

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Catholic Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2011



3rd Sunday of Advent

Coming home can be a bittersweet experience. For many, there is the joy of seeing family and friends, the comfort of familiar foods, and a return to places that hold treasured memories. For some, a return home increases anxiety and brings about conflict. During the holiday season we often hear stories about how families cope with coming together for celebrations. Family conflict during the holidays has been an endless source of material for films. Movies such as *All I Want for Christmas*, *Four Christmases*, and *A Christmas Tale* all play off of the theme of family gatherings and coming home.

Today's selection from the prophet Isaiah was written at the time when the inhabitants of Jerusalem were returning home from the fifty-year Exile in Babylon. Their city was in ruins, their vineyards and fields desolate, their Temple destroyed. Having endured the ravages of war, the people are now free to rebuild their lives. It is in this context of desolation that Isaiah proclaims words of hope.

Throughout the years there have been many stories in the news about the trauma that soldiers experience as they come back from active duty. Some find the lower-keyed life away from the war zone difficult to cope with. Stateside life cannot compare to the adrenaline-pumped experience of combat. And some try to assuage their anxiety with high risk behavior in an attempt to once again feel the high. For these men and women coming home is difficult.

Isaiah's prophecy is more than fanciful words uttered ages ago. It is the promise of the Savior's work among us, and a challenge to those of us who believe in Christ and strive to continue to do his work. Healing the brokenhearted is one of the tasks for those who have been gifted by the Holy Spirit. Our works of charity in this holiday season extend beyond food and gifts for the needy. It is also bringing light to those in darkness.

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Parish events:

UPCOMING....

- Caring Tree Gifts Returned
- Coffee, Cookies & Caroling , Thursday, Dec 15 aft noon Mass
- PTO Christmas Tree Sale continues
- Breakfast with Santa, Dec 18 following 8, 9:30 and 11 am Masses in café 1 & 2, free event sponsored by the K of C.
- Baby Jesus baby shower, December 18 after Mass In café 1 & 2

**Regional Advent Penance
SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT
WILL HOST THE REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICE
THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 7:00 PM.**



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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

3:00 pm and 5:00 pm - these two Masses are child-oriented

7:00 pm and 11:00 pm

CAROLS AT 10:30 pm before the 11:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:30 am and 11:00 am

(no 8 am Mass today)



Caring Tree 2011

1. Select an ornament from one of the Caring Trees located in Church and the Chapel. There will be a hint about what to buy for a special person.
2. Add the special person to your Christmas list.
3. Place the wrapped gift under the tree by **THIS WEEKEND — December 11th**
4. Enjoy the fact that you made someone's Christmas a little brighter!

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS....

Consider dedicating altar flowers for Christmas in the name of a deceased loved one....or to honor a friend... Envelopes will be available on the windowsills of the church and chapel.

Place in the collection basket and that person will be remembered in the bulletin....Thank you...



IN MEMORY OF.....

- Todd Nikolai....from friends
- Gert & Larry Henry.....from the Minham family
- Mary Roberts.....from Elaine Daly & Shirley Minham
- Fr. Chris Rohmiller....from friends
- Richard A. Pfarrer, Jr....from family
- Mary & Roman Schwieterman...from family
- Betty Clemens.....from family
- Carol Huesman.....from family
- Don Schamel, Jr....from the Schamel family
- Loretta Roach.....from her girls
- Edward Luebke.....from the Luebke family
- Mark Sullivan.....from Linda Sullivan
- Our Parents.....from Bob & Jeanne Hohl
- Hans Behringer....from Irmgard
- James H. Smith....from Gloria
- Vernon & Pauline Scarr....from Matt
- William Neufarth.....from Kathy
- Rosemary Haufe....from her family
- John Currigan Solarek....from his family
- Steven A. Solarek.....from his family
- Francis E. & Ruth McBride, Sr.....from Sally Solarek
- Francis A. McMahon....from Sally Solarek
- Ruth & Frederick Bayley....from Sally Solarek
- Peggy & Sydney Lane....from Sally Solarek
- James Beck.....from his family
- Don Kremer.....from his family
- Alyce & Bill Anderson...from Alicia & John Risko
- Gertrude Flohre.....the Winter family
- Lori Argabright.....from her daughter, son, grandsons, granddaughters, mother, sister and her husband
- Lori Argabright.....from her husband, Tim
- Shirley McLaughlin....from Katie O'Neil
- Sue Wagner Schmidt...from friends
- Teddy O'Neil.....from his family
- Jim Corbett.....from his family
- Casey Connell.....from the O'Neil family
- Esther, Paul & Bill Horn...from the O'Neil family
- Judy Kuhre.....from the O'Neil family
- Fr. Chuck Mentrup...from the O'Neil family

Caring Trees to appear at St. Albert the Great! If you would like to ST ALBERT THE GREAT PRO LIFE COMMITTEE NEWS.....

Consider becoming a part of our group.
We are in the process of re-organizing and welcome new members and input.
Questions? Call Judy Weckesser at 296-1628

Annual March for Life Pilgrimage

January 22 is the 39th anniversary of Roe v Wade, which legalized the killing of unborn children in our country. As Catholics, we are called to stand against this evil and defend the dignity of all human life. Please consider participating in the annual March for Life in Washington DC on January 23.

A bus from the South Dayton area will leave St. Charles parking lot on Sunday, January 22 and depart DC for Dayton on the Monday following the Annual March.

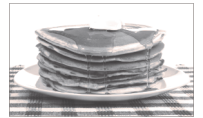
Registration deadline by December 11.

Contact Fran @ 438-9748

or email whatever221@ameritech.net for registration forms.

Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Maria-Joseph Council 4022



Sunday, December 18, 2011
After the 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am Masses
School Cafeteria

In the spirit of the Christmas season come and celebrate with your family and friends.
Share a day of fellowship, breakfast, and a visit from Santa!
No charge - a gift from our K of C chapter



Also On December 18.....

In the school cafeteria
Donations of wrapped baby gifts will be collected for the Elizabeth New Life Center.



DECORATORS NEEDED !!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUR
ART & ENVIRONMENT TEAM
DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS
THEY WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU !!

**CALL MAUREEN McLAUGHLIN (296-9342) OR
MARSHA SCHNEIDER (433-3623)**

Readings For The Week Of December 11

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

IN CHRIST
WE
LIVE
FOREVER



JIM DIAS

VIRGINIA LEEN

JOANNE WHITE

Communion to our Homebound

Many of our homebound parishioners would like to receive Communion weekly in their homes. They have been active members of St. Albert the Great Parish for many years but are now unable to attend Mass. It is now our time to help them.

If you are willing to take Communion to a homebound parishioner on a regular basis, please call **Paula Smith at 434-8506**. She will be glad to train you.

PRE BAPTISM CLASS INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE....

*The next Pre Baptism class is scheduled for
January 9th,*

7:00 pm in the Spirit Center.

For questions or information
call KAREN GOULD at 299-9897

Coffee Cookies & Caroling

**This Thursday, December 15th
1pm to 2pm in the Parish Center
following Noon Mass**



Enjoy the sounds of the season as our
St. Albert students sing Christmas Carols!

*Play Christmas
Bingo!*

**QUESTIONS? Contact Kathleen or
Julie, 298-1122 x 280**

From the Pastor

PARISH NEWS

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. I hope you have had time to spend reflecting on the birth of the Lord during this hectic time. Try to do so for your spiritual and mental health! You'll be glad you did....



We seem to be doing a good job adjusting to the new readings and responses....maybe the people a little faster than your priests. Many thanks for your cooperation and kind words.

I ask that you keep your parish in your thoughts as you prepare your Christmas and end of the year donations. I truly am aware of the difficult times many of our parish families have had these past few years—and continue to be experiencing. Our local community and our nation is still struggling. We know from past years that when Christmas occurs on a Sunday we can possibly lose income. You have been very generous making up for this situation in the past.

My thanks to you for your continued gifts of time, talent and treasure to St. Albert helping us continue the many ministries of our parish, and enabling us to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ.

THE GOOD NEWS

Do you remember the No. 1 television character of all time—it was Archie Bunker, from the show, "All In The Family." Archie was famous for being an exceedingly conservative blue-collar worker who was often exasperated with his wife Edith's opinions. If Edith got too exuberant, Archie would shout, "Stifle, Edith! Stifle yourself!"

Today on "Rejoicing Sunday", far from being told to "Stifle!" we are being invited to jump for joy at Jesus coming very soon. Edith Bunker's open spirit is something we could learn a lot from in Advent, actually. She let herself be taken over by a spirit of exuberance and childlike joy at the simplest things.

Archie called her naïve; but, in spite of living with a grumpy, critical guy, Edith was wise and resilient. She kept her faith and spirit of wonder in every situation. St. Paul agrees with Edith today: "DON'T stifle the Spirit!" To be who we really are created to be, we need to let the Spirit of God's love flow freely through us and out into the world around us. Not being grouchy or cranky or passive with people—but letting our energy direct our spiritual convictions to create Godly activities in the world.

Peace.... Fr. Tom

S.A.Y.M.

ST. ALBERT YOUTH MINISTRY



FAITH IN ACTION

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"like" us on Facebook!!

Teens in Jr Hi thru High School welcome!!

Karen Fitzharris

Cell 416-4385

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Visit our website www.stalbertthegreat.net

- Religious Education GO TO
- SAYM Youth Ministry

YOUTH DECEMBER SCHEDULE

December 11

8:30 am to 11:30

Donut Fellowship after 8 am & 9:30 am Masses

Need youth volunteers

December 11

Second Sunday @ Seven

Scripture Study @ Spirit Center

Mark your 2012 Calendar

March 9-11

Theology of the Body Retreat

The Dating Game

Maria Stein Center

June 24-30

St. Albert Mission Trip

Farmington, Michigan

Eligible: Students entering 8th grade in the Fall up to 12th grade

Contact Karen Fitzharris - St. Albert Youth Coordinator for more information call 416-4385 or kfitzharris@live.com

Religious Education News

Ofc Telephone: 298-2404

Ofc Hrs: Mon thru Fri - 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

SERVER SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Dec. 24, Saturday

3:00p.m. - Noelle Kipp, Anne & Andrew Rose

5:00p.m. Jack Seubert, Gabe Nelson

7:00p.m. - Van & Gabe Hopkins

11:00p.m. - Connor Simon, Holden & Aimee Fowler

Christmas Day

Dec. 25, Sunday

9:30 a.m. - ***need 2 servers***

11:00a.m. - Joey Murphy and Eric Krebs & Henry Butler

New Year's Eve

Dec. 31, Saturday

8:30a.m. - Alex Wintrow, ***need one more server***

4:30p.m. - Molly & Sheelagh Jackson, Jack Seubert

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Jan. 1, Sunday

8:00a.m. - ***need 2 servers***

9:30a.m. - Gabe Nelson, need one more

11:00a.m. - Joey Murphy, Eric Krebs

Please call the RE Office, 298-2402, if you can help at any of the Masses. Thank you for your dedication to this ministry.

Baby Jesus Shower

Sunday, Dec. 18th, 9:30-11:00a.m. in Cafeteria II

Donations of baby items will be accepted for Catholic Social Services

SACRAMENT & REL ED CALENDAR

December

11 - class

18 - class

25 - No Class - *Have a Blessed Christmas*

January

1 - No Class - *Happy New Year*

8 - class

15 - class

21 - *Confirmation Retreat, 8th grade, 9am-3pm, at Bergamo - MANDATORY*

22 - class (no class for 8th gr.)

29 - class

February

(*denotes changes from original schedule)

*5 - class (including 7th & 8th gr)

*9 - *Confirmation practice, 7:30 - 8:45p.m.*

12 - class

*15 - *Confirmation Mass & Reception, 7p.m.*

19 - No class, President's Day

26 - class

28 - *First Communion Parent Meeting, 7-8p.m., Chapel*



St. Albert the Great School PTO Annual Christmas Tree Sale

Let our family tradition be a part of yours.
The perfect Christmas Tree is waiting for you!!

Began Saturday, November 26th
Until they're all gone!

HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 6 to 8:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sundays: Noon to 6 p.m.

Sponsored by the St. Albert PTO
All proceeds benefit the students of
St. Albert the Great School

We Need Your Help
to make the Christmas Tree Sale a Success

Please consider joining us for a 3 hour shift to help sell trees.
We promise a festive atmosphere, good friends
and plenty of holiday spirit!!

To volunteer, please contact Janine Schlangen
at 937-901-8704 or at Ja9@woh.rr.com

Carroll High School Christmas Concert and Dinner **7:00 pm - Thursday, December 15 - Carroll Gym**

Carroll's Concert & Jazz Band, Concert Choir and
musicians from various parishes will perform

Dinner catered by Fazoli's from 5:30 to 6:30; \$10 adults & \$6 children under 12. Tickets available at the door, at the Carroll school office or by contacting Myrna Gazzo at 427-3743 or email gazzo@gmail.com

ALTER HIGH SCHOOL MARKET DAY

The next sale date is **DECEMBER 17**

Place your order by December 13

Pick up is 10 am to 11 am in the Alter HS Auxiliary Gym
Go to MarketDay.com to register or update your account
number with the Alter Music Assn number - 29039

CJ CHRISTMAS CONCERT: SOUNDS OF THE SEASON **WEDS., DEC 21 - 7 PM - free admission**

CJ Performing Arts Dept. invites you to their "Sounds of the Season" as their concert band, concert choir, liturgical choir and a cappella choirs perform songs filled with the Spirit of Christmas

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

St. Albert the Great School is collecting Box Tops for Education. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents. The money collected from this project enable our school to provide great programs for our students. You will see the Box Tops on many popular grocery products.

If you would like to participate, please cut them out and bring your box tops to the school or rectory offices - or place them in the collection basket on Sunday.

Thanks for your help!

School News

From the Principal:

Our 1st and 4th grade students will present their Christmas program in the Parish Center on Tuesday evening, December 13, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The program is open to all Parish members and will put everyone in the Christmas spirit with its story of love and acceptance and wonderful songs.



The PTO Christmas Tree Sale is in full swing. There are still quite a few great looking trees at fantastic prices. Also, if you are looking for stocking stuffers, the sale has Saint Albert the Great ornaments available at a very reasonable price.

It is not too early to think about registration for next school year. We will be holding new student registration for the 2012-2013 school year from February 1 to February 29.

Registration Priority for new students:

- Students of Parish members who live within the boundaries of the Parish.
- Students of Parish members who live outside the boundaries of the Parish.
- Catholic students that are non-members of the Parish.
- Non-Catholic students.

Mike Kirry, Principal

St. Albert the Great Athletic Association **Annual Fish Fry - Friday, January 20, 2012.**

This event is the primary Fundraiser for our Student Athletic Programs. The funds generated are used to maintain and improve fields/facilities and provide equipment and uniforms for all sports including: soccer, golf, cheerleading, volleyball, basketball, baseball and track.

Each year the **Silent Auction** at the Fish Fry plays a major part in our fundraising success.

WE NEED BASKETS for our SILENT AUCTION ITEMS. *If you have any baskets you could donate, please bring the RECTORY OFFICE.*

We would also appreciate any donated items (gift certificates, product samples, tickets, vacation homes/rentals, services, or any creative idea that you may have) which could be auctioned for this cause.

Please contact **Helene Conrath** at 293-0901 or email at theconraths@hotmail.com for information or questions.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and your support of St. Albert the Great Athletics.



Catch the Building Spirit -

Another Successful Build!

During the season of Advent and as we prepare for Christmas, I wanted to take this opportunity to express our thankfulness for all at St. Albert the Great Parish for their outstanding participation this past build season.

The dedication was held Saturday September 17th at 4763 Stratsburg Drive in Dayton for Carman and her children. This year was a special year because we participated in building our fifth partner family home on the same block. A cul-de-sac that was mostly empty and overgrown is now a vibrant neighborhood. It has been exciting to watch this neighborhood grow.

We want to thank you for your support, your involvement and donations to help this single mother realize a dream and become a homeowner. St. Albert the Great Church continues to be a leading parish for volunteers and donations.

If you would like to become a part of the planning committee for next year, or your company is looking for a teaming event please contact John O'Malley 694-9603.

RCIA INFORMATION

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR RCIA PARTICIPANTS IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY CONTINUE ON THEIR JOURNEY!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION



COME & GROW WITH US!

Digging Deeper in the Word

Sundays, 9:30am—10:30am

Location: New meeting space adjacent to cafeteria 2 (former classroom)

CONTACT INFO FOR RCIA/ADULT FAITH

RCIA— Call the Rectory Office, 293-1191

Adult Faith—Jim Schoen, 294-1195

AREA EVENTS

St. Charles Parish Choirs will present an hour of Christmas music presented at St Charles today, **Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 3:00 pm** in their church. **All are welcome!**

"You Shall Name Him Jesus":

Presenter Fr. Satish Joseph

Weds., Dec 14 - 7 to 8 pm

Immaculate Conception Church, Sherman Hall.

Continuing the study of the Gospel of Luke, focusing on the Infancy Narrative in the gospel of Luke.

All welcome!

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON NATIVITY SETS EXHIBITION

This year's theme:

No Place Like Home

November 26th thru the month of January

(closed Dec 23 to 26 and Dec 31 to Jan 2)

Lobby of the Roesch Library, the balcony and the 7th floor in the Marian Library.

Bring the Children to join in a special game and win a prize!

INTO THE SILENCE:

Nativity Displays at Transfiguration Center

Ponder the great mystery of Christmas with these beautiful, sacred crèches from around the world, Nov 27 thru Jan 6
Weekdays: 9 am to 4 pm - Special Weekend Hours: 1 to 4 pm on the following dates: Nov 27; Dec 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18; Jan 1, 2. Closed Dec 24 thru Jan 2.

Transfiguration Center is located Ludlow Falls.

For more information call 698-7180 or on line go to www.transfigurationcenter.com

Red Paper Lecture Series

A series of seven classes geared toward people with life altering illnesses will start **Wednesday, January 18**, at 1:00pm in the Walsh Hall Conference Room at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4500 Ackerman Boulevard in Kettering. This is a fun, hands on, instructive series to encourage the use of your God-given talents to help you handle the health related difficulties you may be experiencing. No artistic ability is necessary. There is one class per week for seven weeks. You will be able to sign up for one or all according to your preference. There is no charge for the sessions, but donations are accepted. Please call the St Charles parish office at 434-6081 for more information or to sign up.

Pray For Our Ill and Homebound



Children's Med Ctr: Jake Schlangen

Kettering Med Ctr: Christopher Henn

Miami Valley Med Ctr: Harold Albers

Bethany: Mary Kay Gibbons, Bettie Gilles, Marilyn Brockman, Bob Shortal

Brookdale Place, Oakwood: Jane Tynan

Elmcroft, Washington Township: Marie Thyne

Liberty Nursing Center: Bill Kissell

Lincoln Park Manor: Howard Gerritzen, Richard Roll

Heartland of Kettering: John Leen

Heartland of Miamisburg: Tom Gillig

Lamplight of Dayton: Rose Palazzo

St. Leonard: Mary Andrew, Dorothy Smallwood, Ethel Braunlin, Eugene Miller, Rita Kennard, Mary Margaret Yahle, John Bigger, Louise Newman, Sara Warda, Tony Kohnen, Trudy Thomas, Carolyn Melia

Stonespring Care Ctr: Helen Wilbanks

Sycamore Glen: Anne Ferneding,

The Sanctuary: Mary Lou Wynn

Walnut Creek: Sylvia Savino, Stella May, Virginia Kinney

Wood Glen: David Brockman

Homebound: Mary Harris, Eileen Wilson, Joan Hall, Rachel Schneider, Kim Riddle, Grace Nugent, Eric Munch, Dorothy Gerhardtstein, Sandy George, Faye Detrick, Millie Walters, Harriet Keller, Andrew Borns, Jean Neitzke, Robert Rohr, Bill Frick

Please keep parishioners with ongoing illness in your prayers. If you are facing scheduled surgery please contact the Rectory office (293-1191) concerning being anointed before you go to the hospital. They will gladly help you.

Please call the Rectory Office (293-1191) to notify us when a parishioner is hospitalized. Due to HIPAA laws, hospitals can no longer notify us. Also let us know if a loved-one is at a local Assisted Living or Nursing Home or if they would like a visit or Holy Communion brought to them.

From your Finance Committee...

Thank you for your continued generosity.
Please remember your parish as you plan your
Christmas and end of the year giving.
God bless you.

December 4, 2011	Collection	Tithe
389 Adult Sunday Env	\$18,103.27	1,810.32
33 Sun Env in the mail	\$4,675.00	467.50
31 Auto Deposit Donations	\$4,500.00	450.00
9 Child Envelopes	9.00	.90
Total Envelopes	\$27,287.27	\$2,728.72
Loose Cash	\$1,007.07	
Total Sunday Collection:	\$28,294.34	

The above tithe will be set aside for the annual Retired Religious Fund to aid various orders of nuns and brothers in their retirement years.

Today's tithe will be designated for our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Parish Calendar

Today! Sunday, December 11

8, 9:30 & 11 am
9:15 - 10:45 am
9:30 & 11 am
9:15 to 10:30 am
9:30 am
9:30 am
12:30 to 5:30 pm
2:00 pm
6 to 7:30 pm
6 pm

Sunday Masses

Coffee & Donuts after Mass, café 1 & 2
Bible Study - Cafeteria Meeting Room 31
Babysitting during Mass, Ch Basement
RE Classes, EC to 6th grade, Schl Classrooms
RCIA Dismissal from Mass & Session, Sp Ctr, Rm D
Ath Assn - CYO Games (ParCtr)
Legion of Mary Curia Mtg (Sp Ctr, Rm C)
RE Jr High—Sch classrooms & café
Boy Scout Mtg, Par Ctr

Monday, December 12

12 Noon
1:30 pm
3 to 5:45 pm
4 to 9:30 pm
6:30 - 8:30 pm
6:30 pm
7:00 pm

Weekday Mass

Pro Life Group Mtg (Spirit Ctr, Rm C)
Aft Sch Program, Ch Basement
Ath Assn Practice, Par Ctr
Fingerprinting - RE Office
GS Troop/Schlangen, Ch Basement
ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE, at ST. ALBERT

Tuesday, December 13

9:30 am
10 am - 12 pm
12 noon
1 to 3 pm
2:10 pm
3 to 5:45 pm
4 to 9:30 pm
6:00 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm
9:30 pm

Small Faith Community, Spirit Ctr, Rm C
Fingerprinting Sessions, RE Office
Weekday Mass
Fingerprinting Sessions, RE Office
SERVER Training, church
Aft Sch Program, Ch Basement
Ath Assn Practice, Par Ctr
Bell Choir Practice, Chapel
Cantica Nova Practice - Music Room
School Musical, Par Ctr
St Vincent de Paul Mtg, Sp Ctr, Rm C
NO 34+ Men's Basketball, P Ctr TONIGHT

Wednesday, December 14

8:30 am
9:30 - 12 Noon
9:30 - 11:30 am
12 Noon
2:10 pm
3 to 5:45 pm
4 to 5:45 pm
6:30 - 8:30 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm

8:30 Mass, church

Knitting Group - Spirit Center C
Wed Morning Bible Study - Spirit Center D
Weekday Mass
Server Training, church
Aft Sch Program, Ch Basement
Ath Assn Practice, Par Ctr
Fingerprinting, RE office
Adult Choir Practice, music rm
Evening Bible Study, Spirit Ctr, Rm D
Legion of Mary Mtg, Spirit Ctr, Rm C

Thursday, December 15

10 am - 12 pm
12 noon
12:45 pm
1 to 3 pm
2:10 pm
3 to 5:45 pm
4 to 9:30 pm
7:00 pm
9:30 - 11 pm

Fingerprinting Sessions, RE Office
Weekday Mass
Coffee, Cookies & Caroling, Parish Center
Fingerprinting Sessions, RE Office
Server Training, church
Aft Schl Program, church basement
Ath Assn Practice, Par Ctr
Worship Commission Mtg, Rect Mtg Room
34+ Mens Basketball - Parish Center

Friday, December 16

9:00 am
12 Noon
2:10 pm
3 to 5:45 pm
4 to 5:45 pm

Mommy's Bible Study, church basement
Weekday Mass
Server Training, church
Aft Schl Program, Church Basement
Ath Assn Practice, Par Ctr

Saturday, December 17

8:30 am
8:30 am to 4:00 pm
9:30 am
4:30 pm

Weekday Mass

CYO Basketball Games, Par Ctr
Reader Practice, church
Vigil Mass

Next Sunday, December 18

8, 9:30 & 11 am
After & 8. 9:30 and
11 am Masses
9:15 - 10:45 am
9:30 & 11 am
9:30 to 10:30 am
9:30 am
6 to 7:30 pm
6:00 pm

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READERS December 17-18

4:30 pm	Gerald Sharkey, Amy Witmann
8 am	Rhonda Zink, John Weckesser
9:30 am	Jim Seiler, Roseann Place
11 am	Dave Schwager, Tom Robillard

MUSICIANS December 17-18

4:30 pm	Jim Butler & Libby McKinney
8 am	Judy Drake & Chris Bendel
9:30 am	Jim Butler, Celebration Choir & Dawn Cheney
11 am	Jim Butler, Contemporary Choir & Patti Ryan

WEEKDAY SERVERS December 12 to 16

Mon, Dec 12	12 pm	Paul Wittmann & Nicholas Barnes
Tues, Dec 13	12 pm	Mason Kesler & Katie Kohnen
Wed, Dec 14	8:30 am 12 pm	Connor Simon & Jack Gallentstein Aiden Robillard & Claire Leibold
Thur, Dec 15	12 pm	Kevin Leibold & Elizabeth Mancz
Fri, Dec 16	12 pm	Libby Roush & Andrew Rose

WEEKEND SERVERS December 17-18

Saturday	8:30 am	Alex Wintrow
	4:30 pm	Ryan White & Tommy Gerhard
Sunday	8 am	Mary Kate & Bridget Vaughn & Matt Hall
	9:30 am	Julianne & Claire Evans
	11:00 am	Molly & Sheelagh Jackson

MASS COORDINATORS December 17-18

4:30 pm	Marilyn Gantt
8 am	Mary Gearhardt
9:30 am	Cynthia & Juan Contreras
11 am	Anne Jackson, Marian Shingledecker



COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER MASS

Date: **Could you or your group help? If so call Angel Hopkins, 298-1122**

Sunday, December 11	St Albert Youth Ministry
Sunday, December 18	Breakfast with Santa & Baby Jesus Shower

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, December 11 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Intentions of Parishioners Margit Andrassy (friends) Sally Parfomchuk (S Welsh & Family)
Mon, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	12:00 pm	Helen Hemker (J & M Schoen)
Tue, December 13 St Lucy, martyr	12 Noon	Alfonso Gacetta (family)
Wed, December 14 St John of the Cross, priest & Dr. of the Church	8:30 am 12 Noon	Charles Kuntz (family)
Thu, December 15 Advent Weekday	12 noon	David Thalheimer (siblings)
Fri, December 16 Advent Weekday	12 Noon	Bill Diemunsch (daughter)
Sat, December 17 Late Advent Weekday	8:30 am 4:30 pm	Delores Mahle (C Mahle) Rob Piening, annv (friends)
Sun, December 18 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Intentions of Parishioners Dec'd member Aspinwall & Lipp family Tommy Boyle (B & D Walker)

The book to schedule Masses has arrived. We will begin accepting your requests next week.

In an effort to be fair to everyone, and due to the limited number of Masses that are celebrated each year, at this time we can only schedule one Mass per parishioner for the year.

If we find that we are able to schedule more than one Mass we will let you know.

We know this is difficult, but want everyone who would like to have a Mass read be afforded that opportunity.

As an option, we can send Mass requests to our missionaries. Please ask about this option.

DISTRIBUTORS December 17-18

4:30 pm (11)	8:00 am (11)	9:30 am (11)	11:00am (17)
M Balster	M & M Gearhardt	C & J Abele	B Alig
E Collura	A & D Hart	C Anderson	B Beel
M Gantt	G Hemker	J Bayer	R & R Brun
K & H Honious	C Jones	B Burns	D DePasquale
B Hunter	A Klotnia	M Burt	B Forsthoefel
K O'Neil	G Koop	F Elliot	G Hamilton
M Pfeiffer	M Lehman	J Hall	D Hundt
D Ruhl	K Neufarth	F Hoge	A Jackson
BJ Wack	T Rohmiller	S Holloman	J Liston
		J Schoen	E Marlin
			M Robillard
			V Seubert
			P Smith
			J Twarek

DISTRIBUTORS - PLEASE SIGN UP TO SERVE AT THE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS OF YOUR CHOICE. THE SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE LOWER SACRISTY

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St. Albert the Great Parish

Masses & Sacraments

Rectory Office 293-1191

Hours M-F 9am-4:30pm

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday Eve 4:30 pm
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11 am
Monday - Friday 12 Noon
Wednesday 8:30 am (School Days)
Saturday 8:30 am
Holy Days Vigil: 4:30 pm; Holy Day:
7 & 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm
(Exception - Christmas, New Year's &
Weekend Holy Day Masses)

Sacrament Of The Sick

Parishioners can receive this sacrament
at a weekday liturgy, or a clergyman
can make a visit.

Sacrament Of Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays at
12:45 pm and on the third Sunday of
the month during 11:00 am Mass, upon
availability. Parents must be registered
in the parish and are required to attend
a Baptism Preparation class. Parents
are encouraged to attend these classes
prior to the birth of their child. Baptisms
are scheduled at least two weeks in
advance.

Sacrament Of Marriage

The engaged couple (or their family)
must be registered parishioners for at
least one year. Six months notice and
participation in a marriage program is
required. The date can be set only
when the engaged couple has met with
one of the parish priests.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation

Fridays 11:15 - 11:50 am (Exception:
NOT held on funeral or Holy Days)
Saturdays 3:30 to 4:15 pm
Private confessions available upon
request.

Join our Parish

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Hours M-F 9am-4:30pm

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Monthly Food Collect. Julie Burt 293-2657
PTO Melissa Naser 567-0058
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