



**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

Mass Intentions  for the week August 24<sup>th</sup> thru August 30<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday	8:00AM	††Kenny and Margaret Zachman
Wednesday	8:00AM	†Dale Vetsch
Saturday	4:00PM	† Mary Kolles
Sunday	8:00AM	†Tony Lindenfelser
	10:00AM	All Parishioners

**Prayer Partners** are needed for the following hours:

**Wednesdays @ 1:00-2:00am**

**Fridays @ 9:00-10:00pm and 1:00-2:00am**

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



**A Prayer for a Priest to Lead Our Parish Community**

Lord Jesus, you sent the Holy Spirit to guide your church in all things. Look with favor on St. Albert’s Parish, and send a new priest to us, who will continue to guide us in building up the body of Christ. Give him the gifts he needs to respond with generosity and a joyful heart.

We pray that he will help the whole community realize God’s presence among us.

God our Father, we ask you to bless this priest and confirm him in his calling.

We offer this prayer, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PASTOR TO OUR PARISH.

**AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD . . .**

Today’s Gospel picks up the thread of the “Bread of Life” discourses in the Gospel of John. Jesus, after performing the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and crossing back over the lake to Capernaum (by walking on the water!), is teaching the people in the synagogue there. Using the example of the manna in the desert, he opens for them the mystery of the gift of his body and blood. Startled, as one can imagine, by the starkness of this teaching, many, even among his disciples, begin to drift away, finding the teaching “hard.” *It is a moment of decision for everyone.*

Like Joshua in the desert of Sinai, Jesus asks his people to choose whom they will serve, the One God or something else. Like Joshua, Peter speaks on behalf of his “household” and sides with the Lord. Peter’s declaration of faith, “*you are the Holy One of God,*” is preceded by a simple rhetorical question: “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68, 69).

**. . . WE WILL SERVE THE LORD**

To make the choice of whom to serve, whom to believe in and trust, it is necessary sometimes to come to a moment of crisis. The concept of the Eucharist was so difficult that many who followed Jesus could not accept it. But those who had an intimate relationship with Jesus, not one based on signs and miracles but based on love, knew that their lives had been forever changed. There was no going back; there were no other “gods” to serve. There was the One, and everything depended on that fact. It is love that makes the choices clearer.

We don’t completely understand this mystery, or many mysteries of life. But in the intimate relationship of faith, we believe and trust in the One who is faithful. We have been **given a great gift**, and we cannot possibly understand it fully. But we know we have been loved, that we love in return, and “we have come to believe.” **It makes all the difference.**

*Today’s Readings: Joshua 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b; Psalm 34:2–3, 16–21; Ephesians 5:21–32 [2a, 25–32]; John 6:60–69*

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**Pastoral Emergencies**

For any pastoral emergencies during this time of transition, please call Deacon John Wallin on his cell phone @ **612-751-6284**

# Weekly Collections

## August 15<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>

Adult	4,460.00
Youth	45.50
Plate <u>Hanover Food Shelf</u>	976.13
<b>"Service to the Poor"</b>	

## Weekly Stewardship Update

Weekly Need	<b>5,915.00</b>
Last Week	4,506.00
Need To Date	41,405.00
Year To Date (Adult Envelopes/Plate)	29,286.00
Year To Date (Special Gifts)	0.00

### Early Catholic Family Life Program

The Adult Faith Formation Committee is looking for interested young families to start up an Early Catholic Family Life Program here at St. Albert's. ECFL is a program geared towards families with children ages **0-5** years of age. It's a great way to bring the Catholic Faith alive to your lively youngsters and a way to share and build relationships with other similar families. Please call Lois Roden for more information or questions regarding the program @ [497-3862](tel:497-3862). A training session for parent leaders is scheduled on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

\* ECFL brings young Catholic parents together within the parish setting to become acquainted with one another, and to share with each other their own deeply held beliefs. \* ECFL affirms parents in their faith and also strengthens the faith of parents through the teaching and leadership role they will assume with their children.

### Back to School

#### Join a Bible Study Group

A **10 week** study of the *Book of Revelations* is scheduled to begin soon. It will start the week of Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. The groups will meet on: Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings, or Friday mornings. It is not necessary to have taken a bible study previously. Sign up sheets are posted in the Narthex. If you have any questions, Please call Chris @ [497-3662](tel:497-3662).

### —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 7:45pm.

Jesus teach us about life everlasting. "Your words Lord are spirit and life. . ." It is this that gives us hope when we despair, a way of living when we stray from God's way. "The words I have spoken are spirit and they are life." It is God's words that we need to hear to lift our spirit and give life.



Pray for Vocations.

## RESPECT FOR LIFE

" A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."



*Pope John Paul II  
The Gospel of Life*

For the healing of fathers who have lost a child to an abortion.

*We pray to Our Lord*

### ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS

The MCCL sponsored Oratory contest will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. at St. Albert's Parish Center. Students are asked to write and present an original 5-7 minute pro-life speech on *abortion, euthanasia, infanticide* or *stem cell* research. The winner receives **\$100** and advances to the MCCL State Oratory Contest next Spring. Any student wanting to enter the contest **must** contact Marlene @ 497-2265 to obtain a registration form and more information prior to Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Pro-Life Evening Event—Albertville

An event you won't want to miss! Everyone is welcome to attend.

**FREE EVENT**

**Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00-9:00 pm  
St. Albert's Parish Center

**Andrea Rau**—MCCL Legislative Associate will be the keynote speaker. She will address: *Human Cloning, Taxpayer Fund Abortion, Euthanasia of Disabled Persons, Embryonic Stem-Cell Research and Health Care Rationing*. The Oratory Contest will also take place for high school seniors and juniors. *Learn the facts so you can make a difference and save lives.* For more details visit their website @ [www.mcci.org](http://www.mcci.org).

### The Festival results are In!

You will find a financial statement in this week's bulletin for the festival. This report simply reinforces for me the true successes of this event.

The Saturday evening portion was bigger and better than last year's inauguration. Sunday proved to be equally exciting to see all the folks participating and volunteering.

Denny and his crew also need to be commended for the range of events and overall organization. Thank you to the many, many volunteers; especially all the first timers, and all who attended in support of our parish.

Jim Noon—Business Administrator

## Total Lifelong Catechesis (TLC) 2009-2010

### Thank You VBS Volunteers!

We would like to thank the 40+ volunteers that helped out with this year's Vacation Bible School held the week of August 9<sup>th</sup>. The overall goals of the week-long program were to help the children better understand the Catholic Mass and deepen their love for Jesus in the Eucharist. The 50+ participants discovered how the Mass is a Mystery, Gift, Celebration, Sacred Meal and a Call. At the same time we focused on the Virtues of Patience, Peace, Faith, Unity and Generosity. The children ages pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade were busy all week with skits, music, crafts, activities, lessons and meal time. Thank you volunteers for helping bring the beauty of the Catholic Church to all the participants of this summer's Vacation Bible School!

### Total Lifelong Catechesis (TLC) Information and Registration Forms for Total Lifelong Catechesis (TLC) will be coming soon.

All registered households of St. Albert's will be receiving information in the upcoming weeks. Watch your mailbox! If you are not currently a registered member of the parish and would like more information about the Faith Formation Program at St. Albert's, please contact Jean Wold @ 497-3782.



**Meals** – Responsible to prepare and serve meals at TLC Sessions. *Commitment is one TLC session a month.*

**Nursery** – Responsible to watch and care for children age four and younger during the TLC sessions. *Commitment is one TLC session a month.*

**Music** – Responsible to work with music ministry leaders to provide praise and worship music during TLC sessions. *Commitment is one TLC session a month.*

**Drama** – Responsible to help with drama and/or skit provided at TLC sessions. Volunteers should be a minimum of 14 years old.

**Catechist** – Responsible to instruct TLC participants with lessons provided. Age grouping is Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, and Grades 6-8. *Commitment is one TLC session a month.*

**Small Group Leaders for Grades 9-12** – Responsible for leading small group discussions and engaging students.

**Small Group Leaders for Adults** – Responsible for leading small group discussions for adults.

**First Communion Class** – Responsible to instruct and help prepare students for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Material and lessons provided. *Commitment is one (sometimes two) Wednesday a month (separate from TLC sessions).*

**Confirmation Class** – Responsible to instruct and help prepare students for Confirmation. Material and lessons provided. *Commitment is one (sometimes two) Wednesday a month (separate from TLC sessions).*

**Home Kit Preparation** – Responsible for compiling the monthly Home Kits for all TLC households. All paper work is provided. Volunteers will be labeling, sorting and stuffing envelopes.

**Research** – Responsible for researching monthly TLC topics and providing information for TLC Home Kits.

As a volunteer, we ask that you sign up for a different day than when your household is participating in the TLC sessions. Please pray and discern where you can share your gifts and talents. Contact Jean Wold @ 497-3782 or [stalbertmnfaithformation@embarqmail.com](mailto:stalbertmnfaithformation@embarqmail.com) with questions and to volunteer!

Please **call and reserve** your back to school supplies. Supplies will be handed out on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm @ St. Albert's Parish Center. All supplies are funded by the Back 2 School Garage Sale Event. Please contact Pam Lindenfelser @ 295-2756 if you need supplies.



### Pictorial Directory

Currently the editing process is underway for our directory. We expect this to be completed soon. You will be notified of distribution dates in future bulletins.

### Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage LaCross Wisconsin Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

Enjoy this upcoming day event pilgrimage. The cost is \$60.00. This includes the coach bus with a restroom, a Buffet lunch, snacks and beverages and a dinner. Participants will be picked up @ Albertville at 6:30am. You will arrive in LaCross @ 10:30am. A Mass at the Shrine will follow shortly. Tour of the **Shrine Church**, lunch and grounds tour. Several Grottos are part of the tour. We will leave for home @ 3:30pm. Arrive in Albertville @ 8:00pm. Fr. Michael Izen—St. Timothy of Maple Lake is the spiritual director and celebrant for Holy Mass at the Shrine. For more details, contact Donna @ 320-310-1127.

*\*\*Golf carts are available for those unable to walk from the Visitors Center to the Shrine Church.*

**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.



Phyllis Kirscht, Sarah Bosma (Niece of Rita Fay and Great-granddaughter of Sarah Kasper), Bridget O'Donnell (Mother of Hugh O'Donnell), Amanda Korpela (Daughter of Randy and Lori), Family of Bernie Roden, Bernice Vetsch Adeline Barthel, Florian Pichowski, Lu Ann Holcombe (Daughter of Darlene and Gordon Donais), Kathy Couch, Jim Walsh Dorothy Carlson (Mother of Roxane Scherber) Jeraldine Vetsch Monica Heuring, Neil Weinand, Millie Bechtold (Sister to Joe and Francis Beaudry), McKenzie Schumm (Granddaughter of Jeraldine Vetsch), 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, Ed DeMars, 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)

**Cassandra Olson**

**Youth Minister 497-6083**

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Hello to everyone! I hope and pray that your summer is going well and you had sometime to hang out and relax and have fun! Well our new year is starting up again. Currently, we are putting together our 09-10 CORE TEAM and getting ready for the fall. Sr. High and Jr. High Newsletters will be out the first week in September or *earlier*.

First off I just want to thank everyone who participated in any of the events we had going on this summer. Our summer was super full with: *Extreme Faith Camp, the road trip to Steubenville, Ohio for the Steubenville Conference, the Dominican Republic Mission Trip, Summer Stretch and the very fun and relaxing Camp Out or Cabin Out.* It was a great summer.

### Calling All Adults Ages 19-100

#### Please Read Below:

As you all know, we are not going to have the NET Team joining us this year. And sadly because we've had teams the past two years, we did not reach out to **YOU**. Now the Need is **Greater**. We need adults to reach out to the teens, to take interest in them and to let them know that they are super important. **New** at TLC this year, the Youth Ministry will be taking over the Sr. High (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) part. This means that, the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will come into the Youth Room for the talk and small groups instead of at the Parish Center hall. I'm truly so excited about this and can't wait for the year to start to hang out, learn, and get to know the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders better. With Youth Ministry taking over the Sr. High part of TLC, I'm in need of adults ages **19-100** who love our faith, who see the need in ministering to teens, and ultimately love **OUR LORD!** The role that you will play is being a small group leader for the TLC nights. We will do training to prepare you for this amazing role that you will take on. I'm also asking for those that are wanting to be small group leaders to join us for the **CORE Team Retreat:** Friday—Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. This is not mandatory for you, but it would be a big help. For more details, please contact Cassandra @ 497-6083. I would love to chat with you and give you all the information you need. The harvest is many, but the laborers are few!

**John Paul II says,** *"In the age of growth the youth are in need of adults capable of proposing their principles and values; are in need of persons capable of teaching with their lives, even before (they teach) with their words to spend themselves for high ideals"*

### 11th-12th Graders

You are awesome! I just want to also invite you to this year to join us for TLC we will not be having our usual Life Nights after the 6:00pm Mass in St. Michael anymore, because of wanting to be a part of the Religious Education Program. So I invited you to come to TLC for nights of faith and fellowship. What a great way to continue the faith you professed and to stir up the gifts you were given on your Confirmation Day. These nights will be worth it. I can't wait to see **YOU**.

## CORE TEAM 2009-2010

**8th - 12th GRADES**

Calling all teens interested in sharing their faith. This year we are asking all those interested in being a part of Core Team to fill out an application. The application is available online. Then setup a one-on-one with either Cassandra or John. Check out parish website for more details.

**Adults: We need you.** What stops the ministry from growing is not having enough adults. This year we are in much need. We need to have adults at our Friday Night Lives and I'm looking for **2 men** and **2 women** to be at our TLC nights and help lead small groups for the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are interested or know someone who you think would be great, let me know. More information on the website.

## CORE TEAM RETREAT

**Who: CORE TEAM ADULTS AND TEENS**

**When: Friday—Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**

All teens and adults interested in being a part of Core Team this fall are expected to attend. The retreat will be held at Big Sandy Camp near McGregor, MN. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn about our Youth Ministry.

Also, be empowered to be a leader in our parish communities, *and fall more in love with Jesus!!* Flyers and permission slips are available online.



## Senior High Ministry

### Girls Group

**When: Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00-9:00pm**

**Location: St. Albert's AWESOME AMAZING YOUTH ROOM**

## \*NEW Guys Group Band of Brothers

**Location: St. Michael**

## Jr. High Youth Ministry

### Open Youth Room

**When: Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Location: St. Albert's**

**Time: 1:00-4:00pm**

**What: Play Nintendo, Pool, Air Hockey, Apples to Apples, Cards, Farkle or Just hang out with friends!!**



## Friday Night Live Kick Off

**When: Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Location: St. Albert's Catholic Church**

**Time: 7:00-9:00pm**

**What: It's our Fall Jr. High Ministry KICK OFF.**

Come and fellowship with other teens, there will be outdoor games, time for worship, lots of **SNACKS**. Flyers will be available online in early September.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<u>August 29<sup>th</sup></u> 4:00PM	<u>August 30<sup>th</sup></u> 8:00AM	<u>August 30<sup>th</sup></u> 10:00AM
<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u> *Liz Robeck	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u> *Ann Valley Dave Vetsch Mary Vandal	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u> *Scott Franzen Hank Lehn Nancy Lehn
<u>Lector</u> Nancy Eiyneck	<u>Lector</u> Karen Frase	<u>Lector</u> Lori Valerius
<u>Servers</u> Matthew Eiyneck Christian Eiyneck <i>no one available</i>	<u>Servers</u> Sam Steffl Jon Steffl Jack Steffl	<u>Servers</u> Jared Zachman Matthew Perrault Roman Perrault
<u>Greeters</u> Phil and Terese Gammell Family	<u>Greeters</u> Brent and Jean Wold Family	<u>Greeters</u> Hank and Nancy Lehn
<u>Ushers</u> Joel Lindenfelser Brian Scherber Gene Kolles Richard Kolles	<u>Ushers</u> Gordy Berning LeRoy Berning Neil Meyer Jacques Eull	<u>Ushers</u> Lee Kasper Dennis Vetsch Mike Heimer Frank Kocon
<u>Sacristan</u> Patty Vorderbruggen	<u>Homebound</u> Colleen Harrington Janet Berning The Lehn's	

## PARISH MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**Garage Sale Proceeds: School Supplies Pickup: Registered Families** may pick up their School Supplies on: Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm both days.

**Hospitality Sunday** after the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses **This Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Buildings and Grounds** will meet on: Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30pm in St. Albert's Parish Center

**NFP (Natural Family Planning) Class** will meet on: Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm at St. Albert's Parish Center

**Praying @ Chapel of the Innocents** will meet in the church parking lot @ 9:15am on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

### Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) Retreat Saints Peter and Paul Church—Loretto

Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) is sponsoring an evening Marian retreat for women of all ages and stages. The retreat, entitled "**Mary, the Model of Femininity**," will be Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00pm in the Parish Center. Cost is \$8.00, which includes dessert and the retreat. For more information and to register, visit our website at [www.cspap.org/church/Events](http://www.cspap.org/church/Events) or call Angie @ 477-6678. **Registration deadline is (THIS SUNDAY) August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

August 27 through Labor Day, Sept. 7, 2009  
**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR**

### Join Theology on a Stick

#### At The Great Minnesota Get-Together

The evening events are scheduled from 7:30-10:30pm. The dates are as follows: August 28<sup>th</sup>, August 29<sup>th</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. *Theological talks, Grill the Priest, Questions and Musical Entertainment.* Theology on a Stick is intended to reach those who have no faith and to encourage those who do! Bishop Lee Piché is one of the many featured speakers. For more details visit the website @ [www.Theologyonastick.org](http://www.Theologyonastick.org) or call Jeremy @ 612-554-8655.

We are highlighting ***Steffens Bros. Meats, Inc.***, this week as our bulletin sponsor. Please support our sponsors who help make our bulletin possible. Thank you for your continued support.

The Archbishop's Annual Mass for Persons' with Disabilities is set for Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. in St. Mary's Chapel at the St. Paul Seminary. This special mass, hosted by the St. Paul Seminary begins at 2:30pm with a sing-along. Bishop Lee Piché will celebrate the mass and confer the sacrament of Confirmation. All are invited and welcome. Please call Deacon Sean and Joan Curtan @ **651-291-4543** or **Email: [curtans@archspm.org](mailto:curtans@archspm.org)** for more information.

Life was a lot simpler when what we honored was father and mother *rather than all major credit cards.*

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**St. Luke - Clearwater — August 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 10:00am Polka Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Nienstedt with the *Polka Beats* followed by 11:00am-2:00pm pork chop dinner. A Handmade quilt auction @ 4:00pm. Raffle with more than \$2,700 in cash prizes. Includes silent auction, food and beverages, games, white elephant sale, country store and bingo. Entertainment by Willie Nillie. Wright County Sheriff to display squad car and fingerprint children from 11:30am-1:30pm Address is: 7545 Huber Ave N.W.



**St. Anne - Hamel — Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>:** Outdoor dance Saturday from 6:00-10:00pm. Chicken dinner Sunday from 11am-2:30pm. Also features games, cake walk, basket auction, food and more. 200 Hamel Road.

"Above the clouds, the sky is always blue."

≈St. Therese of Lisieux≈

### Defensive Driving 55+ Refresher Course

If you have taken a State approved 8-hour Defensive Driving Course (55+) previously, you can renew your **10%**, 3 year car insurance discount. There is *no driving or any tests*. You will receive a Certificate of Completion to provide to your insurance company. Provide your drivers license number when registering. The class is **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> @ St. Albert's Parish Center.** Class begins @ **6:00pm** and the cost is \$8.00. Contact 497-2034 or 497-2503 for details.