracles throughout the world. I'm excited about this homily series and I hope that you can tune into it!

Please Note: Because Christmas lands on a Monday this year, there's no two for one! To fulfill the Sunday and Christmas obligations, one needs to go to one weekend Mass for the Sunday obligation and one Christmas Mass (Christmas Eve or Day) for the Christmas obligation. The schedule can be found on our website and in this week's bulletin.

As you can see - there are many good and beautiful things happening for the Lord at St. Alberts! Let's continue to pray for the parish, the staff, myself and our parish leaders. Thank you!

**God bless your Advent Season!**

**Fr. Joe Zabinski**

## Christmas Tree Fundraiser

### KC Christmas Tree Lot is Open

The KC Christmas Tree lot will be open at the St. Michael Catholic School Parking Lot through **Sunday, December 17** (while supplies last)!

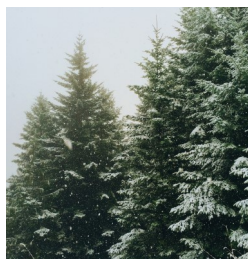


#### OPEN HOURS

Monday-Friday	4:00-8:00pm
Saturday	10:00am-6:00pm
Sunday	11:00am-5:00pm

A great selection of trees: Balsam Fir, Fraser Fir, Scotch Pine, White Pine. Proceeds for this fundraiser goes towards the STMA Catholic Youth Ministry Program to support our Catholic Youth!

*Sponsored by Wright-Hennepin Knights of Columbus of Columbus Council 4174.*



## Buy Your Ticket Next Weekend

### Four Wheeler Raffle:

First Prize: 2024 Sportsman 570

Sage Green | Trailer Included

2nd Prize: \$1000 | 3rd Prize: \$500

Limited Tickets: Only 300 Tickets to

be Sold | \$100 Each. The Youth will be selling tickets

after all Masses **December 15 & 16**. or you may stop by St. Albert's Parish Office. Thank you for your support!



## STMA Catholic Youth Ministry

### Winter Stretch 2023 | REGISTER NOW!

**All 5th-12th Graders | Thursday, December 28**

12:00-9:30pm at Wild Mountain Chutes

Join us for a day of fun and service! Snowtubing at Wild Mountain Chutes followed by Feed My Starving Children

Cost: \$50 for the whole day. More details are available

at: <https://www.stmacatholicyouth.org/snow-tubing-hs>

### Winter Faith Camp | REGISTER NOW!

**All 8th-12th Graders | February 23-25**

We are collaborating with neighboring parishes to bring you an awesome Winter Faith Camp experience that is full of snow tubing, broom ball, hockey, games, dynamic talks, activities, prayer, Mass, Adoration, & more! Cost/teen: \$225. Registration closes January 31. More details are available

at: <https://www.stmacatholicyouth.org/winterfaithcamp>

## YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Middle School Bible Study

**All 5th-8th Graders | Monday, December 11**

6:30-8:00pm at St. Albert Parish Center, Youth Room.

Details: <https://www.stmacatholicyouth.org/bible-study>

### THEOLOGY 101—Ad Majorem Dei Glorium

**9th-12th Graders | Tuesday, December 12**

7:00pm at St. Michael's Youth Room

Details: <https://www.stmacatholicyouth.org/theology-101>

### Open Youth Room

**All 7th/8th Graders | Wednesday, December 13**

2:00-5:00pm at St. Michael's Youth Room

**All 5th/6th Graders | Thursday, December 14**

6:00-8:00pm at St. Michael's Youth Room

Details: <https://www.stmacatholicyouth.org/oyr>

### Alpha Youth

**All 8th Graders | Wednesday, December 13 & 20**

6:30-8:30pm at St. Michael Catholic Church | Details: <https://www.stmacatholicyouth.org/alpha-youth-8th-grade>

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### 4th Grade Fun Night

**All 4th Graders | Monday, December 18**

6:30-8:00pm at St. Albert Parish Center

Details: <https://www.stmacatholicyouth.org/funnight>

### Friday Night Live — "FNL"

**All 5th/6th Graders | Friday, January 5**

7:00-10:00pm at St. Albert Parish Center/Church

**All 7th/8th Graders | Friday, February 16**

7:00-10:00pm at St. Michael Catholic Church

Details: <https://www.stmacatholicyouth.org/fnl>

### High School Night

**All 9th-12th Graders | Sunday, January 7**

7:00-8:30pm at St. Michael Catholic Church

Details: <https://www.stmacatholicyouth.org/hsnight>

## Opportunities to Prayer

### Prayer Requests

If you want to place someone on the prayer list, please send an email: [jwelter@churchofstalbort.org](mailto:jwelter@churchofstalbort.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:

Marilyn DeMars	Scott Black
Christian-nephew of Cecilia Chapp	Gary Hershley
Toni Koppenen	Diane Kolenda
Family of Marijane Bistodeau	Family of Jim Ripplinger
Michelle Lindenfesler	Eugene Vetsch
Tim Lauth-sil of Betty Barthel	Al Schutta
Margaret Kalis-sil of JoAnn Kalis	Mike Laurent
Eugene Valerius	Allen Webskowsky
Cecilia Chapp	Susan Kowalczyk
Paul Greninger	LuAnn Greninger
Steve DeMars	Lori Hassing
Mitzi Praught	Sheryl Eull-SIL of Jacques
Roger Zabinski	Billy Dwinnell
Patrick Ryan-grandfather of Ashley Raymond	Barb Berning
Greg Armstrong-brother of Cyndie Winkelman	
Suzanne Swenson-friend of parishioner	
Karen Dehmer-daughter of Betty Barthel	
Joe Scherber	Kristina McKenzie
Jim Current	Kurt Roden
Beatrice Praught	Charles Hoskins
Charles Anderson	Blaise Ptak
Tony Barthel	Paul Schumacher
Russell Lindenfesler	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'  
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



### Flame of Love Rosary

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

### Second Week of Advent Prayer

Let us cultivate His expectation without letting ourselves be distracted by so many pointless things, and without complaining all the time, but keeping our hearts alert, that is, eager for Him, awake and ready, impatient to meet Him. May the Virgin Mary, woman of expectation, help us to receive her coming Son. Amen.

*"Where there is no love, pour love in, and you will draw love out." ~ St. John of the Cross (December 14), Pray for us!*

## Opportunities and Events

### Arts and Environment Coordinator

St. Albert's has an immediate need for an Arts and Environment Coordinator. If you enjoy the various liturgical seasons & have an appreciation for the sanctuary environment, please contact the Parish Office for more details.

### Pietra Fitness Fall Series for Women Continues

Pietra Fitness is a unique whole-person fitness program that integrates physical exercise with Christian prayer while drawing upon the rich & timeless traditions of the Catholic Church. Bodily prayer, sacred art, sacred music, and Christian meditation are woven into this stretching and strengthening workout so that in only 1 hour, you feel calmer, strong, refreshed, & renewed. Bring a mat & water. Fall Stretching & Strengthening Series

**Mondays thru December 11 | 7:30-8:30pm | No Class on 3rd Mondays of the month.** Cost: \$10 or purchase a punch card & save! Contact Certified Instructor, Ashley at 763-242-3077 or at [balancedliving.ashley@gmail.com](mailto:balancedliving.ashley@gmail.com).

### Father John Powers to speak at the December Serra Dinner Meeting

St. Pope John Paul II called Serra the "Vocation Arm of the Church." We support and affirm our priests, deacons, religious and those in religious formation. The Serra Club of Wright County will meet at the King's House in Buffalo on **Thursday, December 14.**

Our meeting will start with a rosary in the Chapel at 5:10pm followed by Mass at 5:30pm and a dinner served by the King's House, cost is \$15. Reservations for the dinner are required. Please call Carol at 612-719-2766 by December 7. Fr. John Powers will speak at 7:00pm. He was born in Northeast Minneapolis and attended Our Lady of Mount Carmel. He attended St. John's University and graduated with a bachelor's in History in 2009. After undergrad he entered the St. Paul Seminary and after completing pre-theology and theology was ordained a priest in 2015. He served as parochial vicar and pastor before his assignment as the pastor at St. John the Baptist in Dayton. His main hobbies involve history, and he has a particular love for studying Saints and growing in devotion to them.

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)

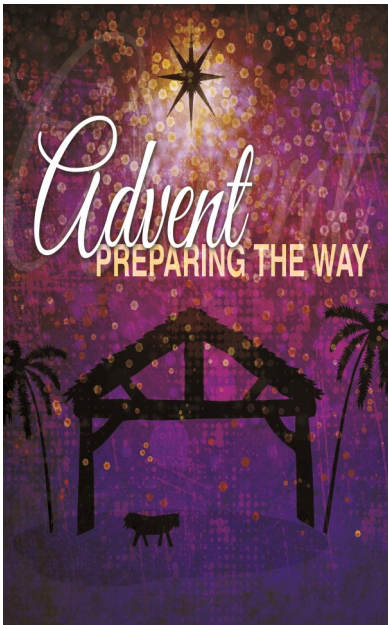


### Can Family Institute: The Mindful Mother Advent Morning of Reflection

Mothers of young children are invited to join other moms for a peaceful, reflective morning this Advent season on **Saturday, December 16** from 8:00am to Noon at St. Raphael in Crystal. You will get the opportunity for Mass and Confession, time to reflect and discuss topics that you can relate to as a mom. Walk away well fed as you enjoy an elegant breakfast and great conversation with other moms! Rediscover the joy of motherhood this Advent season. For more details and to register, go to: [archspm.org/cana-family-institute-advent-morning-of-reflection](http://archspm.org/cana-family-institute-advent-morning-of-reflection).



## Liturgical Ministry Schedule



Mass Times	Sat, Dec 16 4:00pm	Sun, Dec 17 8:00am	Sun, Dec 17 10:00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>	CB Anthony Berning C Auggie Ruff C Emmett Ruff	CB Jonathan Cavanaugh C Ben Zachman C Volunteer Needed	CB Mia Lindenfelser C Maci Lindenfelser C Benedict & Joseph Lang
<b>Reader</b>	Bree Lunnemann	Nancy Einyck	TLC & Amy Dinkel
<b>Sacristan</b>	Patty Vorderbruggen	John Vetsch	Janet Welter
<b>MC</b>	Karen Frase	John Vetsch	Lois Roden
<b>EMHC</b>	C Pam Lindenfelser E Roxane Scherber W Chris Huering	C Deacon Ravnika E Dave Vetsch W Ann Valley	C Deacon Ravnika E Scott Franzen W Denise Beaudry
<b>Greeters</b>	Brian & Roxane Scherber	Sue Berning Volunteer Welcome	Brenda O'Donnell Volunteer Welcome
<b>Ushers</b>	Donny Vorderbruggen Brian Scherber Gene Kolles Joel Lindenfelser	Jacques Eull Paul Berning Gary Grening Doug Hiltner	Donny Praught Chad Dinkel Rick Kosey Michael Kosey

## Parish Contact Information

### Clergy and Parish Staff

**Pastor** — Father Joseph Zabinski  
frjoe@churchofstalbert.org or 763-497-2474, Ext 0 or ✱

**Deacon** — Reverend Paul Ravnika  
deaconpravnika@gmail.com or 763-560-5920

**Administrative Assistant and Safe Environment Coordinator** — Janet Welter  
jwelter@churchofstalbert.org | 763-497-2474, Ext 1 or 9

**Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Monday**

**Bookkeeper** — Rita Fay  
rfay@churchofstalbert.org | 763-497-2474, Ext 3

**Faith Formation Coordinator** — Jean Wold  
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### Community Outreach

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