



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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December 27, 2020 The Holy Family - 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>

Respect for Elders

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Promise of a Great Nation

Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 The Faith of Abraham

Luke 2:22-40 The Presentation of the Lord

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

Sacraments & Becoming Catholic:

Contact Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org

Vocations: See Fr. Robert Fath

Parish Council: Meets 2nd 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 .

December 27 Songs for Sunday:

21 Joy to the World

91 Away in the Manger

96 What Child Is This

93 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Songs found in the new 2021 Breaking Bread Missalette.

Feast of the Holy Family

Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families.

Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life. As Rev. Edward Sutfin states:



"The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the housework and helping father in his odd jobs about the home thus take on a new significance by being performed in a Christ-like spirit." (*True Christmas Spirit*, ©1955, St. Meinrad Archabbey, Inc.)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Masses in Fairbanks and North Pole

December 31st, 2020 Vigils

Sacred Heart Cathedral 7:00 pm

Immaculate Conception 7:00 pm

St. Raphael 5:30 pm

St. Nicholas 7:00 pm

January 1, 2021: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Marian Afternoon at Sacred Heart Cathedral ~ 11am-2pm.
Prepare for our celebration of the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, with talks on true devotion and how to pray the rosary.

Sacred Heart Cathedral 7:30 am

Immaculate Conception 9:00 am

St. Raphael 10:00 am

St. Nicholas 10:00 am

+Sacred Heart Cathedral 7:00 pm – Ordination to transitional diaconate for Piotr Oprych and Dominik Wojcik. Join Bishop Chand Zielinski for the Mass of Ordination, praying that Mary, the Mother of God will watch over and protect two future priests of our diocese!
Please join Bishop Chad on this very special occasion!!

Transitional Deacon – What does it imply? A bishop only calls a man to become a transition deacon if it is his intention that following one year as a deacon, he would then ordain this man to the priesthood. For a transitional deacon, this year is a pastoral, liturgical and educational preparation period for the priesthood. When considering the sacrament of holy orders, there are three degrees of the sacrament: deacon, priest, bishop.

Three promises are made by the transitional deacon: to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, Obedience and Celibacy. They cannot hear confessions, anoint the sick, or confirm; but they have the faculties to baptize, officiate simple nuptial ceremonies and conduct the Rite of Committal at the cemetery following the funeral at the Church. Most transitional deacons return to the seminary for their fourth and final year of theology. They promise to obey their bishop and his successors. Please pray for Piotr Oprych and Dominik Wojcik as they make this next step on January 1st under the guidance of Bishop Chad Zielinski.

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Feast of the Holy Family – Alex and Harlee Harvey bring their newborn child - Ambrose Cruz Harvey-forward for baptism. We celebrate this sacred celebration with their family and our parish family as through this sacrament he receives the amazing gift of God and the responsibilities of being a disciple of Jesus. *Blessed are the parents, sister, and brothers as they welcome a new person into their lives!*

On Epiphany Sunday (Jan. 3), Fr. Robert Fath will sanctify bottles of water so that families may bring holy water home. With our church fonts empty due to COVID, now you will be able to bring holy water into your home as a sign for three reasons: a sign of repentance of sin, protection from evil, and a reminder of our Baptism. Bless yourself, your house, your family, workspace, and/or sick as you pray *“By this holy water and by Your Precious Blood, wash away all my sins, O Lord. Amen”*

Connecting the Gospel ...



... *to the First Reading*: God's promise of salvation comes to fulfillment through the enfleshment of human life: the son born to Abraham and Sarah, the Child parented by Mary and Joseph and tenderly recognized by Simeon and Anna. This promise continues to be enfleshed today as we grow in holiness.

... *to experience*: The point to this feast is not to create a tension between a notion of an ideal nuclear family and our actual experience of family. Growing in holiness is possible no matter what our family situation.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Neighboring Parish News

We continue to pray along with The Legion of Mary and Seminarians who 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.

Thurs. – Dec 31: Family Day at ICC, 12:10-3:30pm. Families are invited to celebrate Mass and then join the priests, sisters, and seminarians for talks on Marian devotion and family life.

Fri. – Jan 1: Marian Afternoon at Sacred Heart, 11am – 2pm. Prepare for our celebration of the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, with talks on true devotion and how to pray the rosary.

DIOCESE OF FAIRBANKS JOB OPENING

The Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking a Donations Clerk. This position is full time with benefits and supports processing donations from our benefactors for the diocese. Primary duties are data entry, donor interaction and correspondence and bank deposits. Qualifications include high school diploma or GED, typing at a minimum of 40wpm with 98% accuracy - 10 key included proficiency in MS Office, strong communication skills, and a willingness to work as a positive team player. All duties and responsibilities should be performed in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks. Position will remain open until filled. To apply please send resume to humanresources@cbna.org

ICC REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers needed in the ICC Regional Soup Kitchen! Help is needed at the following times and days: 9:30/10am to roughly 1:30/2pm on Sundays, Tuesday, and Thursdays. Check out the online page where you can sign up to help. There is a requirement to take the online Diocesan Safe and Sacred training. Contact the soup kitchen if you need assistance with this: Nick Shamrell, Coordinator – iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org or by phone at 907.452.3533, Ext 22, or in person at ICC between 10am and 2pm. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PbgF_nH_Kdp5JBxzsRaaQhLJc6wbhD4xeS_h674U4g8/edit#gid=0

Advent Reverse Calendar – There is still time to fill out the needs of the ICC Soup Kitchen. Check out the calendar at www.stmarksuaf.org. Consider writing a check to “ICC Soup Kitchen” if your unable to do the shopping. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

The Kairos and Chronos Of Christ's Nativity

The Incarnation of the Son of God is the most momentous event in all of human history.



Philosophy deals with notions such as justice, beauty, truth, equality, goodness, wisdom and so on. These are not historical things. We do not celebrate justice on a particular day because it did not come into

being on particular day. Philosophy is timeless. But Christmas came into being at a particular time.

The ancient Greeks distinguished between two kinds of time: *chronos*, which is chronometric time, the steady, unbroken flow of time that is inevitable; and *Kairos*, which is the moment in which something of dramatic importance occurs. *Kairos* breaks into *chronos* to bring a message from another world.”

This is just an excerpt from an article from the current edition of the National Catholic Register, written by Donald DeMarco. Take a moment to read it to get a better appreciation of what we are celebrating:

<https://www.ncregister.com/commentaries/the-kairos-and-chronos-of-christ-s-nativity>

Explore the following blog:

<https://www.theologyofwork.org/the-high-calling/blog/living-kairos-life-chronos-world>

Parish Support

For the Week ending Dec 20, 2020

Total: \$ 1,131.00

Checks/Cash \$ 1,121.00/WeShare \$10.00

Year to Date (7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 26,304.05

Donations dated before January 1st, 2021 will be included in your End of Year Contributions statement for 2020.

Statements will be mailed out in January.

Donations can be made by dropping in collection basket at **church** in envelope marked “St. Mark Parish” or also by Mail or Online:

* St. Mark UAF Catholic Parish PO Box 750166, Fairbanks, AK 99775-0166 or *St. Mark's UAF Parish website www.stmarksuaf.org - click on “WeShare”.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” - Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We cannot give what we do not have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share give the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend, or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

SACRAMENTALS (Blessings)

Blessings are called "sacramentals" because they prepare us to receive the grace of the sacraments and help us to grow to be more like Christ (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1670).

Blessings consist of prayer, Scripture, and sometimes a special ritual sign (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1668).

People are accustomed to seeing bishops, priests, and deacons blessing objects or persons in the name of the Church. Indeed, "the more a blessing concerns ecclesial and sacramental life, the more is its administration reserved to the ordained ministry" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1669), often with the participation of the local parish community gathered in prayer. Whenever an ordained minister is present, he should be called upon to give the blessing.

However, there are other blessings, like the ones contained in *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*, that can be prayed by anyone who has been baptized, "in virtue of the universal priesthood, a dignity they possess because of their baptism and confirmation" (*Book of Blessings*, no. 18). The blessings given by laypersons are exercised because of their special office, such as parents on behalf of their children.

Right after telling his disciples to "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you," Jesus instructs them to "bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you" (Lk 6:28). St. Paul echoes the Lord's command when he exhorts the Romans to "bless those who persecute [you], bless and do not curse them" (Rom 12:14). St. Peter urges that each time we are on the receiving end of evil, we should return "a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing" (1 Pt 3:9).

This is why the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that "every baptized person is called to be a 'blessing,' and to bless" (no. 1669; see Gn 12:2; Lk 6:28 Rom 12:14; 1 Pt 3:9).

Like the Lord into whom they have been baptized, parents should bless and pray for their children. Each one of us should remember the sick and those who suffer. Each time we gather around the family table, we should bless God and the food he has given us. On special occasions, we will observe the traditions of the season, sanctifying by prayer and blessing all the seasons of grace that God has given to us. <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments>



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/>

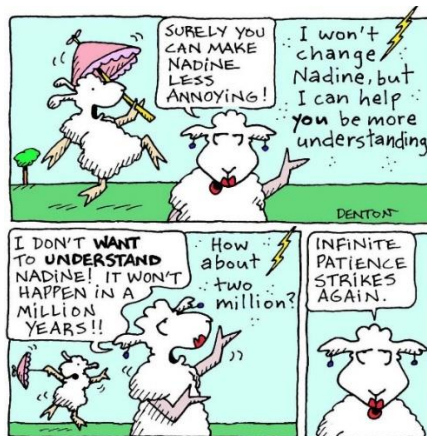
Special Prayer Intentions for: Pope Francis, Bishop Chad Zielinski, our priests, seminarians, religious and all who serve in our Diocese. Harlee & Alex Harvey on the birth of their newborn- Ambrose – and for their safety as they return to Point Hope this week; individuals unable to attend Mass in person due to COVID; for all families; families burdened with poverty and economic stress; and family members and friends who have died this past year.

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

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

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.



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"Put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another."

Sheepish Question:

Who especially needs my compassion today as a beloved sister or brother in God's family?

Catholic Student Association

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

While on break, take time to explore **real life catholic** with Chris Stefanick. <https://reallifecatholic.com/who-is-jesus/> Check out the different topics of Catholic faith in video, audio, and blog format