


TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

Mass Intentions  for the week August 31st thru September 6th

Tuesday	8:00AM	†Terry Anselment
Wednesday	8:00AM	Special Health Intention: Melanie Hofmann
Saturday	4:00PM	†Isabelle Barthel
Sunday	8:00AM	†Elda Lenneman
	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.

LIP SERVICE

Of all the human frailties and foibles, faults and sins, the one that seems to elicit the worst howls is hypocrisy. When we profess to believe and practice one thing, and then are caught behaving in the opposite way, our shame is (or ought to be) profound. Religious hypocrisy is probably the worst. When we hold our actions and beliefs to a higher standard and then fail to live up to them, it's human and sinful and flawed. But when we proclaim that we are holding up that higher standard at the same time that we are knowingly violating it, there is a fundamental dishonesty, a breach of truth that is especially repugnant. It adds sin to sin and dishonors the very idea of virtue. It becomes a scandal.

SINCERITY AND TRUTH

Jesus was constantly trying to get people to see and understand that mere observance of the law was not what pleased God. What is in the heart is what is most important. This does not mean that good intentions justify bad actions! We humans are complicated and wily. We are quite capable of creating huge and complex human structures that are just difficult enough to convince us that we are following some right "way" and that others are not. God's laws are simple: love God, love your neighbor as yourself. There is no need to complicate love.

Jesus points out that real uncleanness comes from within a person. Evil intentions and every kind of bad behavior have their roots in our inner sinfulness, our selfishness. That is what Jesus came to save us from. Of course we cannot, by our own devices, be better people. We are utterly dependent on God for the necessary change of heart that will result in good and loving actions. God freely offers us this help, if only we would stop hiding behind the screen of self-righteousness. If we are humble enough to recognize our own selfishness, and loving enough truly to care for the well-being of others, we will be able to fulfill both the letter and the spirit of the law.

Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-5; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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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 22nd and August 23rd

Adult	3,656.00
Youth	13.01
Plate	537.00

Weekly Stewardship Update

Weekly Need	5,915.00
Last Week	4,206.00
Need To Date	47,320.00
Year To Date (Adult Envelopes/Plate)	33,492.00
Year To Date (Special Gifts)	0.00

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.



Bible Study



A **10 week** study of the *Book of Revelations* is scheduled to begin the week of Sept. 13th. 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.

Interested in the Roman Catholic Faith? Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults



A program that seeks to give Jesus Christ in his fullness through presenting the truths of Sacred Scripture and Catholic teaching to those who are unbaptized, baptized but *not in full communion* with the Catholic Church, *in full communion* with the Catholic Church, but still in **need of First Communion or Confirmation**. It also is a great tool for the fully initiated to refresh themselves on the Church's teaching or learn some of it for the first time. Anyone who is interested in this program, contact the Parish Office @ 497-2474 for more details.

Do you want to read the Bible, but don't know how to begin? Then **The Bible Timeline** study is for **YOU**. You will learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible. This will allow for the mass readings to come alive as never before.



St. John the Baptist Adult Faith Formation will be offering **The Bible Timeline** beginning this fall. For more information, attend one of these sessions:

Sunday, September 20th @ 11:15am and 7:00pm
Wednesday, September 23rd @ 7:00pm. Sessions are held @ St. John's Parish Social Hall. Contact Jane @ 241-1638.

—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.



RESPECT FOR LIFE

“Regarding the NIH guidelines authorizing destruction of human embryos for research, Cardinal Justin Rigali—Chairman of the U.S. bishops Pro-Life Secretariat, said: “Without unconditional respect for the life of **each and every member** of the human race, research involving human subjects does not represent true progress. It becomes another way for some human beings to use and mistreat others for their own goals. Suffering patients and their families deserve better, though increased support for promising and ethically sound stem cell research and treatments that **harm no one.**”



USCCB—April-2009

May legal protection for the right to life again become the law of the land.

We pray to Our Lord

Last Chance! 11th and 12th Grades

The MCCL sponsored Oratory contest will be held on September 17th @ 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. 3rd**.

Pro-Life Evening Event—Albertville

FREE EVENT

Thursday, September 17th
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.

The feeling remains
that God is on the journey, too.

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.



Total Lifelong Catechesis (TLC) 2009-2010

Registration in Process

TLC is the core of faith formation at St. Albert's. The vision of TLC is to affirm and help us live out one of the most fundamental roles of Discipleship. That is to be a *lifelong student* of Christ. TLC provides faith-building education sessions once a month along with age appropriate home materials to foster continuing education within the home. The entire parish, regardless of age or family status is invited to participate.

Here is what to expect from TLC:

- ⇒ TLC is for all parishioners, regardless of age or family status.
- ⇒ Entire households meet once a month (children will not be allowed to participate without their family present).
- ⇒ The monthly TLC will be offered three different days to accommodate household schedules.
- ⇒ Each TLC will include fellowship, prayer, large group presentation and small group lessons, as well as an optional meal.
- ⇒ Each month will focus on a specific topic. The theme for this year is *Sacraments*.
- ⇒ **All** households will receive "Home Kits" containing topic-specific information and activities for the remainder of the month.

All registered members of St. Albert's were mailed the TLC Registration Packet. Please review the information and return your registration as soon as possible. Registration **deadline** is **September 15th**. If you have not received your TLC Registration Packet, there are additional forms in the back of church. Contact Jean Wold at 497-3782 or visit the website @ stalbertmnfaithformation@embarqmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Can We Count on YOU?



There are numerous volunteer opportunities this coming year for TLC. It is of utmost importance that these volunteer positions are filled for the success of our parish faith formation. The areas that need volunteers are:

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.

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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 then 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 visit stalbertmnfaithformation@embarqmail.com with questions and to volunteer!

Albertville Golden Age Club

The monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2nd @ 12:00pm. Meet @ the Lake Community Bank. A potluck luncheon is planned. Last Names beginning with **M-Z** will be on the serving committee. 500 will be played. See you there.

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

The Hugh O'Donnell Family, Jessie LaFave, Phyllis Kirscht Sarah Bosma (Niece of Rita Fay and Great-Granddaughter of Sarah Kasper), Amanda Korpela (Daughter of Randy and Lori) Family of Bernie Roden, Bernice Vetsch, Adeline Barthel Florian Piehowski, 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)
Tyler Franzen (Son of Scott and Dawn Franzen)

Cassandra Olson

Youth Minister 497-6083

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Calling All Adults Ages 19-100 Please Read

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 (9th-12th grades) part. This means that, the 9th-12th 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 9th-12th 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 18th-20th. 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**.

"Praise Youth
and it will prosper."

Irish Proverb

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 9th-12th 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 18th-20th

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 14th @ 7:00-9:00pm

Location: St. Albert's AWESOME AMAZING YOUTH ROOM

*NEW

Guys Group "Band of Brothers"

Location: St. Michael Youth Room **Starts October 12th**



Jr. High Youth Ministry

Friday Night Live Kick Off



When: Friday, September 25th

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

September 5th 4:00PM	September 6th 8:00AM	September 6th 10:00AM
<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u> *Roxane Scherber	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u> *Bethany Vetsch Bill Roden Chris Heuring	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u> *Nick Welter Jim Bouley Jim Krystosek
<u>Lector</u> Dennis Wintheiser	<u>Lector</u> Jackie Fladung	<u>Lector</u> Carol Krystosek
<u>Servers</u> Abby Scherber Alayna Valerius <i>No one available</i>	<u>Servers</u> Clayton Hinrichs Kevin Hiltner Cole Hiltner	<u>Servers</u> Austin Stolpestad Shana Vetsch Logan Vetsch
<u>Greeters</u> Brian and Roxane Scherber	<u>Greeters</u> Will and Nancy Duerr	<u>Greeters</u> Norm and Rose Freske
<u>Ushers</u> Doug Lindenfelser Ray Lindenfelser Jerry Lindenfelser Jim Vetsch	<u>Ushers</u> Hugh O'Donnell Jim Daluge Don Weidenbach Will Duerr	<u>Ushers</u> Norm Freske Bill Braun Gary Lenz <i>No one available</i>
<u>Sacristan</u> Linda Richter	<u>Homebound</u> The Krystosek's Sharon Berning Bea Praught	

St. Michael—Parish Festival September 12th-13th



Saturday events include: a Polka Mass @4:30pm at the Historic Church. Old Time Bierstube Sausage Dinner will take place from 5:00-7:00pm. Dale & the Polka Beats @ 5:30-9:00pm. Inflatables for the kids and a family movie (St. John Bosco) @ 7:30pm on New Church Grounds. Sunday events include: A chicken dinner from 11:00am - 2:00pm, music, raffles, bingo, kids games, petting zoo, used toy boutique, and much more. Live entertainment from @ 11:30am – 4:30pm. A shuttle service will run between the Festival Grounds @ Frankfort Parkway and the Catholic School Parking Lot at 14 Main St.

St. Henry's Parish Festival—Monticello September 19th-20th

Dean-O-Mite Entertainment is scheduled for Saturday @ 6:00-11:00pm. A Cake Walk, Sweet Shoppe, Children's Games, Country Market are in store. A turkey Dinner will be served from 11:30-2:00pm. Over \$10,000 cash and prizes.

Mary Queen of Peace Festival—Rogers September 26th-27th

A Hog Roast is set for Saturday, September 26th @ 6:00pm. A chicken dinner with all the fixings will be served beginning @ 11:00am. A food court, silent auction, music games and cash prizes are planned.

PARISH MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Buildings and Grounds will meet on: Monday, August 31st @ 6:30pm in St. Albert's Parish Center
Liturgy Committee will meet on: Wednesday, September 2nd @ 6:30pm at St. Albert's Parish Center
Council of Catholic Women will meet on: Thursday, September 10th @ 7:00pm at St. Albert's Parish Center
Defensive Driving 55+ Refresher Class will meet on: Thursday, September 10th @ 6:00pm at St. Albert's Parish Center
Praying @ Chapel of the Innocents will meet in the church parking lot @ 9:15am on Saturday, September 12th

Thank you for your prayers and concern at the time of my accident. I now am at home and doing much better.



Amanda Korpela and Family

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: September 2nd, 4th and 5th. *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 or call Jeremy @ 612-554-8655.

We are highlighting **STMA AUTO CENTER**, this week as our bulletin sponsor. Please support our sponsors who help make our bulletin possible. Thank you for your continued support.

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 10th** @ St. Albert's Parish Center. Class begins @ **6:00pm** and the cost is **\$8.00**. Contact 497-2034 or 497-2503 for details.

A good name is better than gold.

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