

Christmas Edition

December 25, 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.

### 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.



*The Nativity of the Lord*

## Christmas Edition 2023

**Merry Christmas!** This 4 page *Christmas Edition* does not include Mass Intentions, the Calendar for the week or Mass Ministries for December 30 & 31. Please refer to the December 24, 2023 bulletin for those items. God bless you!

## From the Desk of Fr. Joe Zabinski

### Parishioners of St Albert,

Merry Christmas! What a blessing this day is for all of us! This day we celebrate the fact that the 2nd Person of the Blessed Trinity took on human flesh and become one with humanity in all areas except sin. He came in the likeness of our flesh so that we can come to know and picture who God the Father is- that God is a God of love, mercy, peace, justice, joy, freedom, etc- not one that is distant from us and wants nothing to do with us.

This past Advent, we have been reflecting on the gift of the Eucharist with the Eucharistic revival going on this year at a national level. For us Catholics, this gift of the Eucharist very much mirrors what the Christmas holiday is all about. At the Nativity scene, God took on human likeness and became present to us. This was an external reality that the Son of God took on out of love for us. In a similar way in the Eucharist, Jesus becomes present to us Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Jesus comes to be present to us not just in an external way from us, but he can also now take His place within us. So with the Eucharistic presence of Jesus, Jesus is now external to us and internal within us- being Lord of the whole of our being. What a great gift for us! God wants to be so intimate with us that He comes into our very bodies as food for us - to nourish and strengthen us in our journey through this life. If you would like a more in depth look at the correlations of the Nativity Scene with the Eucharist, that will be my focus for my Christmas homily.

With this, I hope that we are all able to spend some time reflecting on this reality in our hearts and how much of a gift it is for us this Christmas season.

**Have a wonderful,  
Christ-centered and  
Merry Christmas!**

**Fr. Joe Zabinski**



### A Vocation View:

"The Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit, for He will save His people." Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest or religious brother or sister? If you would like to talk with Fr. Joe about your vocation, call 763-497-2474, Ext 0 or email him at: [frjoe@churchofstalbert.org](mailto:frjoe@churchofstalbert.org).

## Readings for Christmas

**First Reading:** For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. (Is 9:5)

**Psalm:** Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord. (Lk 2:11)

**Second Reading:** The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age. (Ti 2:11-12)

**Gospel:** "For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." (Lk 2:11)

## Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



### Chapel of Divine Mercy

**The Word became flesh & made his dwelling among us!** John 1:14  
"In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus." - St. John Paul II

**Holiday Chapel Hours:** The Chapel closes for New Year's on Saturday, December 30 at 8:00am & reopens Tuesday, January 2 at 8:30am

### Immediate Need

Thursday—11:00-Noon

Friday—2:00-3:00am

Saturday—2:00-3:00am

Saturday—3:00-4:00am

### Prayer Partner Needed

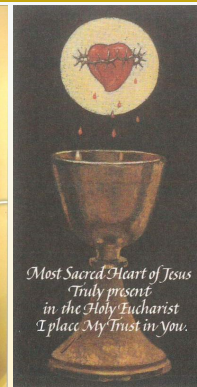
Thursday—10:00-11:00am

Friday—4:00-5:00am

Friday—11:00am-Noon

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

## St. Albert's Christmas Gift for You



### Merry Christmas

**from St. Albert's!**

Be sure to pick-up your Christmas Gift—a book, *Beautiful Eucharist* by Matthew Kelly and a Eucharistic Miracle Prayer Card!



## Christmas Break Youth Event



### Winter Stretch 2023

Join us on a day of fun and service!  
**Thursday, December 28th**

We are offering the opportunity to serve at Feed My Starving Children, and after going to Wild Mountain Chutes for some now tubing.

For more info/register  
Scan the QR code



**Cost:** \$50 for the whole day

**Who:** 5th-12th Graders

We encourage families to come together.

**When:** Thursday, December 28th  
12:00pm-9:30pm

**Schedule:** We will have Mass at 12:00pm and will provide pizza for everyone for lunch.

Feed My Starving Children: 2:00-4:00pm

Tubing: 6:00-8:00pm

Please bring money for dinner.

We will stop somewhere before

tubing or food is available

for purchase at Wild Mountain.

We will be returning back

to St. Albert's at 9:30pm



## Gathering for Young Adults

**NORTHWEST CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28**  
**7:00-10:00 PM**

**ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**IN ST. JOSEPH HALL**

**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE (UGLY) CHRISTMAS SWEATER; THERE WILL BE A CONTEST!**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## Alpha is coming again in February

**A new Alpha Course** for adults will be starting early February and you are invited to join us! This 11-week course focused on Jesus and the Holy Spirit includes good food, a short engaging faith-based video and open and meaningful conversation.

**Not sure if Alpha is for you? Here is what past Alpha guest participants have to share!**

- "I'm really happy that I decided to come into the building on the first day. This was a great experience."
- "I feel more connected to the people in my group."
- "I made new friends and feel more loved."
- "I feel more encouraged to deepen my faith and to have more genuine prayer."

Find out more about Alpha on our parish website: [www.churchofstalbert.org/alpha](http://www.churchofstalbert.org/alpha)



## A Gift for Married Couples

*The Cana Dinner 2024*

**MARRIAGE IS A Love Story**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024**  
**5:00PM—10:00PM**

*Church of St Albert — St Albert Parish Center*

We invite you to St. Albert's Cana Dinner to celebrate and reflect on married life and enjoy an evening of:

### DINNER & DRINKS

*Appetizers, Pasta Bar with Salad, Dessert & Drinks*

### WITNESS TALK

*Inspirational Marriage Testimony*

### BLESSING

*Renewal of Marriage Vows*

### ENTERTAINMENT

*Social Time, Interactive Games, Music & Dancing*

Just as Christ was a guest at Cana, we are all guests at the banquet table. The event is open to all married couples (parishioner and non-parishioner).

**Cost: \$75 Per Couple**

SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR MOBILE PHONE TO REGISTER NOW!  
[qr.link/yt8pY6](https://qr.link/yt8pY6)

For more information, contact Jean Wold at 763-497-2474 EXT 2

*Enjoy Your Faith-Filled Date Night with Your Spouse!*

[www.churchofstalbert.org/events/the-cana-dinner](http://www.churchofstalbert.org/events/the-cana-dinner)

## Winter Fun for 8th-12th Graders

**WINTER**  
*Faith Camp*

**February 23-25, 2024**

Camp Victory - Zumbro Falls, MN

For more info & to register scan here:



Snow Tubing | Broom Ball | Hockey | Games  
Dynamic Talks | Worship | Mass | Adoration | Small Groups

We are collaborating with neighboring parishes to bring you an awesome Winter Faith Camp experience

**For 8th-12th Graders | The cost per teen is \$225.**

Registration is available on your families online account.

**Registration closes January 31st**

We encourage D-groups to come together!

## Opportunity 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 Margaret Oakden	Catherine Laurent
Marilyn DeMars	Scott Black
Family of Marlene Zachman	Gary Hershley
Christian-nephew of Cecilia Chapp	Diane Kolenda
Eugene Vetsch	Toni Koppenen
Al Schutta	Michelle Lindenfelser
Tim Lauth-sil of Betty Barthel	Mike Laurent
Margaret Kalis-sil of JoAnn Kalis	Allen Webskowsky
Susan Kowalczyk	Eugene Valerius
LuAnn Greninger	Cecilia Chapp
Lori Hassing	Paul Greninger
Sheryl Eull-SIL of Jacques	Steve DeMars
Billy Dwinnell	Mitzi Praught
Patrick Ryan-grandfather of Ashley Raymond	Roger Zabinski
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
Kurt Roden	Beatrice Praught
Charles Hoskins	Charles Anderson
Blaise Ptak	Tony Barthel
Paul Schumacher	Russell Lindenfelser
Ben Carroll	Florence Bosire
Wayne Kolles	Dennis & Leona Vetsch
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 Kirscht  
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.

### Prayer of Adoration

I adore you Jesus, true God, and true man,  
present in the holy Eucharist,  
kneeling before you and united in spirit  
with all the faithful on earth and  
all the saints in heaven.  
In gratitude for so great a blessing,  
I love you with all my heart, for you  
are worthy of all praise and adoration. Amen.  
Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, pray for us!



## Parish Contact Information

### Clergy and Parish Staff

**Pastor** — Father Joseph Zabinski  
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**Deacon** — Reverend Paul Ravnika  
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**Administrative Assistant and Safe Environment Coordinator** — Janet Welter  
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**Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Monday**  
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### STMA Catholic Youth Ministry

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### Parish Leadership

**Trustees** — Denise Beaudry and Bill Roden  
**Parish Council** — Blake Beaudry, Amy Dinkel, Mayen Dufner, Scott Franzen, Jack Steffl, and Chris Yerxa  
**Finance Council** — George Lahr, Betty Matras, Karl Nathe, and Marv Valerius  
**Stewardship Committee** — Amy Dinkel, Charles Foster, Mary Haehn, Lisa Haines, and Jaci Wacker

### Community 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, contact Joanne Wacker, Homebound Coordinator, at 612-214-4795.

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### 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 Joe at 763-213-4980.

#### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

#### Hanover Food Shelf Weekend

A container will be available in the narthex on the 2nd (Sunday) Weekend of the month for non-perishable food.