



# ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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**January 10, 2021 The Baptism of the Lord**

**St. Mark's 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral**

### Pleasing to God

**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7** The Servant of the Lord

**Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3b+9b-10**

**Acts 10:34-38** Peter's Discourse.

The Good News of Peace

**Mark 1:7-11** Baptism of Jesus

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**Music Director:** George Stefan Ph. 907-978-6953

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

**Sacraments & Becoming Catholic:**

Contact Mary Pat Boger at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@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 -

#### January 2021: Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**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) .

### January 10 Songs for Sunday:

110 When Jesus Comes to be Baptized

647 Come to the River

663 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

546 Sing a New Song

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



## Catholic Student Association

*We are a community of faith and caring.*

### The Differences between High School and College:

In High School ~ School is usually free and mandatory.

Time is structured by school officials and parents.

In College ~ This is something that you voluntarily enrolled in and very expensive. There is no one there to remind you how to manage your time. (*Loans are expensive! For every class you skip or assignment you fail to hand in...it is like throwing your money out the window. Treat this like a job...show up on time, prepared and ready to participate.*)

**Virtual Classes** – Communication! Reach out to your instructor if you are unsure of course format, expectations, concerns, or assignments. Treat it like an in-person class. Get to know other students. Ask questions before you get yourself behind in class. You are paying for this, get the most out of it...no excuses for getting behind.

Explore “**real life catholic**” with Chris Stefanick. <https://reallifecatholic.com/who-is-jesus/> Find different topics of Catholic faith in video, audio, and blog format.

**Keep up with local Catholic events** for college-age and young adults in Fairbanks on Facebook: *Catholic Young Adults of Fairbanks*.

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR:** Welcome back to campus! Monday, January 11 is the first day of instruction.

**No Classes during the semester on these dates:**

January 18 Alaska Civil Rights Day

March 8-12 Spring Break.

Check out “*What's Happening – Current News*” at Diocese of Fairbanks website

<https://www.dioceseoffairbanks.org>

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

“Jesus, really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar, since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of thy most Holy Mother, and to abide with me, thou in me, and I in thee, in time and in eternity. Amen.”

### *Focusing the Gospel ...*



**Key words and phrases:** he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit, Jesus ... was baptized, my beloved Son

**To the point:** After Jesus was “baptized in the Jordan by John,” he took up his saving mission as the “beloved Son.” We are baptized by

both water and the Spirit, beginning a life of turning from our thoughts and ways to God’s thoughts and ways (first reading), becoming God’s children (second reading), and continuing Jesus’ ministry. Baptism is not so much what is done to us as what we do because of our new relationship with God and each other.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

## St. Mark University Catholic Parish

Our order for Living with Christ **2020-2021 Sunday Missal for Young Catholics** should be in this coming week. These missals are meant for families with children at home aged 7 and up. Only 10 copies are coming. If interested, please contact Mary Pat Boger. This is an excellent resource to help take part in Mass, with explanations for gestures and words during Mass, prayers for home. Read together as a family before Mass to help them get more out of it.

## DIOCESE OF FAIRBANKS JOB OPENING

The Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking a Donations Clerk - full time with benefits and supports processing donations from our benefactors for the diocese. **Primary duties** - data entry, donor interaction and correspondence and bank deposits. **Qualifications** - high school diploma or GED, typing at a minimum of 40wpm (98% accuracy), 10 key, MS Office proficiency, 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](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org)

## ITEMS USED AT MASS

**Altar** – The main focus of the Catholic Church, the altar is the structure upon which the sacrifice of Jesus Christ’s Body and Blood are consecrated. Topped by a slab of marble or solid wood. Signifies Christ Jesus, the



Living Stone. (1 Peter, 2:4). The altar faces the people

**Ambo** – A raised platform near the Altar for the proclamation of the Scriptures during Mass. The homily, general intercessions and prayers, and announcements following Mass are also delivered from the Ambo. Ambo is word of Greek origin - signifies a mountain or elevation.

## ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time is called “ordinary” not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The remaining days of January are the beginning of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time, meaning ordered or numbered time, is celebrated in two segments: from the Monday following the Baptism of Our Lord up to Ash Wednesday; and from Pentecost Monday to the First Sunday of Advent.

### January 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord

*“And a voice came from the heavens, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” - Mark 1:11*  
Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort

**John Carroll, America's first bishop urged this prayer to be recited in the parishes throughout the young nation (1791). It is a fitting time to do the same.**

### **A PRAYER FOR OUR GOVERNMENT**

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and

particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### **ICC REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN**

If you would like to sign up for a volunteer slot at the soup kitchen, please contact Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Nick Shamrell at 452-3533. Please keep in mind that signing up for a slot does not necessarily lock you into one job only. There are numerous jobs to be done around the kitchen and the church in general that all go toward supporting the mission of the soup, kitchen, just like the soup kitchen supports the mission of ICC (and the diocese as a whole). As an example: prepping food roasters for the week; cleaning the refrigerators and appliances; clearing the pathways of snow and ice; sweeping, mopping, vacuuming floors; etc. The critical days volunteers are needed are Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursdays. If you are available even for one day, your help would be greatly appreciated. While the kitchen is not operating on Mondays, we can still use the volunteer help for tasks like the odd jobs I listed above. Thank you all for your help here at the soup kitchen. It's the time and talent that folks like you give to the kitchen that really makes the mission possible! Contact the soup kitchen if you need assistance with this: Nick Shamrell, Coordinator – [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org) or by phone at 907.452.3533, Ext 22, or in person at ICC between 10am and 2pm.



### **Parish Financial Support For Week of January 3, 2021**

**Total: \$ 1,640.00**

Checks/Cash \$ 70.00

WeShare \$1,210.00

**Year to Date (7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 29,804.05**

*Donations dated December 31<sup>st</sup> will be included in your donation statement mailed out this coming week. Contact our office if you have questions or have not received a letter. Donations by dropping in collection basket at church in envelope marked "St. Mark Parish" or 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](http://www.stmarksuaf.org) - click on "WeShare"*



## 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; Thurs 7:00pm

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

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:** Thu 8:00am-12noon

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

### Immaculate Conception 452-3533

\*All masses are live streamed.

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00pm

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

**Daily Mass 12:10pm:** Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.  
Wed. 5:30pm

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:** Wed. 6-7:00pm

Confessions with Adoration

**First Friday Adoration:** 6:00pm – 6:00am

<https://iccfairbanks.org/>

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

### Saint Raphael 457-6603 (\*Live streamed Masses)

**Saturday Vigil:** 6:00pm

**Sunday:** \*9:30am (go to website Facebook link)

**Daily Mass:** \*Thurs Mass 9:30am; Wed 5:30pm

**Adoration:** Thu 7:00 – 8:00pm & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month

<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

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

**Adoration:** Wed 6pm Mass, Adoration w/Rosary

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

### Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

**Sunday:** 9:00am

**Adoration:** Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 PM

### Our Lady of Snows, Eielson Air Force Base

**Sunday:** 10:30am

**Daily Mass:** Tuesday-Friday – 11:30am

## Neighboring Parish News

Check calendar of events for each parish on their websites listed on the left.

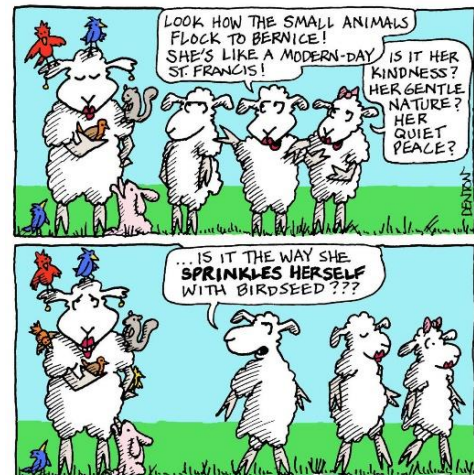
**Special Prayer Intentions for:** Pope Francis, Bishop Chad Zielinski and all who serve in our Diocese. Our “at risk group” that have been in quarantine during Covid-19. Pray for all our first responders (police, EMTs, firefighters, doctors, and nurses). For returning students and educators for the school year.

### ***Baptism of Our Lord -- January 10, 2021***

“This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email:

[vocations@cbna.org](mailto:vocations@cbna.org).



“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased.”

### **Sheepish Question:**

Although we are baptized in water— not birdseed—how does my baptism with Christ empower me to live in a way that pleases God?

"When we consider that women are treated as property it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit."

*Elizabeth Cady Stanton*