



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

Mass Intentions  for the week **November 30<sup>th</sup> thru December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Tuesday	8:00 A.M.	††Dave and Joyce Jungbauer
Wednesday	8:00 A.M.	<b>In Thanksgiving:</b> Special Health Intention: Cancer Remission and Continued Good Health
Saturday	4:00 P.M.	†Tom Barthel
Sunday	8:00 A.M.	†Victor Kolles
	10:00 A.M.	All Parishioners

**St. Albert's New Vision**

There has been some confusion as to who is the New Vision Team. It is the same group of individuals that were formerly called The Pastoral Team. We have changed the name so there would be no confusion with the Pastoral Council. Our mission statement is: *"To allow the gifts of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to transform our lives; and in turn to share what we have received with others, so as to bring them to a deeper love of God, His Church, and Its mission".*

**Meditation:** "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses". Pope Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi

May we all be that witness that God wants us to be.

**Available Adoration Hours**

Monday	8:00-9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	9:00-10:00 a.m.
Friday	10:00-11:00 a.m.



Call Mary Vandal @ 497-2856 or Brenda O'Donnell @ 497-2718 to reserve your time.

**The Coming Season**



A friend from India was with me this week and he was amazed at the newspapers with all the ads. *"Shopping season has kicked in here much earlier than anywhere else"* he commented. All businesses have their competitive ads out. We're being bombarded by these commercials. Christmas and other holidays are ahead and we are all looking forward to this hopping, card-writing, cooking and gift-giving season. Some are already anxious about the **many things** to be accomplished this time of year.

In the Church calendar it is *Advent* or the **season of "coming,"** referring to the coming of Jesus. The second coming of Jesus at the end times is what we focus on. There would be many signs accompanying his coming (Luke 21:25-28). For the faithful people his coming will be a day of great *hope and expectation*. However, there's also a risk that some will miss the signs and be surprised as though **caught in a trap**. According to the scriptures, many will be caught unaware. Advent offers a caution to all Christians urging them to be vigilant and watchful anticipating his coming and preparing for it. It is not a time for idling and indolence; nor is it a season to be carried away by *"anxieties of daily life"* (Luke 21:34). We eagerly await the **joy of his coming**.

**First Sunday of Advent**

*Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1; Thessalonians 3:12-4:2;*  
*Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*  
 Fr. Xavier Thelakkatt

**Christmas Mass Schedule**



Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 12:00 a.m.  
**(Midnight Mass)**

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.

# Weekly Collections

**November 21<sup>st</sup> and November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Adult	3,846.00
Youth	7.51
Plate	812.62

**Weekly Stewardship Update**

Weekly Need	<b>5,915.00</b>
Last Week	4,666.00
Need To Date	124,215.00
Year To Date (Adult Envelopes/Plate)	91,122.00
Year To Date (Special Gifts)	0.00
Campaign for Human Development	64.00

**Reclaiming the Culture of Marriage and Life**

**Please Join Us For an Important Event in Support of Marriage and Life**

*“Understanding the Cultural and Legal Battle”*

- What:** An evening of education and reflection
- When:** Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Time:** 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Where:** Providence Academy  
15100 Schmidt Lake Rd  
Plymouth, MN 55446



What is Christian marriage and why does it matter to society? How are the issues of marriage and life connected? What is at stake when they are separated?

Sponsored by:  
Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis  
Office for Marriage, and Family Life

**St. Albert Parish Directory**

Our directory is now available. If you had your photo taken, you will receive a complimentary directory. Otherwise, the cost is \$15 to purchase. Contact the Parish Office @ 497-2474 to arrange for your pick-up of the directory.

**Winter Wear Collection**

We have a need for hats, scarves, and mittens. There are many children in our area who go without the warmth of these items. There is 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 @ 497-3662 with any questions.



**—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 paid attention to the media, you would think that those who oppose embryonic stem cell research and a host of other laboratory-created life techniques are “anti-science.” But this is not a science debate. It’s a debate about ethics, morality and what is right and wrong.



Wesley Smith—National Right to Life  
June 2008

That we may remain alert to every opportunity to speak of the value of each human life.

*We pray to Our Lord*

**PLEASE READ** the insert for the December Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe. This Novena begins December 2<sup>nd</sup> and concludes on December 12<sup>th</sup>. She is the patroness for Human Life.



**The Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt**

Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis cordially invites you to a Solemn Vespers service

In honor of

**The Most Reverend Paul D. Sirba**  
Bishop-elect of Duluth

on

Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 p.m.**

Cathedral of Saint Paul



A reception in Hayden Hall will immediately follow the Vespers Service.

All the faithful are welcome to attend.

**Office of Vocations**

A Retreat is planned for men interested in the priesthood. Men ages **18-40 are welcome**. This retreat will be held at the Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo.

**When:** December 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** \$50 Donation

(no one is turned away for lack of ability to pay)

For more details, call Fr. Williams @ 651-962-6890 or Email: [stpaulpriest@10000vocations.org](mailto:stpaulpriest@10000vocations.org).



Be on the watch! Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice. God is calling you to serve.

Jeremiah 33:14-16



## *Total Lifelong Catechesis* (TLC) 2009-2010 November TLC Baptism and Confirmation

In the *Holy Spirit Skit* at the November TLC session's we are reminded that Jesus is **with us always**. Jesus may not be physically sitting at our dining room table, *like in the skit*, but we should be assured that the Holy Spirit is with us always. The Holy Spirit is our advocate, our helper, just like Jesus had promised the Father would send. We should never feel alone, but call upon the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide us.

### TLC Overview Week 2

**Lesson:** Baptism-Part 2  
**Saint of the Week** Presentation of Mary  
**Gospel Reading:** Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Special Note: This is Week 2 of the November TLC Home Kit. There is a saying that "*the family that prays together, stays together*". There is much truth to this. Help keep your family together by praying and learning about the love of Jesus Christ. Also, this is the start of the Advent Season (Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>). Let us observe this time with faith and love as we prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus.

*\*Light the first candle of your advent wreath.*

### **Religious Education Upcoming Events**

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

**No Sunday School** due to Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**TLC Catechist Workshop** at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday School** during the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

**TLC Home Kit Preparation** at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center

Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

- **First Communion/Reconciliation Class**-6:30-7:30 p.m.
- **9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Classes** 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- **10th Grade Parents and Sponsor Meeting** at 7:45 p.m.

Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, (December 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>)

- **December TLC Week**  
No Sunday School

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday School** during the 10:00 a.m. Mass

### **Marriage Encounter**

Looking for that Special Gift to give your spouse this Christmas? How about giving your spouse the gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend that could turn your good relationship into a great relationship. It is an opportunity to get away from jobs, kids, chores and phones and focus on each other.

The February 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 2010 is the weekend event. The encounter will be held at the Kings House in Buffalo. Call 612-840-7630 or visit their website @ [www.kingshouse.com](http://www.kingshouse.com)

### **TERRELL STEVEN** A Spectacular Holiday Performance



Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.  
Historic Church of St. Michael  
210 North Main Street

Tickets: **\$12/\$10** in Advance — **\$15/\$12** at the Door

Terrell will again bring the audience to their feet at every turn. From his inspiring songwriting, performance on the piano and incredibly powerful voice, *you will not be disappointed!*

Tickets available at the St. Michael Catholic Church Office and Coborn's Super Store—Albertville

**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](mailto: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



**Kenneth Scribner** (brother of Sue Kowalczyk), **Ed and Marilyn DeMars**, **Jerry Holland**, **Anita Roden**, **Monica Heuring Family** **Lu Ann Holcombe** (Daughter of Darlene and Gordon Donais), **Brody Cox** (Grandson of Chuck and Marge Lindenfelser), **Kristy Lindenfelser** (Daughter of Doug Lindenfelser Jr.), **Phyllis Kirscht Bernice Vetsch**, **Florian Piehowski**, **Jim Walsh**, **Dorothy Carlson** (Mother of Roxane Scherber), **Jeraldine Vetsch**, **Millie Bechtold** (Sister to Joe and Francis Beaudry), **Donald Barthel**, **Drew Anderson and Family**, **Matt Scherber**, **Donald Praught**, **Jim and Arlene Bouley**, **Joanne Brant**, **Elaine Pankratz**, **Marge Mason Christian Herzog**, **Bill Keyes** (Son-In-Law of Hank and Nancy Lehn), **Lorraine Keske**, **Dennis Beaudry**, **Steve Louricas**, **Helen Daluge** and **Ginger Pentz**

### **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)  
**Grant Bouley** (Grandson of Jim and Arlene Bouley)  
**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)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<p><b>December 5<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>4:00PM</b>  <u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>                  *Peter Klinkner</p> <p><b>Lector</b>                  Rita Cichoski</p> <p><b>Servers</b>                  Abby Scherber                  Alayna Valerius  <i>No one available</i></p> <p><b>Greeters</b>                  Scott and Dawn                  Franzen</p> <p><b>Ushers</b>                  Joel Lindenfelser                  Brian Scherber                  Gene Kolles                  Richard Kolles</p> <p><b>Sacristan</b>                  Sue Berning</p>	<p><b>December 6<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>8:00AM</b>  <u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>                  *Dave Vetsch                  Bethany Vetsch                  Mary Vandal</p> <p><b>Lector</b>                  Karen Frase</p> <p><b>Servers</b>                  Clayton Hinrichs                  Cole Hiltner                  Kevin Hiltner</p> <p><b>Greeters</b>                  Reggie and Gail                  Hinrichs</p> <p><b>Ushers</b>                  Gordy Berning                  LeRoy Berning                  Neil Meyer                  Jacques Eull</p> <p><b>Homebound</b>                  Rosalie Anselment                  The Krystosek's</p>	<p><b>December 6<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>10:00AM</b>  <u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>                  *Bill Roden                  Denise Beaudry                  Mary Hybben</p> <p><b>Lector</b>                  Francis Beaudry</p> <p><b>Servers</b>                  Austin Stolpestad                  Donny Praught                  Jacob Quenemoen</p> <p><b>Greeters</b>                  Joe and Wanda                  Scherber</p> <p><b>Ushers</b>                  Lee Kasper                  Dennis Vetsch                  Mike Heimer                  Frank Kocon</p>
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**Prepare the Way of the Lord  
 An Orthodox-Catholic Conversion**

Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Church of St. Charles Borromeo—Doran Hall

Local Orthodox and Roman Catholic Communities will partner for a series of discussions:

- Advent Vespers 6:00 p.m.
- Refreshments 6:30 p.m.
- Discussions: 7:00 p.m. Topics include:

Human Sexuality and the Sacraments, Holy Orders and Matrimony

Visit the website [www.stchb.org](http://www.stchb.org) for directions or contact 612-781-6529.

**New River Medical Center Seminar**



Plan on attending the:  
Healthy Food Choices and Exercising for a Healthier Me.

**When:** Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Time:** 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For more details, call 271-2304 or Email:  
[Diane.Holmstadt@newrivermedical.com](mailto:Diane.Holmstadt@newrivermedical.com)

**PARISH MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**Building and Grounds** will meet on:  
Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. at St. Albert's Parish Center

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** will meet on:  
Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory  
**Note: (Different Date)**

**Council of Christian Mothers Christmas Party** is:  
Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month Confessions** are:  
Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 a.m.

**St. Albert's Children's Party** is on:  
Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m. at St. Albert's Parish Center

**The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 A Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Tree Sales Fundraiser  
 November 27<sup>th</sup> - December 20<sup>th</sup>**



St. Michael Parish School parking lot  
 Opens **November 27<sup>th</sup>**—9:00 a.m.-8 :00 p.m.  
**Hours:** M-F 4-8 p.m.-Sat 9 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Sun  
 12:00-6 p.m.

Great selection of trees - Balsam Fir, Fraser Fir, Scotch Pine, White Pine and Colorado Blue Spruce.

**NEW THIS YEAR - Wreathes**

Collecting items for the Hanover Food Shelf: **Receive \$5 off** your tree if you bring in **3** or more canned food items.

**OPENING WEEKEND SPECIAL**— November 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>

**ONLY:** bring in this church bulletin announcement and receive **\$3 OFF YOUR TREE**

Proceeds go to the St. Michael and St. Albert Catholic Church Ministries—Sponsored by:  
 Wright-Hennepin Knights of Columbus



**Family St. Nicholas Party**

Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.  
 St. Michael Parish School



Dinner, Raffle, Open Gym and a Euchre Tournament. A special guest visitor, St. Nicholas will be on hand. Everyone is invited. A Free will offering will be accepted.

Sponsored by: Wright-Hennepin Knights of Columbus

**Albertville Golden Age Club**

Join us on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Lake Community Bank. A Christmas dinner will begin @ 12:00 p.m. Broaster Catering will be serving. Ann V. and Olivia K. will bring the dessert. A meeting and election of officers will follow. The group will reminisce Christmas stories of their past.

How about you come to my house  
 before the game on Sunday?

— God —

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**Cassandra Olson**  
**Youth Minister 497-6083**  
**E-mail: [stalbertmnyouth@embarqmail.com](mailto:stalbertmnyouth@embarqmail.com)**

**To everyone; PARISH WIDE! PROP BOX!!!!**

Okay I would like to put together a **PROP BOX** for skits and dramas that we do with in our youth ministry on retreats, FNL's, and at TLC. I have a large bin throughout this month in the gathering space and at TLC. So if you are coming for Mass, Adoration, TLC, or just to stop by for something you could bring your item. It will be placed in the YOUTH Corner by the bathroom in the gathering space and in the Parish Center by the welcoming table that says, "ST. ALBERT'S YOUTH MINISTRY PROP BOX." Please if you have any items that you don't want anymore bring them over and put them in the box. This could be: **old** dresses, **old/dated** suits, costumes, **old** pants, **old** shirts, hats and toys, fake jewelry, etc.... Really anything that you were maybe going to just bring to Goodwill or it's been sitting at grandpas and grandma's (those are the best places to get props) **we can use it!** I will go through and take out what we won't need, so don't question it, just bring it. If you do have questions though please call Cassandra Olson.

**Jr. High Youth Ministry**  
**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**Jr. High Open Youth Room**

Every Wednesday

**Time:** After School Until 5:00 p.m.  
**Location:** St. Michael

**WINTERBLAST**



**Date:** Friday-Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
**Who:** 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grades  
**Place:** Check-in/Depart St. Albert's Parish Center/Mass at St. Vincent de Paul/Lock in at the Maple Grove Community Center  
**Time:** Check-in/Depart: Friday **6:00 p.m.** St. Albert's Parish Center, Return to St. Albert Parish Center at **6:00 a.m.** Saturday morning.

**Cost: \$50 per person** (this includes pizza and pop, transportation, and all the activities throughout the night)  
**\*\*If you have more than one child coming please talk with Cassandra.** For more info please check flyer, which is located in the gathering space, or online at [www.stalbertschurch.org](http://www.stalbertschurch.org)

Parents we **really need you** to chaperone for this event.  
**Please Please consider** coming for the evening.

**Senior High Ministry**  
**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade**



**Girls Group TOB**

**When:** Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
**Location:** St. Albert's AWESOME YOUTH ROOM  
**Theme:** Theology of the Body

**\*New Guys Group "Band of Brothers"**

We will be using the Band of Brothers movies for discussion.

**When:** Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Jerry and Karen Polaschek's Home  
**Info:** Call John @ 497-2745

**Sr. High Open Youth Room**

Every Wednesday

**Time:** 5:00-6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** St. Michael



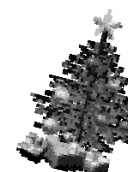
**Lifeline Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Time:** 3:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.  
**Location:** St. Michael  
**Cost:** \$10  
 Please bring \$\$\$ for a fast food dinner on the way down.



**Friday Night Live/Christmas Party**

**Date:** Monday December 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 7:00 -10:00 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Michael Youth Room  
**Who:** 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and friends



~ Youth lives on hope,  
 old age on remembrance.

*French Proverb*