

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

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

Second Reading — Be touched by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

Mass Intentions for the week August 10th thru August 16th

Tuesday	8:00AM	†Irma Vetsch
Wednesday	8:00AM	†Deceased Members of the Judy Roden Family
Thursday	7:15PM	CVBS Mass for Participants and Parents
Saturday	4:00PM	†Martina Beaudry
Sunday	8:00AM	†Kate Merges
	10:00AM	All Parishioners

Prayer Partners are needed for **Thursdays at 1:00-2:00am and Fridays at 7:00-8:00pm**. Call Brenda O'Donnell @ 497-2718 or Mary Vandal @ 497-2856 if you are interested in spending time with the Lord.



"Come to me, all you who work hard and who carry heavy burdens and I will refresh you (Matthew 11:28). This is the desire of Jesus Christ: to console every person who calls upon Him."

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

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.

Whose Son Are You, Anyway?

In rhetorical speech, which includes preaching and teaching, three elements are important: the *mythos*, or the message; the *logos*, or the words used; and the *ethos*, or the qualifications of the speaker. The message may be clear, the words may be elegant and persuasive, but if the speaker is not seen as someone who is qualified to speak on the subject, the speech will not be convincing.

In today's Gospel, the people are questioning Jesus' credentials. "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?" (John 6:42). "He's a local boy, where did he get this knowledge?" Jesus answers them with his teaching about God as true Father. *If you know who your teacher is, you know what your message should be.*

Jesus' important words about the Eucharist are grounded in his self-knowledge as "the one who is from God" (John 6:46). Those who are from God know God and listen to the word of God. They will recognize Jesus as speaking, doing, and being that Word. The *ethos* of the hearer is on the line as well.

Taught By God

The people who know God as "Father," that is, intimately and in deep and loving relationship, will recognize Jesus as the One who reveals God to us, even if the message is challenging. For any speech to be understood and accepted, there has to be an audience, and that audience has to hear, understand, and be able to accept what is being said. Jesus makes the point that if we know God, as he does, we will see and understand that, just as God fed the people in the desert, God feeds us and sustains us with the Bread of Life, the Eucharist, which is Christ the Lord. He is not only the speaker, but the word and the message as well. This Bread is the gift of a loving and faithful God **who gave us life and sustains it.**

World Library Publications

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



This Feast on Saturday, August 15th is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Therefore, there will be **no** morning Mass to commemorate this Feast at St. Albert's.

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 1st and August 2nd

Adult	3,448.00
Youth	36.80
Plate	627.07

Weekly Stewardship Update

Weekly Need	5,915.00
Last Week	4,112.00
Need To Date	29,575.00
Year To Date (Adult Envelopes/Plate)	21,086.00
Year To Date (Special Gifts)	0.00

Mission Statement

As the heart of Albertville for over 100 years, we are a vibrant parish in communion with the universal Roman Catholic Church. Our Mission is to:

- †Provide the faithful with a knowledge and love for their faith so that they freely live it and confidently share it.
- †Be the strengthening presence of Christ to each other.
- †Celebrate the Mass in such a way to inspire full participation.
- †Foster personal conversion to Christ through opportunities for communal and individual devotions.
- †Reach out to those in need of physical, emotional and spiritual help.
- †Re-awaken in the faithful the call to all vocations-including Christian Marriage, the ministerial priesthood, the consecrated life, and single life.

Revelations Bible Studies Begin in September

Come join us as we will be starting new Bible Study groups. You can join this study even if you have not participated in studies in the past. Weekend and weekday groups will be forming. More details will be forthcoming.

Prayer to St. Anthony

A pair of Hearing Aids were found after the recent Blood Drive. Contact Rita @ 497-2474 if you are the owner. Your prayers has been answered.



God is going to switch things around for you today and let things work in your favor.

—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

“ Representative Chris Smith, R-N.J., author of a 2005 law authorizing 265 million in federal research funds for adult stem cells from cord blood and bone marrow, asked in a statement: “Why does the president persist in the dehumanizing of nascent human life when better alternatives exist? On both ethics grounds and efficacy grounds non-embryonic-destroying stem-cell research is the present and future of regenerative medicine—and the only responsible way forward.”



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For those tempted to choose death as a solution to end of life problems:

We Pray to the Lord

Natural Family Planning

If you are looking for information regarding NFP, visit this website: www.omsoul.com NFP doctors and resources are listed on the website. Dr. April Lind, MD, *NFP Doctor only*, is located in Maple Grove. If you would like schedule an appointment. with her, please inform the scheduler you are an NFP User. Dr. Lind can be contacted @ 952- 993-1440.

Senior Citizens Rationing Health Care Everyone Please Be Aware!!

A \$500 billion cut to Medicare in planned. Slipped into the bill would be **denying seniors and the disabled lifesaving care.** Please contact your congressperson and let them know that healthcare coverage is from beginning of biological development to natural death.

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EWTN Television Specials

Poor Clare Nuns:—A Life For God—Tuesday, August 11th @ **2:00am** and **5:30pm**. An inside look at the thousands of nuns who, today, still follow the ways of St. Clare, spending their lives in prayer and sacrifice behind convent walls.

Duration: 30 minutes

Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne:—Thursday, August 6th @ **2:00am**. This documentary explores the work of Rose Hawthorne providing care for those with terminal cancer.

Duration: 30 minutes

Sharing and Caring Hands

A noon meal will be served **THIS Tuesday, August 11th**. We are seeking volunteers to prepare the food that morning and to help serve the meal. We are in need of donations of bars and cookies. If you can volunteer to come with, call Dave Plude @ 763-493-5034 or Jeanne Vetsch @ 497-2891.

Total Lifelong Catechesis
(TLC) 2008-2009



Catholic Vacation Bible School

MARVELOUS MYSTERY

The Mass Comes Alive

Vacation Bible School starts **this Sunday, August 9th** at 5:30pm. The theme for this year's Catholic Vacation Bible School is **Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive!** VBS is jam-packed with great songs, crafts and fun activities for kids to help them grow in their Catholic faith. The overall goals of this week-long program are to help the children better understand the Catholic Mass and deepen their love for Jesus in the Eucharist. Please pray for all those participating and volunteering in this year's event. Any questions, please call Jean Wold at 497-3782.

Thank You for Donations!

We would like to thank all of you that donated to the **Giving Tree** that supports this year's Catholic Vacation Bible School. May God bless you for your generosity.

Registration to Begin Soon for 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 at 497-3782.

Thank you Summer Stretchers

Here are a few comments from our parishioners.

"Thank you for cleaning my car, windows and my garage. I'm glad you enjoyed the farm. I had fun too!"

Barb Berning

"A big Thank you to Lori and the boys for helping me with my landscaping, firewood and windows."

Dennis Beaudry

There could be no **Great** ones,

where there are no **Little** ones.

Thank you to all those teen leaders, adults and jr. highers who helped/participated in the Summer Stretch Program. May God bless you throughout the summer. Hope to see you in the fall!

A Vocation View


To taste and see the goodness of the Lord means to be drawn closer to God. "Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that He loves, and follow Christ by loving as He loved you." Be a presence of God's love in the world today. Do what you can to bring to life God's love.

ARE YOU AWARE OF THIS? PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ

Congressional majority wants to pay for its \$1 trillion to \$1.6 trillion health bills with new taxes and a \$500 billion cut to Medicare. This cut will come just as baby boomers turn 65 and increase Medicare enrollment by 30%. Less money and more patients will necessitate rationing. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that only 1% of Medicare cuts will come from eliminating fraud, waste and abuse.

The **assault against seniors** began with the stimulus package in February. Slipped into the bill was substantial funding for comparative effectiveness research, which is generally code for limiting care based on the patient's age. Economists are familiar with the formula, where the cost of a treatment is divided by the number of years (called QALYs, or quality-adjusted life years) that the patient is likely to benefit. This would lead to **denying seniors and the disabled lifesaving care**. While the House bill being pushed by the president reduces access to cures and specialists, it ensures that **seniors are counseled on end-of-life options**.

Please contact your congressperson and let them know that any healthcare reform needs to include healthcare coverage for all from the **beginning of biological development to natural death** and **should not** include rationing of care to seniors and the disabled. You can either call or e-mail them as follows: Rep. Michele Bachmann 651-731-5400, <http://bachmann.house.gov>; Sen Amy Klobuchar 612-727-5220, <http://klobuchar.senate.gov>; Sen. Al Franken 202-224-5641 info@franken.senate.gov.

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

Bernice Vetsch, Adeline Barthel, Florian Piehowski, Lu Ann Holcombe (daughter of Darlene and Gordon Donais), Bernie Roden, 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), The Family of Valeria Kolles, Donald Barthel, The Family of Tony Lindenfelser 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)

