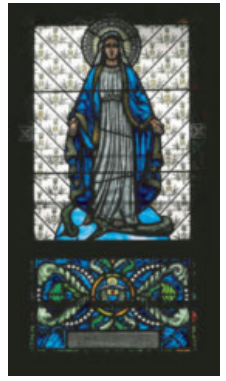




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St Albert Church W Stewartstown

Masses—Friday: 8AM, Sat: 4:30PM
Sun: 8AM (Columbus Day to Memorial Day)

St Brendan Church Colebrook

Masses—Thur: 8AM,
Sun: 10AM

St Pius X Church Errol

Masses—Sun: 8AM (Chapel open
Memorial Day to Columbus Day)



4th Sunday of Lent — March 27th, 2022

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office for an
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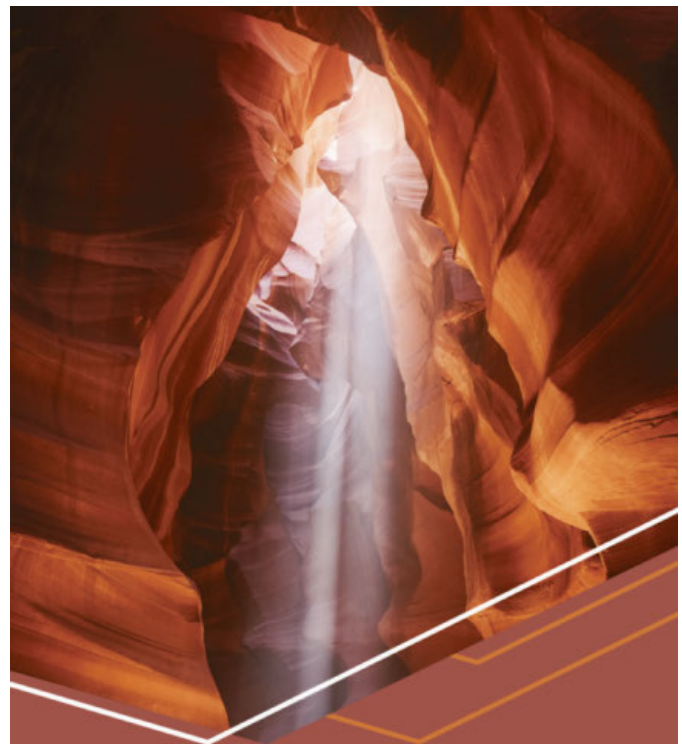
Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office 6
months prior to your tentative date.

Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM at St. Albert
Church or by appointment.



New Parishioners:

If you attend North American Martyrs Parish regularly & consider us your parish, please take a moment to register with us by calling the Parish Office as soon as possible.



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

ST. ALBERT



Sat., Mar. 26th 4:30PM
Pauline Rodrigue Req by Gaston Rodrigue
The deceased of the Rodrigue, Lereche & Cloutier Families Req by Denis & Michelle Rodrigue

Sun., Mar. 27th 8:00AM
All Souls remembered on All Souls Day

Fri., Apr. 1st 8:00AM
All Souls remembered on All Souls Day

Sat., Apr. 2nd 4:30PM
Colleen Gorman Req by the Ray Gorman Family

Sun., Apr. 3rd 8:00AM
Eusebe Madore Req by the Family

ST. BRENDAN

Sun., Mar. 27th 10:00AM
Lillian Clancy Req by Phil Gage
Real Madore Req by J.C. & Celine Madore

Thu., Mar. 30th 8:00AM
All Souls remembered on All Souls Day

Sun., Apr. 3rd 10:00AM
Gerard Robitaille Req by Viola I. Robitaille (20th Ann.)

COOS NURSING HOME

Wed., Mar.30th 9:30AM
All Souls remembered on All Souls Day

Pope Francis asks for prayers for a special monthly intention. March is for:

Christian response to Bioethical Challenges

“We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.”

<u>Financial Report</u>	3/20/2022
Offertory	\$2783.00
60/40 Fundraiser	35.00
Membership Club	100.00
Fuel Funds	3100.00
Food Pantry	50.00
<i>Thank you for your support of our parish!</i>	

60/40 WINNER:
(St. Albert’s Church) Congratulations to
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Please consider participating in our weekly Parish 60/40 Booster Club. Envelopes are available at the Church entrances. Put a DOLLAR in the envelope, fill out the front with your name & address and drop it in the weekly collection. Weekly winner will be mailed a check for their 40% winnings.

Sanctuary Lamp

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For the Intentions of the Parishioners
St. Brendan Church
For the Intentions of the Parishioners

The Annual Membership Club (\$100 yr) - pick up & fill out an envelope in the back of the Church & drop in the collection. Payable as one lump sum or 10 monthly payments of \$10. Drawing in Dec..
Start yours today!

Eucharistic Adoration

Monthly, 8:30AM First Friday at St Albert Parish



The Rosary is prayed a 1/2 hour before each weekend Mass at St. Albert (SA) &

St. Brendan (SB) Churches. All are welcome to join.

Upcoming Rosary Schedule

May 5 6PM	SA	National Day of Prayer (20 decade) – Theme “Exalt the Lord who has Established Us”
May 13 7PM	SB	Our Lady of Fatima

Catholic Women’s Club

For information about the Women's Club please call
Diane Little (603-237-8062).

Please join us for Lectio Divina

Every Wed. 6-7pm. We pray, read & discuss the upcoming readings for the next Sunday.
Link: us02web.zoom.us Select—’JOIN A MEETING’ -
Meeting ID: 865 5109 7328 Password: 156599

You will be surprised how Sunday’s readings come alive!

If you would like to be added to the reminder emails—please share you email with the parish office.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mo: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tu: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

We: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Th: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Fr: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Link for reading information as well as other pertinent Universal Church resources: <http://usccb.org/bible/readings>.

Observances for this week:

Su: 4th Sunday of Lent

Mo-Fr: Personal Observances

Sa: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Next Su: 5th Sunday of Lent

Question: What are the 7 Deadly Sins?

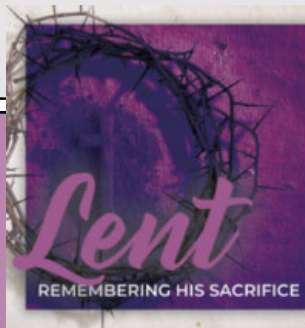
Answer: Pride, gluttony, sloth, lust, envy, anger, and greed.



CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice continues for the Easter Triduum. We meet Monday evenings at 6:30 PM. March 14, 21, 28, April 4 & the last one on April 11th. All rehearsals at St. Brendan's.

LIVE THE LITURGY - OUR WEEKLY INSPIRATION Have you ever given thought to the fact that you are an “ambassador for Christ?” An ambassador is an accredited diplomat and official representative. We are asked to be ambassadors for Christ and his message of reconciliation. Within each one of us is a prodigal son who realizes the need to return home, an elder brother who struggles with entitlement and self-pity, and a forgiving father who simply wants to celebrate love. Realizing that all of these things are operative in our hearts, we can bring credibility to God’s ministry of reconciliation. Genuine witnesses are those who not only recognize their need for wholeness, mercy, and forgiveness but also their tendency to be over self-focused and stubborn. Then, discovering freedom from all that binds them, they can then extend the love they have received to others. These ambassadors embody unity, mercy, and reconciliation and can look on others with deep compassion because they know what it is to walk in this message.



Sharing Your Faith— Vicar General and Chancellor

Question: I have seen the title of Vicar General and Chancellor used in our Catholic newspaper. Who are they and what do they do?

Answer: A bishop is in charge of a diocese and appoints people to help with its administration. Two of those positions are the Vicar General and the Chancellor. Both play a role in the life of a diocese, despite the many jokes priests may tell at their expense! A chancellor is the archivist of a diocese, charged with task of keeping the records of the diocese. Often a bishop may add other responsibilities and the chancellor may end up being like the executive director of the diocesan office. The chancellor does not need to be a priest.

The vicar general is a priest, appointed by the bishop and acts in the name of the bishop in administering the diocese. He has an advanced degree in canon law or theology. He also has executive authority within the diocese. This means that he is involved in the day-to-day pastoral and temporal administration of the diocese. Canon law does not allow a bishop to appoint a relative to the position, nor the priest in charge of the sacrament of penance. In both cases, the purpose of the law is to avoid conflicts of interest.

The Face on God’s Brochure



When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someone’s — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it’s a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.

Oftentimes, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That’s what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master’s business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that “the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come” (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

But it’s a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn’t go on to abandon him again.

So let us think to ourselves each day, “Whoever I encounter will meet Christ’s ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?” — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Men of St Joseph—any man from North American Martyrs is welcome to join our Men of St Joseph group. If you are interested please reach out to Father Craig and / or the Parish Office.



St. Rupert of Salzburg | March 28

of Salzburg is also known as the “Apostle of Bavaria & Austria.” Although mostly legend, it is believed that he was born sometime around 660 in Gaul, which is now part of France. It is possible that he is a descendant of the Merovingian royal line. Not much is known about the saint’s early life.

We do know that Rupert was first appointed as Bishop of Worms in present-day Germany and despite many good works there, the pagan population eventually beat him and forced him from the city. Rupert retired to Rome for a time until Duke Theodo of Bavaria asked him to come to help establish the Church more firmly in Bavaria. Rupert agreed and brought with him a group of priests. Rupert traveled the region, effecting conversions, miracles, healing.

Eventually Rupert chose to settle at Juvavum an old Roman city mostly in ruins. He renamed the city Salzburg or “Salt Castle,” and established there a great cathedral and monastery under the Rule of St. Benedict. His niece became abbess of the Benedictine convent he founded nearby. Rupert was the first bishop of Salzburg, serving also as abbot of the monastery. St. Rupert is usually portrayed carrying a vessel of salt, as he helped establish the salt mining industry for which he named the city. It is said that Rupert died on Easter Sunday though sources disagree on the year, which could have been around 710 or possibly as late as 718.



First Reading: (Jos 5:10) After the Israelites settled into the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), no longer was there any need for the “manna” from heaven. As the season of Lent continues, what have you been able to let go of?

Second Reading: (2 Cor 5:18) Paul emphasized to the Corinthians the importance of reconciliation with God. Why do you think reconciliation is so key to our relationship with God?

Gospel: (Lk 15:32) In Jesus’ parable of the lost (prodigal) son, which character do you most resonate with, and why?

Please remember our parish is participating in the Pathways Pregnancy Care Center’s baby bottle campaign again this Lenten season. Please pick up a baby bottle at the church entrance and fill it with loose change during Lent.



Pathways provides many support services for women and families facing emotional and physical crisis and ministers God’s grace to hurting people.

Please return your filled bottles during Holy Week and accept our THANKS for participating.

When you return your bottle please consider donating a package or two of diapers. The Center has stated that they regularly run out. North American Martyrs can assist the Center tremendously by consider donating. We will have boxes wrapped in baby shower paper in the back of each Church. Let’s consider ‘showering’ them with our generosity.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR LENT

Please mark your calendars!



Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent @ 5:30PM (SB) & 7PM (SA) except on Good Friday Stations will be at 3:00 (SB).



OUR LENTEN RETREAT PROGRAM CONTINUES!!!

**(33 Days to Merciful Love
(<https://www.allheartsafire.org/>)**

Session 5 will be Wed 3/30 6:30pm at St Albert

Session 6 will be Wed 4/6 6:30pm at St Brendan

We are holding on to Wednesday 4/13/22 in case we have a snow day to make up for.

Our Consecration to Divine Mercy Ceremony (Prayer Service) will be on Friday 4/22/22 @ 6:30pm followed by a gathering for refreshments in the SA Parish Hall.

For more info contact:

Helen Clogston 538-6330 / rhclogston@yahoo.com or
David McGuigan 538-9662 / pappadmccg@yahoo.com or
You can contact the Parish Office.

Make this LENT a time of reflection on YOUR relationship with God.

***Saint Albert Indoor Yard Sale was a GREAT success! Thanks to all who continue to supported Saint Albert Church. There are still items left so we are now going to plan a PUBLIC version of this Indoor Yard Sale on May 14th 7am – 3:pm. Along with local advertising we ask that you help spread the date to family & friends. On that day we will also have a Pancake Breakfast (7-10am) and a Beans & Hot Dog Lunch (11-2).**

Please mark your calendars: North American Martyrs Parish will be reciting the Divine Mercy Novena and hope that you will join us starting April 15th (St Brendan Church after the Stations of the Cross at 3pm), then April 16th through April 23 (St Albert Church at 3pm daily). We will then recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Divine Mercy Sunday at 3pm at St Albert Church.

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