



# ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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## December 13, 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - B

During Advent at 4:30pm – Evening Prayer will be sung before St. Mark’s 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Mundelein tones for vespers can be heard at:

<https://www.liturgicalinstitute.org/psalm-tones>

### Bringing Joy through Justice

**Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11** The Mission to the Afflicted

**Psalm Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24** Christian Conduct; Blessing

**John 1:6-8, 19-28** John As Witness to the Light

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**Reconciliation:** Confessions at SHC, Sat. 3 -4pm.

**Sacraments & Becoming Catholic:**

Contact Mary Pat Boger at [stmar@cbna.org](mailto:stmar@cbna.org)

**Vocations:** See Fr. Robert Fath

**Parish Council:** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun/month after Mass

**Parish Council:** Cynthia Klepaski, John Fox, Marilis Bennett, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker.



### Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions -

#### December 2020: For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

**Anointing of the Sick** – If you or a family member are sick, going into the hospital, or a nursing home – please contact Fr. Robert Fath or Mary Pat Boger if you wish to be included in our special intentions, prayers or wish to receive communion or a visit.

**Welcome to our parish!** We support Catholic Students attending UAF. If you wish to make St. Mark University Catholic Parish your home, please register by contacting Mary Pat Boger @ [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) .

## December 13 Songs for Sunday:

555 Sing Out, Earth and Skies

62 Ready the Way

70 Creator of the Stars of Night

563 Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens

*Songs found in the new 2021 Breaking Bread Missalette.*

Chant Mass Settings on YouTube for practice:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRQ11bYvfVQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vofXMAJ1xLY>



**Bishop Chad Zielinski** would like to thank all for the prayers offered for his father, Donald Zielinski, and his family this past week. His father died on the evening of December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Our prayers are with him as they celebrate his funeral Mass on December 12<sup>th</sup>, on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Go to our webpage to read the letter.



### The Cycle of the Church Liturgical Year.

#### ADVENT - 22-30 days

Begins the fourth Sunday before Christmas.

Is a time of preparation and waiting for Christmas which recalls the first coming of Jesus.

Is a time for people to look and wait for Jesus’ second coming at the end of time.

A season of joyful and spiritual preparation and expectation.

**The Advent Wreath:** The joyful Sunday on the third week in Advent (known as "Gaudete") is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the penitential purple color. Each night during the third week the mother of the family lights the pink, as well as the two previously burned purple candles, after the following prayer has been said.



*“O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

Retirement Fund  
for Religious

Please give to  
those who have  
given a lifetime.



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# Catholic Student Association

*We are a community of faith and caring.*  
On Winter Break ~ Dec. 14 – Jan. 8



## Christmas Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Dec. 24–4:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Dec. 25–Midnight & 11:00 am

Immaculate Conception

Dec. 24–6:00 pm & 11:00 pm

Dec. 25–8:00 am & 10:00 am

St. Raphael

Dec. 24–4:30 pm & 9:00 pm

Dec. 25–10:00 am

St. Nicholas

Dec. 24–7:00 pm

Dec. 25–Midnight & 10:00 am.

## ICC REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN

**Greetings!** I hope that your Advent has been going well so far. First off, I would like to thank you all for the donations of time, food, and money that you have provided. Your efforts truly do make a difference within the Fairbanks community.

At this time, I'm currently needing help filling volunteer slots. In particular, I need consistent help on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Shifts typically run from about 9:30/10am to roughly 1:30/2pm. If you're able to help on any of these days, please let the soup kitchen know either by phone, e-mail, or by signing up directly on our sign-up sheet online, which can be found by clicking on this link: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PbgF\\_nH\\_Kdp5JBxz\\_sRaaOhLJc6wbhD4xeS\\_h674U4g8/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PbgF_nH_Kdp5JBxz_sRaaOhLJc6wbhD4xeS_h674U4g8/edit#gid=0)

Please be sure that if you sign up that you have completed all diocesan Safe and Sacred training. Again, if you need help completing the training, please contact the soup kitchen.

Thank you in advance, and may God continue to bless you and your families throughout this Advent season!

**In Christ ~Nick Shamrell**

**Soup Kitchen Coordinator**

**Advent Reverse Calendar** - Please check our webpage [www.stmarksuaaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaaf.org) for the calendar and help with their needs. Consider writing a check to "ICC Soup Kitchen" if your unable to do the shopping. Give generously in supporting the ICC Soup Kitchen!

## ITEMS USED AT MASS

**Holy Water Font:** Holds the Blessed Water used to make the Sign of the Cross as you enter and leave the Sanctuary. Holy Water reminds us of our Baptism. Due to health concerns during the COVID pandemic, our fonts have been emptied. Take this opportunity to plunge more deeply into the waters of your faith during this time. *We will have blessed bottles of holy water available for households at the Mass of the Epiphany (January 6, 2021)*



**"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."**



## Neighboring Parish News

**HOLY SEE PROCLAIMS A YEAR FOR ST. JOSEPH** – Go to our webpage to read the letter from Fr. Robert Fath regarding this proclamation.

### Advent Reconciliation Services

Each service will be 2 hours in length with Adoration only so people can come and go

- Dec 15 - Confessions 7:00-9:00pm St. Raphael
- Dec 16 - Confessions 7:00-9:00pm St Nicholas

Preparing ahead for a good confession - go to our St. Mark webpage or USCCB webpage for help.

**The Legion of Mary along with the Seminarians** are sponsoring 33 Days of Prayer Consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary for the intentions of **Peter O. and Dominik W.** as they prepare for their diaconate ordination, Jan 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral. 33 Days of Prayers conclude Dec 31. Read and reflect daily during this Advent Season using the book, 33 Days to Morning Glory written by Fr. Gaitley to help the ordinands and whole diocese give thanks and praise for these two vocations.

**SHC Book Club Title for January 2021:** "My Grandfather's Son" by Clarence Thomas, 2007. Meeting is held first Tuesday of the month 12noon-2pm in the Cathedral social hall.

## Connecting the Gospel

**Key words and phrases:** Who are you? I am not the Christ, the voice of one crying out, one who is coming after me.

**To the point:** John the Baptist is sure about his own identity because he is sure about the identity of Jesus. John knows himself to be the precursor of the greater One yet to come, whose sandal strap he is not even worthy to untie. His self-knowledge enables John to be who God intends him to be: not the Messiah, but the one who points beyond self to the Messiah's presence. If we are asked, "Who are you?" can we be so sure about our own identity in relation to Jesus that our lives too point to him? <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

### DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

Heavenly Father,  
Your divine Son taught us  
To pray to the lord of the harvest  
To send laborers into his vineyard.

We earnestly beg you,  
To bless our diocese and our world  
With many priests and religious  
Who will love you fervently and gladly  
And courageously spend their lives  
In service to your son's church,  
Especially the poor and the needy.

Bless our families and our children,  
And choose from our homes,  
Those whom you desire for this holy work.  
Teach them to respond generously  
And keep them ever faithful  
In following your son Jesus Christ,  
That under the guidance of the Holy Spirit  
And with the inspiration of  
St. Therese, patroness of the missions,  
St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests,  
and St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
The good news of redemption  
May be brought to all.  
Amen.

**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.  
THEY NEED US.  
WE NEED THEM.**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

## SACRAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF HOLY ORDERS



"Ordination" comes from the Latin word *ordinatio*, which means to incorporate someone into an order. It is through this sacrament that one is entrusted by Christ to his apostles and continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time: thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate, presbyterate, and diaconate.

The rite called "*ordination*" is a religious and liturgical act which is a consecration, a blessing, or a sacrament. Today the word "ordination" is reserved for the sacramental act which integrates a man into the order of bishops, presbyters, or deacons, and goes beyond a simple election, designation, delegation, or institution by community, for it confers a gift of the Holy Spirit that permits the exercise of a "sacred power" which can come only from Christ himself for his Church.

The laying on of hands by the bishop, with the consecratory prayer, constitutes the visible sign of this ordination. Those who seek priesthood respond generously to God's call using the words of the prophet, "Here I am, send me" (Is 6:8). This call from God can be recognized and understood from the daily signs that disclose his will to those in charge of discerning the vocation of the candidate.

The Sacrament of Holy Orders, like the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Confirmation, can only be received once for each level of ordination. Once a man has been ordained, he is spiritually changed, which is the origin of the saying, "Once a priest, always a priest." He can be dispensed of his obligations as a priest (or even forbidden to act as a priest), but he remains a priest forever.

Each level of ordination confers special graces, from the ability to preach, granted to deacons; to the ability to act in the person of Christ to offer the Mass, granted to priests; to a special grace of strength, granted to bishops, which allows him to teach and lead his flock, even to the point of dying as Christ did.

<https://www.vatican.va>

ABOUT JOHN'S  
WARDROBE AND  
DIET...



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

HE'S IN THE WILDERNESS, ON THE  
EDGE OF SURVIVAL, ANTICIPATING  
THE COMING OF SALVATION.



AND SHOPPING  
LOCAL!



MARK 1:1-8



## NEIGHBORING PARISH MASS SCHEDULES

Go to Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska Website to see recorded and life-streamed masses and parish websites: <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/>

### Sacred Heart Cathedral 474-9032

**Saturday Vigil:** \*4:30pm (\*=Live Streamed)

**Sunday:** 8:00 & \*11:00am

**Sunday Spanish Mass:** 1:00pm

**St. Mark Sunday Mass:** 5:30pm

Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:30am

**Thursday \*7:00pm**

Confessions Heard: Sat 3:00-4:00pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thu: 8am-12noon

<https://www.sacredheartak.org/>

### Immaculate Conception 452-3533

\*All masses are live streamed.

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00pm

**Sunday:** 7:30am, 10:00am

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Mass: 12:10pm

Wed: 5:30pm, followed by Adoration & Confession

<https://iccfairbanks.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ICCFairbanks>

### Saint Raphael 457-6603

**Saturday Vigil:** 6:00pm

**Sunday:** 9:30am

Weekday: Tues, Thurs Mass 9:30am; Wed 5:30pm

<https://www.straphaelfairbanks.org/>

### Saint Nicholas, North Pole 488-2595

*Sign up required to attend for Weekend Masses.*

<https://signup.com/go/ZjtAQHb>

**Saturday Vigil:** \*5:00pm – *Specifically for the Elderly and Vulnerable*

**Sunday:** 9:00am, 12:00pm

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:45am Prayer & Mass;

\*Wed 6pm Mass & Adoration w/Rosary

<http://www.stnicholasnp.org/>

**Special Prayer Intentions for:** Pope Francis, Bishop Chad Zielinski (especially his family during this time of father's passing), our priests, seminarians, religious and all who serve in our Diocese. Students taking finals this week, as well as teachers mentoring our students. The elderly, sick and compromised unable to attend Mass in person. Offer up a daily prayer or rosary for those who are in the hospital and those who have died this past year.

## Parish Support

Thank you for your generous support during these difficult times!

**For the Week ending Dec 6, 2020**

Total: \$ 2,263

Checks/Cash \$1,053/WeShare \$1,210

Year to Date (7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 24,406.00

~ 3% of our December Parish donation will go to "Retirement Fund for Religious"

(For more information on this collection or donate directly, go to the following site:

<https://retiredreligious.org>)

Donations can also be made by Mail or Online:

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Fairbanks, AK 99775-0166 or \*St. Mark's UAF Parish

website [www.stmarksuaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaf.org) - click on "WeShare".



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"He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted..."

### Sheepish Question:

What worldly concerns hold me back from the freedom Christ offers?

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