



The Shepherd's Voice



Every issue was confusing for Betty since the commentators gave conflicting views on the news. As a retired person she was mostly homebound and watched the cable channels like CNN, EWTN, etc. She struggled with doubts and questions about the current hot topics like abortion rights, sex abuse scandals and health care legislation, etc. What is the truth? What would Jesus say? "As a Christian how do I respond to these issues?" That was her problem. It was gratifying to note that she cared about them, but it was not easy to give her a simple short answer. The Gospels contain the words of Jesus that have a relevance to our lives. It is by reading and reflecting on them that we discern His message. Often it is heard in silent reflection and His will is discerned in solitude. From time to time Church authorities would explain the current issues in the light of the gospels as well. Yet the Christian faithful of today need to wrestle with all these to arrive at the Lord's message.

Apparently Jesus had high hopes about us. He said "My sheep hear my voice . . . and they follow me" (John 10:27). However, with the conflicting opinions all around us it requires increased effort today to discern the shepherd's voice.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14, 43-52 Revelation 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30

Father Xavier Thelakkatt

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Psalm — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

Mass Intentions  for the week **April 26th thru May 2nd**

Tuesday 8:00 A.M. ††Bernard Kirscht/Kathy Garza
Wednesday 8:00 A.M. ††John and Bernie Roden

Saturday 4:00 P.M. †Duane Martin
Sunday 8:00 A.M. †Lucille Lehn
10:00 A.M. All Parishioners

St. Albert's New Vision

As a parish community we need to continue to transform our lives, through the gifts of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to share what we have received with others, so they may experience the deeper love with God. In remembering this mission, we ask that you continue to pray for our parish community, that we may all know one another and together grow deeper in our faith.

Adoration Hours



Monday 8:00-9:00 a.m.
3:00-4:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00-10:00 a.m. Prayer Partner
Wednesday Noon-1:00 p.m. Prayer Partner
Thursday 9:00-10:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00-10:00 p.m. 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Saturday 6:00-7:00 a.m. Prayer Partner
Contact Mary @ 497-2856 or Brenda @ 497-2718.

"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."



Acts 13:47b

Opportunities for Confession

Confessions are heard on Saturdays at 2:00-3:45 p.m. In addition, this Saturday, May 2nd from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and Wednesday mornings prior to mass beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Weekly Collections

April 17th and April 18th

Adult	3,854.00
Youth	6.55
Plate	1,114.24

Weekly Stewardship Update

Weekly Need	5,915.00
Last Week	3,861.00
Need To Date	254,345.00
Year To Date (Adult Envelopes/Plate)	210,246.00
Year To Date (Special Gifts)	10,000.00
Father Reiser's Haiti Relief Fund	1,114.24
Year to Date Special Gifts	10,000.00

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Here in the United States, some dioceses are unable to provide fundamental pastoral care for their faithful. These "home mission" dioceses cannot support an adequate number of priests. They cannot afford funding for youth ministry programs or religious education. Help strengthen the church at home with a generous donation.

Sharing and Caring Hands



St. Albert's Parish will be preparing and serving the meal this Wednesday, April 28th. We need volunteers to prepare and serve the meal. If you can help, contact Dave @ 493-5034 or Jeanne @ 497-2891. We could use some cookies and bars too!!

Youth Stewardship Update

Here are samples of good deeds that our youth submitted as their stewardship offering during the months of December 2009 through March 2010

- Olivia—*Helped mom do laundry.*
- Perrault's —*Praying for others.*
Praying for our priests. Thank you all.
- Matt—*Make the bed.*
- Becca—*Helped at school.*

Keep up the prayers and good works kids!!

—Awaken To Prayer—



Come pray with us as we pray the Rosary for America and the conversion of hearts to our Lord Jesus Christ. Sunday's at the Church of St. Albert at 7:45 p.m.

RESPECT FOR LIFE

If you have **suffered from an abortion**, you maybe experiencing: Guilt, shame, anxiety, depression nightmares, substance abuse, eating disorders or suicidal thoughts. The pain is real, but you do not have to suffer alone. There are people dedicated to helping you—do not be afraid to reach out for help.



Call Project Rachel @ 651.291.4515 or email respectlife@archspm.org or visit this website @ www.hopeafterabortion.org.

Wedding Bands



Megan Watters and Alex Becker

Church of St. Albert—May 1st 2010

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



Sunday, April 25th is designated the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Knights of Columbus are raising awareness for the need for men and women to say "Yes" to their vocations. Visit the www.kofc.org website to learn more about religious life and view an online Keep the Faith Alive online video. Duration of the video is 30 minutes.

Natural Family Planning

The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes, for engaged and married couples, on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* here at the Church of St. Albert. New streamlined methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Classes begin on Thursday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Albert's Parish Center. For more information, please call 612.721.3791—or visit the website to register: <http://twincities.ccli.org>

Who will shepherd god's people? Pray that god leaders, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, will serve our church.



Total Lifelong Catechesis (TLC) 2010

April – The Anointing of the Sick



This month the focus for the TLC Home Kits is the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Discover the beauty of this sacrament and how it strengthens our souls and bodies at the approach of death, either to heal us or to help us to die in a state of grace.

TLC Overview Week 1

Lesson: What is Anointing of the Sick and why is it important?

Saint of the Week: St. Peter Chanel

Gospel Reading: John 10:27-30

Confirmation Class Hosts Senior Citizen Breakfast

The 10th Grade Confirmation Class is hosting a **Senior Citizen Breakfast on Sunday, May 2nd at 9:00 a.m.** All Senior Citizens of the parish are invited to attend this free breakfast. The Confirmation Class will participate in all aspects of this breakfast to include, food preparation, serving, decorating and clean up. Please join us for an enjoyable morning. Reservations are needed. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex of the church or call Jean Wold at 497.3782 for reservations. Deadline for reservations is **April 28th**.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 25th

- **First Communion Mass** at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)
- Student Individual Pictures at 10:30 a.m. at St. Albert's Parish Center
- Student Group Picture at 11:30 a.m. at the Church
27 students will be receiving First Holy Communion



Wednesday, April 28th

9th and 10th Grade Confirmation Classes —7:00-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 2nd

- **Senior Citizen Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.** hosted by the 10th Grade Confirmation Class.
Reservations are needed.

Monday, May 3rd

Religious Education Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at St. Albert's Parish Center

Wednesday, May 12th

- **10th Grade Confirmation Student – Parent – and Sponsor Meeting** at 7:00 p.m.

Individual confessions will follow starting at 7:45 p.m.

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Monday, May 17th

- **Confirmation Mass** at 7:00 p.m. at Epiphany Church in Coon Rapids
25 Students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation



Sunday, May 23rd

- **Confirmation Receiving Mass** at 10:00 a.m. at St. Albert's
- **A Light-Brunch Reception** will immediately follow at the Parish Center to welcome and congratulate our newly confirmed young people. ALL parishioners are invited and encouraged to join us!



Family Rosary Procession

Sunday, May 2nd @ 1:30 p.m.
Meet at the State Capitol. The Most Reverend Lee Piche' will lead the Rosary Procession to the Cathedral of St. Paul. For more details visit the website: www.familyrosaryprocession.org.

Prayer List...If you want to place someone on the prayer list, please call the parish office at 497-2474 or E-mail:

stalbertmnbulletin@embarqmail.com. Their name will remain on the list for **4 weeks**. If additional prayers are required, please request that their name remain on the list.



Russ Bistodeau, Debbie, Eull, The Family of Dorothy Roden, Matthew Perrault, Darlene Harder (mother of Nancy Einyck), Phyllis Kirscht, Ginger Pentz, Kenneth Scribner (brother of Sue Kowalczyk) **LuAnn Holcombe** (daughter of Gordon and Darlene Donais), and **Florian Piehowski**

For the Safety of our Service Men and Women

Michael Bistodeau (Son of John and Marijane Bistodeau)
Steven Daleiden (Son of Paul and Jane Daleiden)
Shane Weber (Son of Janelle and Larry Mills)
Mark Ebeling (Son in-law of Jim and Jean Current)
Vanessa Zachman (Daughter of Mike and Dawn Zachman)
Tyler Franzen (Son of Scott and Dawn Franzen)
Zach and Amy Wierman (Niece and Husband of the Zachman family)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<p>May 1st 4:00PM Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion *Roxane Scherber</p> <p>Lector Marie Vetsch</p> <p>Servers Christian Eiyneck Abby Scherber <i>No one available</i></p> <p>Greeters The Plude's</p> <p>Ushers Doug Lindenfesler Ray Lindenfesler Jerry Lindenfesler Jim Vetsch</p>	<p>May 2nd 8:00AM Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion *Bethany Vetsch Chris Heuring Dave Vetsch</p> <p>Lector Denny Wintheiser</p> <p>Servers Jon Steffl Sam Steffl Jack Steffl</p> <p>Greeters The Wold Family</p> <p>Ushers Hugh O'Donnell Jim Daluge Don Weidenbach Paul Berning</p> <p>Homebound To be Determined</p>	<p>May 2nd 10:00AM Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion *Nancy Lehn Hank Lehn Bill Roden</p> <p>Lector Carol Lindenfesler</p> <p>Servers Austin Stolpestad Matthew Zachman Logan Vetsch</p> <p>Greeters Tom and Rita Fay</p> <p>Ushers Norm Freske Bill Braun Gary Lenz Terry Harrington</p> <p>Sacristan Marie Vetsch</p>
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First Holy Communion Mass Sunday, April 25th @ Noon

Greeters: Jean Wold and Teachers
EME: Bethany Vetsch—Mary Hybben—Scott Franzen
Lector: Jackie Fladung
Servers: Donny Praught—Matthew Perrault
 Roman Perrault—Travis McShane

Knights of Columbus

The annual Tootsie Roll drive is upon us. This weekend the candy will be passed out after all masses. The donations received go to the developmentally disabled. The Knights would certainly appreciate a donation for this special cause.



World Youth Day Garage Sale

Requesting gently used or new items. Please NO computers or electronics. Call Jeanne @ 497-3501 or Lori @ 497-3703 to arrange for collection or drop off. Your donation will assist the youth on their World Youth Trip. Sale is set for May 14th-15th.

PARISH MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Pork Chop Dinner
 Albertville Lions and Fire Department
 This Saturday, April 25th Serving from: 4:30-7:30 p.m.
First Communion Mass
 Sunday, April 25th at 12:00 p.m.
Building and Grounds will meet:
 Monday, April 26th—6:30 p.m.
Parish Festival will meet:
 Monday, May 10th @ 6:45 p.m. at St. Albert's Parish Center.

The family of *Dorothy Roden* would like to thank all the people who helped during Mom's last couple of weeks. Your visits and words of comfort meant a lot to her. Also, for those who helped with her beautiful funeral service and lunch. Your prayers, cards, gifts of money and food and friendship were all greatly appreciated. We will all miss her!

Play Ball



Altar Servers are invited to join to a swell evening at Target Center to watch the Minnesota Twins in action. The game is set for Wednesday, June 9th @ 7:10 p.m. Twins will slug it out with the Kansas City Royals. If you want to attend, the signup sheet is in the narthex. The **Deadline is May 7th**. Sign up if you are interested in being a chaperone. This annual event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Musical Celebration of Mary

A one hour live performance every Catholic should hear. Randy Albright will perform on Sunday, May 2nd @ 2:00 p.m. at St. Michael Historic Church. Randy is a songwriter. He will sing "Mary Said Yes". A free will offering will be accepted. For more details, you may contact 497.3334.

Albertville Golden Age Club

Join us on Wednesday, May 5th @ Lake Community Bank. A lunch will begin @ 12:00 p.m. Rita and Kathleen will serve the lunch. Blingo will be played.

A brook would lose its song, if God removed its rocks.

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