February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Thursday
8:15am (in person & live stream)
  Friday
9:00am - (live stream only)
Saturday Vigil
4:00pm (in person & live stream)
Sunday
7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am
  (in person & live stream)
Prayer and Devotion at 6:00pm
  (live stream daily)
Available on the website
Stations of the Cross
Prayer Intentions
Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
Reaching Out
Pastor Viewpoint

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday:  February 8
  8:15am    Flora Abilay
Tuesday:  February 9
  8:15am    The McNab Family
Wednesday:  February 10
  St. Scholastica
  8:15am    Walter & Maryellen Krowka
Thursday:  February 11
  8:15am    John V. Barbo
Friday:  February 12
  9:00am    Those Remembered in
  the Memorial Fund
  (LIVE STREAM ONLY)
Saturday:  February 13
  4:00pm    Steve & Margie Sabol
Sunday:  February 14
  7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am
  People of St. Albert the Great
  Robert Tindal
  11:30am    Significant Wedding
  Anniversaries

Readings for February 14
1st Reading  Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
2nd Reading  1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1
Gospel       Mark 1:40-45
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Masses Live-Streamed
Masses will be live-streamed on facebook.com/StAlberttheGreatparish  
Or go to www.saint-albert.org  
Monday-Thursday at 8:15am (in-person & live-stream)  
Friday at 9:00am (live-stream only)  
Saturday at 4:00pm (in-person & live-stream)  
Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am (in-person & live-stream)  
Masses can be viewed anytime.  
We will keep you updated via Facebook, email, and website.  
Thank you and God Bless  

Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen  

A Perfect Act of Contrition
Father of mercy, like the prodigal son I return to you and say: "I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child." Christ Jesus, Savior of the world, I pray with the repentant thief to whom you promised Paradise: "Lord, remember me in your kingdom." Holy Spirit, fountain of love, I call on you with trust: "Purify my heart, and help me to walk as a child of light."  

Our Parish Mission Statement
We the people of St. Albert the Great Roman Catholic parish are called to be a community of believers, rooted in the love of God, inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, and centered in the Eucharist. Through our stewardship of God’s gifts, we welcome all people, support family life, engage in life-long faith formation, and reach out to others in love and compassion.
Dear St. Albert Family,

On the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we enter into the depth of winter in this part of the world. Considering the pandemic and social distance, this bitter cold weather just gives us another reason to stay home and save. However, that withdrawal from contact with the outside world can feed into the devil’s plan to separate us from the ones we love. The Gospel today encourages us to imitate Jesus in pushing forward so “that the Gospel might be proclaimed” everywhere. Due to our circumstances, we might be tempted to turn in on ourselves and forget about our mission to the world. Let’s use our faith and ingenuity to continue reaching out and connecting with those we love, offering them a word of love from God!

Next weekend the church celebrates World Marriage Day. We have invited all of our “Milestone Anniversaries”(5,10,20,25,etc) to join us at church or on-line for a special renewal of their promises. Please encourage your loved ones with an anniversary to join us for these special prayers.

Our Building Faith Project is moving along well. The project is on schedule and on budget as we have moved to the 60% completion mark. Our master plan subcommittee has been working on the interior finishes, with a plan on a June 15th “move in” date. Those plans also concern the packing up and the dismantling of the former parish offices. The new office space is going to be welcomed by our 13 staff members and dozens of parishioners who have been working in very cramped and inaccessible quarters for many years. Thanks to our hundreds of parishioners who have so faithfully support, our Building Faith Campaign, making all of this new life possible.

Please don’t forget to sign up for “Book Club” with Fr. Joshua and me (beginning the week of February 24th) AND Church@Home (beginning the week of March 7th). They are both ways to break out of the “quarantine” imposed by the pandemic and this wintry weather.

Peace,

“Reaching Out” to Our Parishioners

If you need assistance in any way from our staff or a parishioner friend, for example; groceries, or medications to be picked up, please call the parish office at 440-237-6760.

Baptism Classes

Baptism classes will now be done using Zoom (video conferencing) at this time. If you would like to participate please email Deacon Ted at deaconted@saint-albert.org to sign up for a virtual class. The next class will be on Sunday, April 25th. Any questions, please call the parish office at 440-237-6760.

Mass Intentions for 2022

The 2022 Mass book will be available to schedule Mass intentions beginning on Wednesday, February 3rd. There is a limit of two Masses per year, per household. Please stop in the parish office between 9:00am-2:00pm, Monday thru Friday to schedule your Mass intentions, or you can call the parish office at 440-237-6760. Payment for Masses is due at the time of scheduling.

Prayer List

The following names are additions to the prayer list this week. Please pray for those sick in our parish.

Stephen Richnafsky
Tony DaFonseca

A prayer list is published on the first and third Sunday of the month.

Pray For Those Who Died

Fannie Beres

Sunday Collection

Sunday, January 31st $38,512.81
St. Albert parishioners are remarkably generous. Sharing a portion of our income with the Church is a sign that everything belongs to God and we dedicate our “first fruits” to the work of the Kingdom of Christ. Thank you so much for your faith and generosity.
February 7, 2021

Do You Pray?

I love this interpretation of a Prayer.

What is prayer? Prayer doesn’t only happen when we kneel or put our hands together and focus and expect things from God. Thinking positive and wishing good for others is a prayer. When you hug a friend. That’s a prayer. When you cook something to nourish family and friends. That’s a prayer. When we send off our near and dear ones and say, ‘drive safely’ or ‘be safe’. That’s a prayer. When you are helping someone in need by giving your time and energy. That’s a prayer. When you forgive someone, that is a prayer. A thought. Prayer is the voice of love, friendship, genuine relationships. Prayer is an expression of your silent being. Keep praying always...

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday’s during Lent at 3:00PM

During Lent we are resuming Confessions on Saturday afternoons 3:00pm-3:30pm in the church. Please be aware that we are asking people to wear face masks inside the Church. We ask that you sanitize your hands before you enter the confessional and when you exit the confessional. When you come to church to go to confession we ask that you do not sit down or touch anything until you go to confession. Then leave immediately after confession unless you plan on attending Mass, then sit in the assigned areas.

You will be able to go behind a screen or face to face through Plexiglas.

Ash Wednesday Schedule—February 17, 2021

8:15am and 7:00pm Mass with Ashes Distributed at the Conclusion. In-Person and live-stream.

5:00pm– Procession for ashes only (enter the church through the Chandelier entrance, process forward for ashes, exit Wallings Road door).

Events Happening this Lent Season 2021

1. Our theme this year for Lent is “Building Faith Through Prayer”. We are going to use the parish book “A Quiet Time” where we will be reading and reflecting upon this book as a parish community. You can go to our website or call the parish office to request a book.

2. One hour live book clubs for 5 weeks with Fr. Estok and Fr. Joshua. There will be one on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00pm and one on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning on February 24/26. You are invited to join them on ZOOM. You can register on our website for the book club, that way we can send you the link to join the live book club.

3. “Church@Home” in small groups for 3 sessions during Lent, starting on March 7th (the 3rd, 4th & 5th weeks of Lent). To register go to our website, click on Church@Home 2021 link and go to the registration form to sign up.

4. Through our Lenten Journey, starting on February 19th, will be Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm on Friday evenings. We will be presenting so they can be celebrated in person in church, along with virtually on our Facebook page or on our website.
PRE-CANA—ST. ALBERT THE GREAT
FEBRUARY 13, 2021
Pre-Cana Day for engaged couples will be held virtually on February 13, 2021. The program will begin at 11:00am and will conclude with 4:00pm Mass at St. Albert the Great Church. Please contact the parish office for registration and further details. Phone (440) 237-6760.

RCIA CANDIDATE—KRISTEN SHURTLEFF
My name is Kristen Shurtleff and I was baptized and raised Presbyterian. My fiancé, Jonathan Capadona, and I will be married by Father Estok at Saint Albert this summer. Jonathan and his family are active members of the church and have played a pivotal role in my desire to explore Catholicism. I am excited to have a greater relationship with God and build a family with a foundation of faith in the Catholic church.

2021 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL
Love Your Neighbor. Many parishioners received letters in January, inviting their support of the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. Please pray for the good work of Catholic Charities and make a pledge today. Your donation makes a difference. Your support of the 2021 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will help us serve those individuals who are most in need and most vulnerable. From Matthew’s Gospel: Whatever you did for the least of these, you did it for me. When we feed the hungry, take care of the sick, and welcome the stranger, we are also serving Jesus himself.

We appreciate your donation and will take special care to use it wisely in providing essential programs and services to people in need throughout the eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. We invite you to view stories of inspiration or to get more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2021Appeal.

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Amelia DeSciscio
Jo Dhayer
Cecilia Caroline Dietz
John Di Nunzio, Sr.
Lori Dodig
Ryan Dunn
Natalie Ebner
Baby Elizabeth
Baby Sloane Elliot
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Lisa Emery
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Karen Flanagan
Frank Flanik
Nancy Flick
Sharon Folga
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Annamae Fox
Joseph Fox
Jessica Freiburger
Bob Frey
Beverly Futo
Jerry Gentile
Sharon Gentile
Joan Gervasi
Doris Gibbons
Christine Giera
Jack Gilbert
Jean Gilbert
Emily Ghobryal
Dolores Glueck
Anthony Governale
Patricia Grant
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Marti Gross
Clementine Gruhl
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Sarah Jayjack

Holy, Kind and Giving
FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Meeting Place for Engaged Couples
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**ST ALBERT THE GREAT PARISH**  
**Church@Home**  
**Lent 2021 Series**

Meet once per week for 3 weeks!  
Gather for Week 1: (3rd SUN Lent) Feb 28-Mar 6  
Gather for Week 2: (4th SUN Lent) Mar 7-13  
Gather for Week 3: (5th SUN Lent) Mar 14-20

Please note preferences you may have when selecting a small conversation group  
◊ People my age/similar stage of life  
◊ Be in a group with (name) ______________  
◊ To experience a new C@H group this Lent.

If possible, what type of small conversation group are you looking for? Please circle  
Married Couples  Co-ed (single or married)  
Men only  Women only  
Other ________________________________

Name__________________________________  
Address  _______________________________  
City, State, Zip ___________________________  
Phone _________________________________  
Email Address ___________________________

If needed, would you be willing to serve as a Host? ____  
Facilitator? ____  
Gender M F Age _____

Circle all possible days of week for you to meet:  
Su – M – Tu – W – T – F – Sa

Circle all possible times of day for you to meet:  
Morning  Afternoon  Evening

How can you participate in this Lent’s C@H sessions? (check all that apply)  
◊ Via Zoom or Google Meeting  
◊ Phone call (audio only)

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**CHURCH @ HOME LENT**

This Lent, join us with our Church@Home series and encounter the love of God through our neighbors, friends and family members. We will share in our Lenten reflections within our small groups, but due to the continuing impact of the Coronavirus on our communities, our gatherings will, again, take place via social media only. You can choose your form of social media – online, through Zoom or Google Meet, and/or through a simple phone conversation. Groups can be based on the form of participation. Training sessions will be available to facilitators who wish to learn how to conference using Zoom.

You can complete the Church@Home invitation and either mail it to the parish office, or drop it in the Sunday collection basket or at the parish office. The invitation is also on our website. Click on the Church@Home logo to connect to the invitation.

Let’s continue to encounter Christ through our family and friends by sharing in this season with Church@Home! We pray that the Holy Spirit touches our hearts and that many people will experience Jesus in a special way during these days of our Lenten journey.

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**Called for More Survey**

Our parish is always looking to improve, to serve better, and most importantly to grow closer to God and one another. This past year has been challenging for all of us, but there have been many silver linings too. Together with the entire diocese of Cleveland we are asking you to participate in the Called for More Survey which will go live from February 17th to March 21st. This survey should take no longer than 15 minutes, and it will ask you a variety of questions about how the parish is doing, how your own spiritual life is going, and what you’d like to see happen in the future. For more information please contact Fr. Joshua at the parish office, or email frjt@saint-albert.org.

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**The Little Black Book for Lent**

Grow closer to the Lord during Lent and Easter with six-minute meditations on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. Cost is $1.00. They are available at the Wallings Road entrance and the Parish Office.
Nursing Home Blessings Bag Ministry

Valentine’s Day cheer!

Help us provide some Valentine’s Day cheer to residents of area nursing homes. We will be collecting Valentine’s Blessing Bags on February 6th and 7th for residents of multiple nursing homes in our area.

If you would like to participate, we would ask for the gift bag to contain the following items:

1. Candy (hard candy and/or chocolate).
2. (3) individual snack size bags of chips, crackers and/or cookies.
3. Blank note cards that the residents can use for notes to others.
4. A personalized Valentine card either store purchased or homemade.
5. A size appropriate gift bag to hold the Valentine “cheer” contents.

Blessing Bags can be delivered and placed in the white parish van that will be in a visible spot in the rectory parking lot. The van will have a Blessings Bag sign on it. The collection date will be February 6th and 7th, 7:00am till 8:00pm.

Any questions, contact Linda Whapham, lwhapham@att.net, 440/237-2565; or Denise Bobulsky, dbobulsky@saint-albert.org, 440/237-6760.

North Royalton Produce Market

The North Royalton Market is a cooperative effort of the Greater Cleveland Foodbank and partner agency St. Albert the Great, along with the city of North Royalton and Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church.

The next Market pick up will be on Saturday, February 13th from 2:00pm – 3:30pm at Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church, 11680 Royalton Road. The produce market is specifically geared towards serving the senior citizen population within our community; however, anyone who meets the income guidelines determined by the Federal Government Poverty guidelines may receive fresh produce from the market. Volunteers will staff the farmers market style produce stands, and assist shoppers with their choices.
FISH FRY 2021 HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

Since the Lenten season is quickly approaching and the COVID situation is still very fluid, we have sadly decided to cancel the 2021 Fish Fry season. The Fish Fry provided our parish with a couple of outstanding benefits.

Our Justice and Compassion ministries, and more specifically, Feeding the Hungry, benefit from the proceeds of the Fish Fry. Our Feeding the Hungry ministry is on track to providing and serving around 18,000 meals this year. Fortunately, due to our relationship with the Greater Cleveland Foodbank, we can provide a nutritious meal for less than $1. A consideration of alms giving this Lenten season to Feeding the Hungry would gladly be appreciated.

If you have any questions, contact Denise Bobulsky at 440-237-6760 or dbobulsky@saint-albert.org.

"Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth, and your heart for love.”

Author unknown

Welcome Registration,
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH WITH ZOOM

St. Albert the Great Parish Registration for New Parishioners will be held on Sunday, February 14th at 10:30am. This informational meeting will be held through ZOOM (virtual conferencing). You will meet with Fr. Estok, our pastor, to complete the registration process and learn more about our parish life. If you would like to register for the Welcome Registration, please email Lynette at rectory@saint-albert.org or call the parish office at 440-237-6760. We, as a community, look forward to welcoming you to our parish.
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February 14, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Preparing for Next Sunday’s Mass
Parish LinC Letter

Step 1
Read the following Scripture passage paying attention to a word, phrase, or idea that stands out to you:

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.” The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Step 2
Make Use of One of These Communion Connections:

In today’s Gospel, a leper approaches Jesus, kneeling before him, begging to be made clean. In ancient times, a person suffering from leprosy was considered accursed by God. Moreover, this disfigured person was treated as an outcast within the community; any contact with a leper would render the one unclean (Lev. 13). Yet, at the leper’s plea, Jesus looked at him with compassion and realized the vulnerable human condition within, and responded, not separating himself from, but embracing the humanity of the leper with empathy. And Jesus touched the man; and he was healed.

Because of “the fall”, we are all “disfigured” by sin. We too, need to approach Jesus, pleading, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” The leper, in his great faith, came to Jesus to be healed, even knowing of his own unworthiness. Are we able to do the same? Jesus overcomes our sins. His holiness is invincible. No defilement can diminish him. Rather, he removes the defilement from whoever approaches him in faith. Let us live this great faith!

So as we come to the altar of the Lord, before receiving his Sacred Body and Blood, let us approach him with the same bold faith as the leper: “Lord, I am not worthy! But only say the word, and my soul will be healed.”

Step 3
Consider and Discuss these 3 Questions:

Considering your life today....

1. What in this reading comforted you?
2. What in this reading encouraged you?
3. What in this reading challenged you?

For further contemplation....

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Step 4
conclude by praying our “Parish Communion Prayer”

O Communion of Love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, embrace us as your children in this family of faith. Welcome us to a place at your table in the wedding feast of heaven. O Father of Mercy, forgive us as we forgive. Reconcile us as one Body in Christ and make us instruments of your Peace. O Spirit of Fire and Light, send us as your witnesses in daily life. Through our prayer, faith, and good works may we become welcoming doorways, inviting others to enter and encounter your Holy Communion of Love.

We make this prayer, Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and through Christ our Lord. Amen