

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Highlights of the last *Fiscal Year*

July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021



Pastor

I wish that I could say that Covid is over – I can't. While it seems like things are moving in the right direction, we are still being careful as the delta variant still impacts our lives.

Over the last year and 1/2 we've seen a decline in our Mass attendance.

In spite of the lower Mass attendance, our collections have only seen a small decline. Our parishioners have continued to step up and contribute. For that I am extremely grateful. We have continued to maintain our parish facilities this year by installing a new heating system in Church. While we ran a deficit the last 2 years, this will be offset by the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) money that we received last year.

Once upon a time, two men were marooned on a dessert island. One man paced back and forth and the other sat back and was sunning himself. The pacing man asked the other: "Aren't you afraid? How can you just sit there?" The other man answered. "No, I tithe – I give 10% of my salary to the church every week. This is stewardship month. My pastor will find me".

We try not to talk about money too much at St. Albert. However, the reality is that your contributions allow us to minister to the people of this parish and beyond.

Consequently, inside this report, you will find not only a balance sheet, but the ministries that your contributions have supported.

Thank you for continuing to share your gifts in the midst of these difficult times.

Fr Chris Worland

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We have enclosed the financial reports and graphs for the year 2020 -2021. Despite the challenges that the parish and school have faced in the past year and a half, we do have some positives to report:

- Even though collections were below our budget, they were slightly above the prior year. We are truly grateful for your continued contributions and support.
- We completed the final payment for the new boiler and piping systems in the school, as well as, installing a new heating system in the church. Also, a new security system was installed in the school. These improvements account for most of the \$807k listed in the Capital Purchases.
- The Payroll Protection Plan Loan which we applied for in the prior year and was forgiven in total in the past year. The loan helped us support the payroll of the parish staff and the staff and teachers of the school. It will also help us offset the deficits we have incurred over the past two years.
- The Parish staff and School staff have continued to be diligent in managing expenses.
- Also, through your generous gift of time and contributions, we have been able to maintain the majority of our ministries through these difficult times. We truly Thank You.

The parish continues to be in a good financial position, however, there are going to be more capital projects in the near future (40k). We are confident that with your continued support, we will be able to continue to meet the needs of our parish and fulfill our Mission.

Sincerely, *Parish Finance Council*

Capital Projects

- Nauman and Zelinski—HVAC study
- Voss Chevrolet– new parish truck
- Valley Janitor Supply– a new bunisher /scrubber
- Kettering overhead doors-new rectory garage doors (5)
- Next Step Network– 2 new laptops for school
- New boilers for school/churchShiver Security System– upgrade system

Asbestos abatement prior to new boiler project





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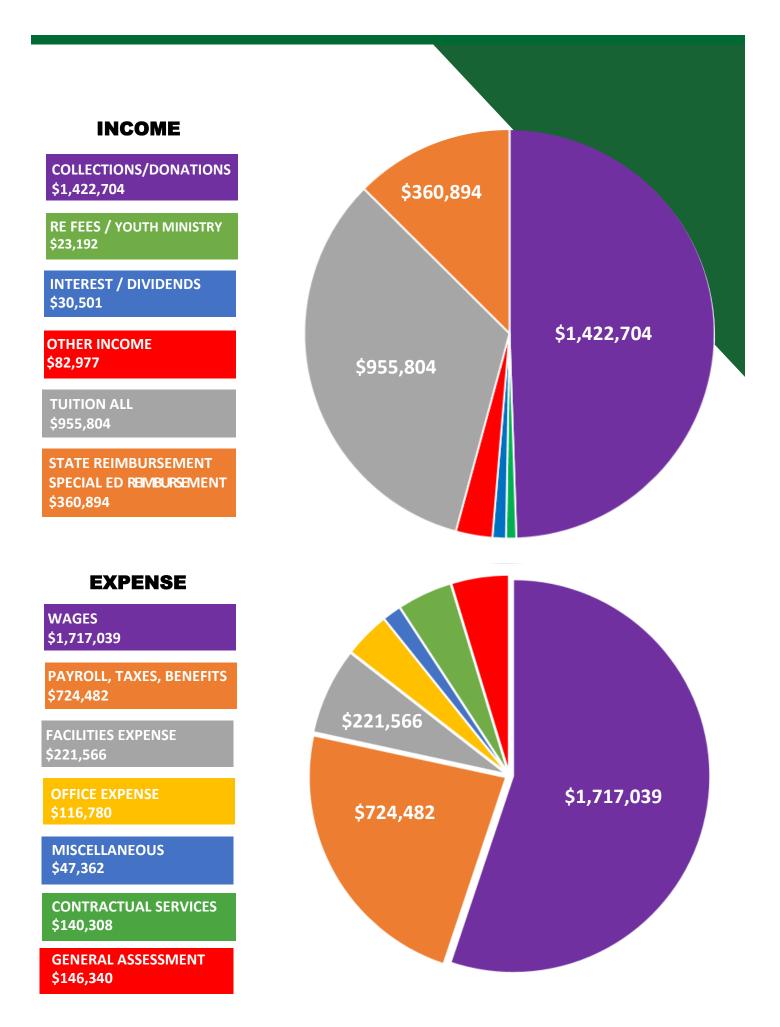
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENSES

Fiscal Year 7|1|20 - 6|30|21

	2020-21 Actual	<u>2020-21 Budget</u>	2021-22 Budget
INCOME			
COLLECTIONS	\$ 1,349,984	\$ 1,440,000	\$1,440,000
DONATIONS	\$ 72,720	\$ 61,000	\$ 56,000
MASS STIPENDS	\$ 12,870	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
RE FEES/YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 23,192	\$ 27,000	\$ 20,000
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	\$ 30,501	\$ 41,500	\$ 30,000
OTHER INCOME	\$ 70,107	\$ 72,000	\$ 69,000
TUITION FROM PARISH FAMILIES	\$ 449,258	\$ 426,798	\$ 381,000
TUITION FROM OH ED CHOICE	\$ 506,546	\$ 498,800	\$ 488,000
STATE COST REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 112,039	\$ 95,000	\$ 110,000
SPECIAL ED REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 248,855	\$ 170,000	\$ 200,000
Income Totals:	\$ 2,876,072	\$ 2,842,098	\$ 2,804,000
Parish	\$ 1,492,095	\$ 1,561,500	\$ 1,543,000
School	\$ 1,383,977	\$ 1,280,598	\$ 1,261,000
EXPENSE			
WAGES	\$1,717,039	\$ 1,660,052	\$ 1,686,047
PAYROLL TAXES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$724,482	\$ 750,443	\$ 713,194
FACILITIES EXPENSE	\$221,566	\$ 216,200	\$ 205,540
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$116,780	\$ 119,550	\$ 132,450
MISCELLANEOUS	\$47,362	\$ 70,600	\$ 67,100
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$140,308	\$ 118,500	\$ 95,200
GENERAL ASSESSMENT Totals	\$146,340	\$ 160,000	\$ 140,000
Expense Totals:	\$3,113,877	\$ 3,095,345	\$ 3,039,531
Parish	\$1,080,366	\$ 1,133,046	\$ 1,036,953
School	\$2,033,511	\$ 1,962,299	\$ 2,002,578
Income - Expense:	\$ (237,805)	\$ (253,247)	\$ (235,531)
Parish	\$ 411,729	\$ 428,454	\$ 506,047
School	\$ (649,535)	\$ (681,701)	\$ (741,578)

Summary of Changes in Fund Balances	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 3,195,296
Parish/School Income-Expense	\$ (237,805)
Bequests, Rebates and Interest	\$ 134,633
PPP Proceeds	\$ 532,900
Capital Purchases	\$ (807,252)
Other*	\$ 215,352
Balance sheet additions per 2021 audit	\$ 50,657
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 3,083,781
Change	\$ (111,515)

*Includes activities from St. Albert Nutrition Services, Athletics, and PTO. The funds from these related entities are not available for parish or school operations



WITH GRATITUDE TO GOD, we look at some of our



the Bishops of Ohio just gave the okay to start public Masses again. Therefore, along with the entire archdiocese, we were operating on a limited Mass Schedule, limited Church Open Hours, and limited Parish Office / Building Open Hours.



JULY & AUGUST 2020

Resumed the 11am Mass & small group meetings WITH PROTOCOLS to ensure safety during pandemic



Celebrated First Communion with youths' receiving the Sacrament in shifts

Developed protocols for School to reopen with safety to our students and staff; Hired 4 new teachers



Implemented July with Jesus & Good News in August; people gathered outside Spirit Center to review upcoming readings

Continued to pray for the victims of the Dayton shooting with Dayton Deanery Mass of Healing and Hope

Youth Ministry collaborated with Ascension and held outside meetings to plan community service projects



RCIA Rite of Initiation welcomed 4 members into the Church

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2020

Started the Religious Education back up with 3 options: In-Person, On-Line, or



a virtual Family Catechesis



Created a much needed Spirits & Socials Cooking with Fr. Chris virtual meal preparation

Reunited the SALSA Book Club after a long time apart to study Be Not Afraid

Celebrated first School Mass with pews marked and masks on





Implemented a much needed community event with an outside Live Game of Clue

Pro Life displayed 60 white crosses in front of church to symbolize aborted babies

Celebrated with a **Eucharistic Exposition** and Benediction



Celebrated milestone anniversaries with an ol' fashioned Drive In

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2020

Honored our deceased loved ones with the All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance



Changed the Caring Tree to the *Tree of Thanksgiving* to provide gift cards to our needy community for Thanksgiving and Christmas



Honored Fr. Gary Aultz for his Jubilee Priesthood

Worshiped with another Exposition and Benediction with Deacon Dick Strominger

Introduced the Sensory Friendly Mass to build inclusion for all

Created another Spirits & Socials outside event: Luminary Walk





Collaboration continued with St. Albert Youth and Ascension Youth for Deep Dive

Conducted a 2020 Parish Census to attempt to update our database and Parish directory

2021

At the beginning of this calendar year, wearing a mask was a normal thing!

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2021

Established Commodity Food Bags to continue to assist Monthly Food Collection safely with Covid

Changed the School Open House to a virtual School Open House

Prepared for Confirmation with the Confirmation Retreat



Celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in shifts for social distance





Celebrated Catholic Schools Week the best we could with masks worn

Celebrated Ash Wednesday, with ashes sprinkled on top of head verses forehead



Service continued at the School, such as King Arthur bread making

MARCH & APRIL 2021 Celebration of Lent continued as we

Constant Statistics Example of the statistics Statistics

Celebrated with Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition / Benediction with Deacon Dick

Strominger and Deacon Dave Zink

Studied the Radiate Christ Pastoral Letter via Zoom and in person

CSR Rice Bowls **provided** opportunity for online worship and online Stations of the Cross

Valued human life with the bi-annual blood drive

Re-enacted Holy Week with 8th Grade RE and School youth



Celebration of Holy Week and Easter

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper; Holy Friday The Passion; Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday

Good Friday Crucifix Walk



MAY & JUNE 2021

Celebrated the month of Mary with the School's May Crowning



Celebrated the Sacrament of First Communion with our 2nd graders, masks and all



Reunited the Class of 2017 with a Welcome Home

Celebrated the graduation of the 8th grade class

Reinstated Mass obligation per the Bishops of Ohio. We



prepared by continuing with the pews for social distance and masks required; Back to Mass Welcome Reception held

Valued Life with Blood Drive



Farewell to Fr. Pat Welsh as he retires.

Worshiped with groups now being

able to meet, in small numbers, with protocols



Archdiocese of Cincinnati Bicentennial Marian Pilgrimage

Celebrated the

WE WORSHIP



RCIA Received Into Full Communion Julie Burt

Adjusting during Covid uncertainties, four women were received into the Church on July 5th: Sue Young, Linda Pytosh, Marilyn Huffman, and Maggie O'Hara (rising 9th grader through Confirmation). God Bless them!

Mass of Remembrance Paula Smith

In collaboration with All Souls Day, the annual Mass of Remembrance was held. **75 names were read during the Mass** of our loved ones that have died in the past year. Candles, labeled with each deceased person's name, were lit and burned during Mass in their memory.

Pro Life Judy Weckesser

As October is Respect Life month, in October 2020, the Pro Life group displayed **60 white crosses** in the front of Church.

This was used, as last year, to symbolize all the aborted babies in the world. It was a beautiful tribute, along with a white sign for Pro Life.

Ark of the Covenant praesidium, Legion of Mary Gloria Dodd

Throughout the phases of the pandemic, the Legion of Mary followed protocols to provide parish grounds maintenance, visit homes and take communion for brief visits outside and indoors. The Legion led four open-air prayer services at the Oaks of West Kettering nursing home, and nine residents received weekly personalized notes with bulletins. Legionaries facilitated two confessions and three anointing's of the sick, and consoled the grieving at one wake and two funerals.

Donated religious items were sorted, cleaned, and repaired before being given away for free, such as **144 rosaries** in the church vestibule. Their eight-week online Marian consecration group had **22 participants** with at least twelve making the consecration. Our Lady's Birthday Party with a Brown Scapular enrollment in September 2020 was attended by **23 people** in person outside and online. For the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Legionaries led the Rosary for two luminary walks with a total of **19 participants**. Legionaries provided hospitality at the Archdiocesan Bicentennial Mass and Concert at Chaminade-Julienne Stadium in May021.







St. Vincent de Paul St. Albert the Great Conference John Malas

Our St. Vincent Conference is made up of 13 dedicated fully active members. We are funded by contributions from St. Albert Parish, the Dayton District Council of St. Vincent de Paul, individual parishioners, and other miscellaneous sources. During the past fiscal year, we provided the following monetary assistance to individuals living in the boundaries of St. Albert Parish:

\$18,500 for rent/mortgage; \$14,000 for utilities; \$2,000 for food; \$2,000 for furniture & appliances; and \$3,200 for COVID relief to other conferences.

In addition, through programs like the Giving Tree and Thanksgiving dinners provided by the school children, we were able to provide in kind **assistance valued at approximately \$4,000**. Our Parish should be very proud of the assistance and caring shown to our neighbors over the years.

Unfortunately, our neighbors at risk continue to need our help. We encourage you to continue, & hopefully increase, your current support: consider donating money, food or goods, and think seriously about getting personally involved. I can guarantee you that working with our neighbors in need will change your life and the lives of those around you.

Lent and Holy Week, Covid Modifications

The Advent Season began with Ash Wednesday's ashes being sprinkled on people's heads verses making a cross on their forehead. This was done in recommendation by the CDC to avoid touch contact. **Stations of the Cross** were held every other Friday verses every Friday. We also offered several virtual opportunities to participate in the Stations, including Mary's Way of the Cross. **Exposition & Benediction** was celebrated after one of the Stations. We also had available a Lenten podcast presentation by Fr. Chris on St. Francis prayer, *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*. **Radiate Christ**, *a Pastoral Letter to the Faithful was* offered in a



6-week course. In-person & on-line options were available several times per week. **Youth Journey Group** welcomed teens / families to journey through *The Chosen*, TV show on the life of Jesus.





Palm Sunday blessed us with beautiful readings and the palms. Holy Thursday we celebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper. Good Friday, we once again, after Noon Service of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion, about 75 of us followed Fr. Chris for the Crucifix Walk around the back neighborhood. Holy Saturday we celebrated with a Morning Prayer / Blessing.

Easter Vigil: This year, we were unable to gather by the Easter fire; however, Fr. Chris was still able to light the Easter Candle! Holy Water was blessed that evening, and we welcomed people to take home some. **Easter Sunday** For Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, the altar was beautifully decorated with Easter flowers





WE LEARN

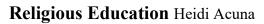


School / PTO Lauren Schierloh

St. Albert the Great School remained in person all year, while most area schools were forced to virtually learn due to the spread of Covid-19. We could not have done it without the cooperation of the students, teachers, and parents! The mask mandate, social distance, handwashing, room cleaning and daily health checks all helped our students receive another year of top notch education.

Our PTO held a walk-a-thon that raised a little over \$9,000!

With this, we were able to install touchless water bottle refill fountains (one for each floor) in the school. PTO also helped fund two scholarships for 8th graders entering a Catholic high school, teacher appreciation luncheons, gates for the playground, Catechism training for teachers, CPR training for 7th & 8th graders and any additional PPE or Covid-19 related items as needed.



The last fiscal year, Religious Education program offered three options to choose from during the 2020-2021 school year and **served a total of 215 students.**

Traditional Religious Education - In person (109 students)

Many students attended classes on Sunday mornings, with extra precautions taken by limiting class sizes, requiring masks, and social distancing. Many sessions were also held outside whenever possible. We also implemented a new curriculum for grades 1-5 this year through St. Mary's Press which includes many interactive activities and gives the children experience navigating through Scripture.

Traditional Religious Education - Online (87 students)

Families not comfortable with in-person learning choose our online format. The same materials were used as in the in-person classes and were complemented with Zoom sessions with a catechist.

Family Catechesis (19 students)

Seven families chose to spend the year working through the Bible Timeline series by Ascension Press at home, as a family unit. The families then gathered once a month, both in person and on Zoom, to discuss various ways to celebrate the liturgical year.







Celebrating Sacraments during Covid Heidi Acuna



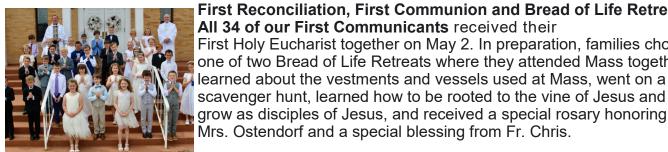


Confirmation

Confirmation was held at two different Mass times on January 30 to provide adequate social distancing for family and visitors. This year, **53 young people** receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our Confirmation Candidates participated in a day-long retreat led by the Net Ministries team to prepare their hearts for Confirmation.

Candidates participated in morning Mass, games, small groups, talks, and spent guiet time in Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction.



First Reconciliation, First Communion and Bread of Life Retreat All 34 of our First Communicants received their First Holy Eucharist together on May 2. In preparation, families chose one of two Bread of Life Retreats where they attended Mass together, learned about the vestments and vessels used at Mass, went on a scavenger hunt, learned how to be rooted to the vine of Jesus and to

Bible Study / Book Study / Radiate Christ Lenten Study Julie Burt / Sara Schwager





In July 2020 we began to meet outside the Spirit Center on Wednesday evening in a properly spaced circle to reflect and explore the upcoming Sunday's readings. With the help of our parish's Flocknote resource, interested participants were sent background and starter questions to prepare- for the Spirit Center group or their own groups. As we headed into fall we moved inside the Spirit Center and met through Nov 18.

Radiate Christ-Letter to the People of the 200th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and an introduction to the Beacons of Light-During Lent 2021 through April 21, we studied the seven sections of Archbishop Schnurr's Pastoral Letter-Radiate Christ. Three different times and three different ways to participate in these small groups helped us to understand where we have been and where we are going as an archdiocesan family.

Kathy Zamonski continued her periodic ministry of books of interest to the faith community. In October 2020, they met for the

first time in a while to read and discuss Be Not Afraid, appropriate for the times we are in. In June, they met again to study a book by Bishop Barron Letter to a Suffering Church. This ladies book club is still going strong today, with the next book on Mary and Joseph.



WE SHARE





Garden Guild Kate Dungan

The Garden Guild is so grateful for the generous support of our parish community! We are happy to report that our Farmers Markets were very successful in the summer of 2020 in spite of the challenges of the year. We held 10 Farmers Markets that netted a record of \$3639.00.

This allowed us to make a donation of **\$3600.00 to St Albert's St Vincent Chapter** to help our parishioners in need. We have donated a total of \$29,679.00 to the organization over 10 years.

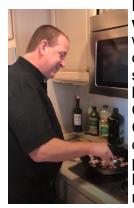


Knights of Columbus

In the last fiscal year, the Knights of Columbus continued with once a month officers meetings as well as regular meetings. On several occasions, Family Nights were held, with a cook out or picnic. At the Easter Sunday Mass, we provided containers with Holy Water for all to take home.

Spirits & Socials Lauren Schierloh

We certainly were creative when it came to being social in a "socially distant" year! What happens when a scavenger hunt collides with riddles and problem solving? Well, a **live game of Clue** was created! It was the perfect way to work as teams and remain over 6 feet apart.



Next up became a monthly segment we titled "**Cooking** with Fr. Chris." Viewers tuned in to Facebook Live to watch Fr. Chris cook meals like clam linguini or pork chops with squash. They also had the opportunity to send in questions about growing up in the Worland house, who he likes to cook for, or questions about Catholicism. December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, **luminaries** were set around campus to create a walking path. Families were invited to walk peacefully in the path or pray the rosary along with Legion of Mary. It was a beautiful night to have a quiet, meditative stroll through campus.





Tree of Thanksgiving Caryle Mattie

Because the Caring Tree involves touching and wrapping gifts, (due to Covid), it was decided to have Trees of Thanksgiving. In late November, tags with gift card amounts were put up on the tree. **We helped around 700 people** from SVDP families, senior resource connection, children from FLOC, children from Homeful & families from Good Neighbor House. As always the people of St Alberts are very generous in making their Christmas special.

Monthly Food Collection / Meals for the Homeless



July through the rest of the year had us returning to the weekend of the 2nd Sunday of the month schedule with adjustments for needs, in food / staffing. The cardboard barrel in the Gathering Space was available and checked regularly for those coming to Mass at various times. In January we introduced Commodity Bags with list of food that could be easily distributed in winter. In June we went with summer needs as identified by the pantry. **St Albert contributed 5577.7 lbs of food, estimated \$7400.**

Meals for the Homeless continued during Covid, with a few precautions. People were encouraged to use their own pans, and recipe instructions were mostly on-line. To drop off the Casseroles, people were asked to stay in their car (that is still done today).

Pro Life Annual Baby Shower

With Covid, the group displayed a simple baby manger in the Gathering Space in October. Items such as diapers, formula, clothes, bottles, etc. were all **donated to Elizabeth's New Life Center**.

CRS Lenten Rice Bowls / Service Projects Julie Burt / Sara Schwager

The Rice Bowl program at St. Albert was expanded in a couple of ways in 2020/2021. **The entire parish participated in the Rice Bowl collection** during Lent and St. Albert joined others in the area to form the first Ohio Chapter "Dayton, Cinci, and SW Ohio". Chapter members advocate for legislation that promotes humanitarian aid and integral development for our international neighbors with our elected Congress members and coordinate with the national CRS staff and offices through various trainings and national and regional events.

Lions Club International: **Over 100 pairs of eye glasses** / containers were donated to the Lions Club International. This organization recycles eye glasses and provides eye glasses for needy families throughout the world.







Blood Drive Sara Schwager

Our two big Blood Drives were in March and May. As years past, we are blessed with a huge turn out from our parishioners. It is a gift of life, and with donations, so many lives are saved. We were presented with the **HERO plaque** as we met our goal. Thank you to Mike Madges, our Parish Rep.

WAYS TO GIVE & BE CONNECTED



1939 Legacy Society

Established in 2005, the **1939 Legacy Society** honors individuals or families who, through planned estate gifts, have made a commitment to St. Albert the Great by including the parish in their will. To learn more about the Legacy Society, contact Tom Hutchinson, 937-293-1191

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres

This event is open to parishioners who would like to learn more about the Legacy Society. Contact Lauren Schierloh, 937-281-0047

Flocknote

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Funds

General Fund Building and Grounds Fund Liturgical Needs Fund Friends of St. Albert Fund Sr. John Maureen SC, School Tuition Fund

Memory Pavers

The grounds of St. Albert the Great Spirit Center offer memory pavers & bricks, which can be engraved with the name of a loved one.

From July 2020 through June 2021, St. Albert welcomed 40 new parishioners / families into our community.



ALBERTUS MAGNUS

St. Albert, our Patron Saint, was born in Germany in 1193.The Feast Day is November 15, and he is the Patron Saint of Natural Science.He has been called the "Doctor of the Church" and "Teacher" because he was the teacher ofSt. Thomas Aquinas. He is the only scholar of his time to be called THE GREAT!



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