

JULY 18, 2021

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Church of

ST. ALBERT *the* GREAT

*Since 1935, a welcoming, caring Catholic Community of Faith
on E. 29th Street at 32nd Avenue. S. in Minneapolis, Minnesota*

PARISH OFFICE:

2836 33rd Ave. S.
Minneapolis MN 55406

612-724-3643

FAX 612-722-9726

Email: info@saintalbertthegreat.org

Office staffed T, W and Th, as we are able.

We continue to offer three masses each week to enable people to attend while maintaining appropriate social distancing. The Sunday 9:30 am mass continues to be live streamed on our Facebook page. We are also offering a Saturday 5:00 pm mass and a Sunday 12:00 pm (noon) mass.

Although state capacity restrictions have been lifted, we must still maintain six feet of physical distancing between groups, which means that our attendance is still limited. The 9:30 mass is the most popular. When your schedule allows, please consider attending one of the other two services.

Attendance at mass is still NOT required. Please make choices that keep you and the community safe.

Fr. Joe and the staff hold you all in our prayers, and ask that you pray for us and for all the essential workers who are striving to keep things running.

We support the quality, faith-based K-8 education at

Risen Christ Catholic School

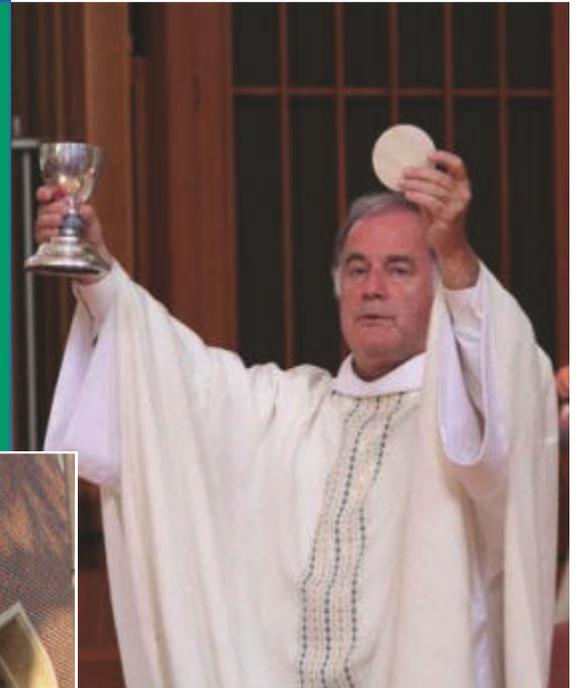
1120 E. 37th St. in Minneapolis.
612-822-5329

Call the Parish Center
at 612-724-3643
to learn more about this
special ministry of sharing
God's caring presence.



www.saintalbertthegreat.org

“Jesus... has
broken down the
dividing wall
that is the hostility
between us.”



Say YES to
love and peace.
Amen! Alleluia!



This week at St. Albert's(masses and intentions are in **BOLD** type)**Saturday, July 17**5:00 pm mass **Patrick Walsh †****Sunday, July 18**9:30 am mass **Felix and Robert Fettig ††***CHANGE: Coffee & cookies in front of the church after mass, rather than by the Gazebo.*12:00 pm mass **Edward Bohaty †**

2:00 pm Jazz Concert with vocalist Connie Evingson – \$20 at the door

Monday, July 198:15 am **Arnold Nelson † and Jack Barta****Tuesday, July 20 – Marie Nelson †, Ray Rompa †****Wednesday, July 21**

5:15 pm Bingo Bus at Trinity Apartments

6:00 to 9:00 pm **BINGO-RAMA** in the Social Hall, including the Bingo Café, open at 5:30 pm**Thursday, July 22**8:15 am mass – **Dolores Nelson †**

12:00 to 3:00 pm Crafters in the Social Hall

Friday, July 238:15 am mass **Mary Boisvert †****Saturday, July 24**5:00 pm mass **Spencer Nelson****Sunday, July 25**9:30 am mass **Shannon Minter †**12:00 pm mass **Kevin Murphy †****In our prayers**

We remember those who need healing, including Michael Callaghan, Ben Wilkie, Bill Bowen, Dick Martin, Mary Iffert, Jessica Arvold Bainbridge, Joan Ellison, Curt Huovie, and Ann-Marie Christiansen.

Please add a prayer for those who have died, including Jack Suckov and Baby Girl Walstrom.

Due to HIPAA privacy standards, hospitals and care centers cannot notify us of your need for our prayers or visits unless you direct them to call.

If you or someone you know would like to be included in our prayers, or have the Sacrament of the Sick, or communion brought to you, please let the office know at 612-724-3643. Messages are checked regularly.

To request that the Eucharist be brought to you at your home, please contact Fr. Joe at 612-245-3345, or Jim Curran at 612-483-1546. Volunteers will mask and safely deliver communion to you.

THE NEW NORMAL

- * **We will continue to offer three Masses** each weekend for as long as the Sunday noon mass remains popular/practical. We also continue to livestream the 9:30 AM liturgy.
- * **The general dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation has been lifted.** The dispensation remains available to people at high risk of developing serious illness and for people who care for such individuals. Anyone with symptoms or recent exposure to COVID-19 must still remain at home for the safety of all.
- * **Morning masses in the chapel have resumed at 8:15 am, with the rosary at 8:00 am.** As in the pre-pandemic past, weekday masses will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The East door off the back parking lot will be open for weekday masses, along with the elevator entrance.
- * **Use of the front center church doors continues to be encouraged for weekend masses, along with the elevator entrance.**
- * **There are no seating restrictions.** Please respect the desires of those who wish to maintain some physical separation. Feel free to use the hand sanitizer, which will be available for the foreseeable future.
- * **Masks are no longer required** although of course they are still encouraged for the unvaccinated. We do have disposable masks available.
- * **Full singing resumes on the Feast of St. Dominic, August 7/8.** The hymnals are back in the pews.
- * **Give the Sign of Peace** to those near you in ways others appear comfortable with.

“I am your servant, Lord.”

Would you like deeper involvement in the mass? To understand why Catholics do what we do during the celebration? In September, we'll offer training for the important role of altar server. It's open for 4th graders through adults. (Adults who could be available to serve daytime funerals are especially welcome, and there are a couple of additional tasks for funeral servers.) Give some thought to whether you or your children feel called to help in the liturgy, and watch for the announcement of training dates. If you have questions, contact Janelle or Fr. Joe.

Are you on the “Friday Blast” list?

During the Covid-19 quarantine, the parish began a weekly email on Fridays with attachments of the weekly Bulletin and the weekend's scripture readings. We use it as well for updates on news that may have occurred since the Bulletin's Wednesday printing, as well as poems and other inspirational messages.

We began by using all the email addresses we have on file. If you don't receive “The Blast” and would like to, please email Erin at e.sim@saintalbertthegreat.org. (As with the Bulletin itself, the Blast will remain one of Erin's tasks as she steps back to being part-time at St. Albert's.)

“Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth.”

Having participated in multiple funerals during the last three weeks, I found myself at a funeral luncheon sitting next to a grandfather holding his seven-month old grandson. The little child reached out to me and held my hand. No fear in his beautiful blue eyes and not a tooth in his mouth, he smiled and giggled. He quickly drew me into his innocence and his total disregard for death. “What a relief,” I thought.

When Brendan’s grandfather got up to get a cup of coffee, he handed him to me. Nestling into my arms, Brendan continued to smile and did not seem to notice the tears running down my face. I had seen so much death in the last few weeks that I was startled by this joyful invitation to life. Having just buried his ninety-one-year-old great grandmother, I entered an awareness of the preciousness of the life I held in my arms and the fragility of a life I had just buried.

By some standards, “life is short” and the advice of Caribou Coffee manufacturers is “Stay awake for it.” I had to laugh when I thought of an appendage that someone added to the slogan: “Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth.” Looking down at Brendan I thought, “You don’t have a tooth in your head or a care in the world and you are the happiest of all creatures.” I thought of a quaint old Irish Blessing: “May your worries be as far apart and as few as your grandmother’s teeth.” Rediscovering laughter amid grief came easily to Brendan’s family who, despite the circumstances of death, clearly opted for a joyful commitment to life and the practicality of change. Breast-feeding was not an option for me, but Brendan’s mother came to the rescue and, having compassion, whisked him away offering him the milk of human kindness, a diaper change and the promise of tomorrow.

The gospel reading for today, Mark 6:30-34, has parallel accounts in the gospels of Matthew 14:13-21 and Luke 9:10-16. All three gospels tell of the disciples’ return from their first healing mission and their eagerness to share their experiences with Jesus. Jesus, aware of their enthusiasm and exhaustion, said to them: “*Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest awhile.*” The invitation to “rest awhile” prefigured Jesus’ compassion for the large crowds who often followed him. On their way to a quiet place, Jesus and his disciples were met by the crowds eager to hear Jesus preach and heal their sick. Implementing plan B, Jesus “*had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.*”

Recognizing the predicament of nightfall and a hungry crowd, Jesus extended hospitality to the crowd and told the disciples to “*Give them something to eat.*” The practicality of feeding five thousand men, plus the women and children, was a logistic nightmare for the disciples who, in their frustration, turned to Jesus and said: “*Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?*” Sensing the impossibility of his disciples’ solution to the problem, Jesus scrounged up five loaves of bread and two fish, blessed the bread and fish and had the disciples deliver the meal to the hungry crowd. It is essential to note that Jesus insisted that the disciples feed the crowd despite their skepticism.

The miracle of the loaves and fishes is found in the gospel of John (6:1-15), as well. All four gospel accounts conclude with, “*All ate and were satisfied. And after the meal, the disciples picked up twelve baskets full of broken pieces of bread and fish.*” The involvement of the disciples feeding the crowd could be construed as an active participation in preparing feeding the hungry and a foreshadowing of the Eucharist. In the Synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the “Last Supper” would be the official place for the institution of the Eucharist. However, in the gospel of John, Jesus added the dimension of washing the feet of the

disciples as an indication that the Eucharist should lead to a life of service for others. While the message of repentance and forgiveness was at the very heart of the Eucharist, the invitation to a life of service was inescapable.

In the early Christian community, the Eucharist was not a one-man-show, but rather a kind of “pot-luck” affair where members of the community gathered to eat and drink and to proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:17-34). The communal aspect of the gathering seemed to imply that all were responsible for the blessing of the bread and wine. The recognition of the presence of the risen Christ was more easily understood in the actual gathering of the community of faith rather than in the blessing of the bread and wine. The theological doctrine of transubstantiation was developed in the 12th century and was an attempt at safeguarding the literal truth of Christ’s presence in the gathering celebrating the Eucharist. The evolution of the mass was contingent upon the organization of the community of faith, the respect shown to one another and the belief in the Real Presence. The ecumenical implication of this understanding offers hope, even amid the cynicism of competing partisan agendas and self-serving power plays of exclusion.

Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians (2:13-18) offers hope in abolishing the dividing walls of various religious communities. Paul claims that “*Jesus is our peace; in his flesh he has made both Jews and Gentiles into one and has broken down the dividing wall that is the hostility between us.*” Christ would embody the source of unity in his death and resurrection and ridding the world of the hostilities that previously divided humankind. Jesus would make real the metaphor of “one shepherd, one flock.” Finding this sense of “oneness” in the Eucharist would be ideal and finding an open invitation to the table would give credence to Jesus’ feeding of the five thousand without having to check out if all were worthy of being fed. Unfortunately, Christian communities are good at creating “border control” and maintaining theological barriers to feeding one another. Rash judgement and finger pointing have, unfortunately, become the norm in clerical circles.

Indeed, life is short, so stay awake for it and smile while you still have teeth! Finding a way to maintain a sense of humor amid glum bouts of hierarchical clericalism and political uncertainties is no easy feat. To fight the edge of despair, we must find reasons for hope that are within us. Perhaps, in the rediscovery of a sense of faith filled with humor, we might find the basis for erasing some of the stoic safeguards of perceived dignity in both religious and political institutions.

A bulletin announcement in front of a local church read: “Don’t let worry or stress kill you. Let the Church help.” Unintended humor might be the best remedy for any institution in need of salvation. Jesus, knowing that life is short, invited his disciples to “come and rest awhile.” We need to rest from the insane stresses, especially in this time of the pandemic, and to rediscover the calming presence of Jesus. Finding relationships and communities that nourish our well-being will provide invitations to faith, hope and love. The smiling faces of children will offset the limitations of life and provide an appropriate antidote to the toxic naysayers of life. Indeed, life is short, so try to stay awake for it.

Peace,

Fr. Joe Gillespie, O.P.

Bradshaw
Creating Meaningful Events That Celebrate Life®
Proud to be family owned and operated
Our Proud Heritage • McDivitt-Hauge

Bradshaw Funeral & Cremation Services
Funerals • Cremation • PrePlanSM • Grief Resource Service
3131 Minnehaha Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406
(612) 724-3621 • Visit our website: www.bradshawfuneral.com

Free Landscape Design Consultation
612-710-7211
Info@arvoldlandscaping.com
www.arvoldlandscaping.com



YOUR REALTY
Frank Bielinski
(612) 782-9168
Julie Bielinski Janssen
(651) 491-1384
www.yourrealty.org

Henry W. Anderson Mortuary
Whether starting a new tradition or keepin old ones
3640 23rd Ave South • 612-729-2331

Edina Realty **BUYING OR SELLING**
Bruce A. Hendrickson, CRS, CBR
Professional Real Estate Services
5318 Lyndale Ave. So.
Dir: 612.821.4215 • Cell: 612.750.2136
brucehendrickson@edinarealty.com
BruceHendrickson.com



Memory Lanes
even with dementia. In Minneapolis, MN
phone: 612-721-6211
keith@memorylanesmpls.com

RE T CEMENT
CEMENT WORK OF ALL TYPES • FREE ESTIMATES
RandTCement@yahoo.com
Hugo 612-721-5291

Edina Realty **MICHAEL TIERNEY**
Parishioner
Real Estate Agent
An Irishman on your home team.
(612) 385-4359
michaeltierney@edinarealty.com



RESTAURANT El Norteño
MARKET AND DELI
Authentic Mexican Cuisine
Open Mon-Sat 10am to 9pm • Closed on Sunday
4000 E. Lake St. • 612-722-6888

Risen Christ CATHOLIC SCHOOL
1120 East 37th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55407
612-822-5329
NOW ENROLLING FOR 2021-2022!
www.risenchristschool.org




Sushi Tempura Noodles Beer Wine Saké
Midori's
2629 East Lake St. • 612-721-3011
www.floatingworldcafe.com

STOP LIVING WITH PROPERTY DAMAGE
Call 651-269-5157
John Kieser
Public Claims Adjuster
Kieser4@gmail.com



Home Medical Equipment
APA
medical equipment
Since 1970
3115 E 38TH STREET
MPLS MN 55406
612-722-9000 Main
Web: apamedical.com
Call for a Free Product Catalog
Ramps, Lift chairs, Home Delivery
Incontinence, Safety Bars Installed

RIVER LAKE CLINIC
• Family Eyecare
• Eye Injuries
• Optical, Designer Frames
• Treatment of Eye Disease
Evening Appointments Available
4323 E. Lake Street
722-1003 Riverlakeclinic.com

Edina Realty **MICHAEL TIERNEY**
Parishioner
Real Estate Agent
An Irishman on your home team.
(612) 385-4359
michaeltierney@edinarealty.com

MINNEHAHA SENIOR LIVING
PROVIDENCE PLACE
SKILLED NURSING • REHABILITATION
"A Campus for all Care Levels"
612-238-2702

INDUSTRIAL BARBER SHOP
CALL FOR APPT.
612-702-6770
Never Doubt Your Goodness!

800-447-1846 | 612-724-3606
www.soderbergsflorist.com
St. Albert Parishioners receive 30% discount on all in-store purchases
A REAL Mpls neighborhood florist, you have been able to trust since 1924.

Soderberg's Floral & Gift

WE'RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES
BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.
• Work-Life Balance • Paid Training
• Full-Time with Benefits • Some Travel
• Serve Your Community
Contact us at: careers@4lpi.com | www.4lpi.com/careers



AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!
ADVERTISE HERE NOW!
Contact **Jim Byrne** to place an ad today!
jbyrne@4LPi.com or
(800) 950-9952 x2596

\$1.00 OFF WITH AD
3352 Minnehaha Ave. S Mpls
MINNEHAHA SCOOP
612-729-5205
www.bigbellicecream.com



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

We've Missed You!
Welcome Back to Mass
Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are
by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!
www.ParishesOnline.com



Precision Tune Auto Care
"Thanks For Putting Your Trust In Us."
612-721-3303
3232 E. Lake St.

UPTOWN CHAPEL
2301 Dupont Avenue S
612.377.2203
NOKOMIS PARK CHAPEL
1838 E Minnehaha Parkway
612.721.1651

Washburn-McReavy
washburn-mcreavy.com
Funeral Chapels, Cemeteries and Cremation Services