



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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April 11, 2021 Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

Reading 1: Acts 4:32-35 The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

Psalms 18:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Reading II: 1 John 5:1-6 Those who love God keep his commandments.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

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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

Marilis Bennett

John Fox

Cynthia Klepaski

Ritchie Musick

Jen & Sean Tucker.

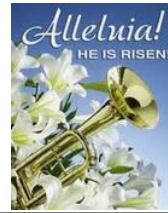


Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - April 2021: Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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 to be included in our special intentions, prayers or wish to receive communion.

"I shall sing forever the Lord's mercy." Ps 89 [88]



Divine Mercy Sunday Hymns:

178 Jesus is Risen

568 Alleluia No. 1

173 Ye Sons and Daughters

172 Alleluia! Alleluia!

This Easter season light a candle and give a prayer of gratitude for the hope we have been give.

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 11th!

The Knights of Columbus affiliated with the Diocese of Fairbanks has been asked by Bishop Chad Zielinski to promote the Divine Mercy Novena for 2021.

The Novena begins April 2, 2021 (Good Friday) and continues each day through April 10, 2021. The Novena prayers can be followed on the Fairbanks Immaculate Conception Facebook page each day at 3:00 pm during the Novena.

The link below will provide a digitized method for the Novena that can be viewed on a computer or smartphone.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/news-room/orderwide-divine-mercy-novena.pdf>

If you have questions, contact Bill Chrisman at

(907) 590-0338 cell [or aksdkofc2019@gmail.com](mailto:or_aksdkofc2019@gmail.com)

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour Sunday, April 11, from 3:00- 4:30 pm

Join us as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the Cathedral, followed by Benediction and Sung Vespers.

Healing Mass – April 13th, 5:30pm at SHC. Join Bishop Chad Zielinski as he offers Mass for victims of abuse. Go to <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/> for Live stream, click on the Facebook symbol at the top of the page. Scroll down and select "Videos" from the menu on the left. Then click the Video to view. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

Need a ride to Mass? St. Mark Parish will help provide transportation if needed, as well as other Catholic events during the week when the city bus is not running. *Please give 24 hours' notice for arranging a ride.* Contact Mary Pat Boger (907-374-9564)

April 11, 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” - ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents, and your money – these are all gifts from God! We are not really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all our gifts for the benefit of others.

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Low Sunday



"Bring here thy finger and see My hands; and bring here thy hand and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving but believing" (Gospel).

Be a witness to the Divinity of Jesus Christ! Thus did the ancient Church speak to the newly baptized on this Sunday. Since their Baptism on Holy Saturday these converts wore white robes. Now in their everyday dress they must go out as witnesses that "Christ is the Truth" (Epistle).

God the "Father" bore "witness" to this at Christ's Baptism by "water," God the "Word" became our "Blood" witness on the Cross; God the "Spirit" gave witness when by Him Jesus was conceived in the womb of Mary. Yes, this is the triple "testimony of God" which we, too, must witness unto others — that "Jesus is God" (Epistle).

To the "doubting Thomases" of all future ages, Jesus gave a new proof of His Divinity in today's Gospel, "written that you may believe. . . and that believing you may have life."

My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the **Second Reading**: The **Second Reading** spells out in more detail what believing in the risen Jesus enables us to do: love God and others, obey God's commandments, and conquer the world.



... to **experience**: Anyone living in family or community knows the experience of forgiveness both given and received. They also know the peace such forgiveness engenders.

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Stigmata? What's That?

Did you know some saints, venerables, and blesseds **physically experienced** Jesus's wounds?

The word *stigmata* comes from the Greek word for physical punctures and wounds. Certain saints experienced the Stigmata, a phenomenon when Jesus's wounds are miraculously placed on a person's body.

Holy men and women who had the Stigmata were united with Christ's Passion in a way no one else was because they could truly feel the pain and anguish our Lord felt at His death.

St. Francis of Assisi was the first saint known to receive the Stigmata. However, some believe that St. Paul also received the Stigmata, since he writes in Galatians 6:17, *"From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body."*

More recently, St. Padre Pio is also believed to have received the Stigmata. In 1921, Padre Pio [told an Italian bishop, later cardinal, Raffael Rossi](#) that in 1918, Pio was in the choir area of his church after Mass when he saw a vision of the crucified Christ. Our Lord then invited Padre Pio to join Him in His Passion. Padre Pio looked down to see wounds on his hands and feet.

Other saints that are believed to have had the Stigmata include St. Catherine of Siena, St. Rita of Cascia, and St. Mariam Baouardy.

<https://www.getfedllc.com>

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect. Through this collaboration, prevention services and supports help protect children and produce thriving families.



Stewardship Report
April 4, 2011.....\$ 1,855.00
Actual Collection YTD
(7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 45,134.86

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

HE BREATHED ON THEM?
IS THAT EVEN SAFE?



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IT IS... IF IT'S
THE BREATH OF GOD!



JOHN 20:19-31

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Pray for: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski as he travels to rural sites to celebrate Mass for villages who have not received sacraments in over a year due to COVID restrictions. Remember our priests, religious, deacons, and volunteers serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks; new parishioners coming into the Church during Easter Vigil services; for the St. Mark and UAF community; individuals afflicted by illness struggling with addictions, depression, or loneliness due to isolation. This week we pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Wright – the grandmother of St. Mark parishioner (UAF/CSA Alumnae).



Seminarian Spotlight

In your charity, please remember our Diocesan Seminarians in your prayers this week:

Piotr Oprych & Dominik Wojcik
Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary
3535 Commerce Rd
West Bloomfield Township, MI 48324

Joshua Miller
USML/Mundelein Seminary
1000 E. Maple Ave.
Mundelein, IL 60060

Michael Koehler
Bishop White College Seminary
429 E. Sharp Ave.
Spokane, WA 99202

Pray for Vocations

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Do you have a growing interest in sharing the Lord’s saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org.

God does not call the qualified,
He qualifies the called.

Information of Interest for Catholics of Diocese of Fairbanks:

- Please turn in your Rice Bowls this week by dropping them off at Mass.
- Volunteer at the Soup Kitchen. Contact Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Nick Shamrell at 452-3533.
- Knights of Columbus 2021 Kodiak Island Bison Hunt Raffle tickets are available. Contact a Knight or Call (907) 378-9709. Drawing held May 1, 2021 for \$20/ticket. Need not be present to win. Proceeds benefit Knights charitable works in Alaska.
- Check out Shepherd’s Cache at SHC. This is a wooden box attached to the wall at the back of the church where offerings (checks/cash) may be dropped to help support our bishop meet the needs of village parishes in our diocese.
- Catholic content on Formed.org. Check SHC webpage for more information.
- Information on becoming a Knights of Columbus can be found at www.kofc.org or contact Bill Chrisman at (907) 590-0338 cell [or email aksdkofc2019@gmail.com](mailto:aksdkofc2019@gmail.com)
- Interested in becoming a Catholic Daughter of the Americas Fairbanks Court? For more information contact Nancy Kelly at strpahaecatholicparish@gmail.com or (907) 457-6603.
- For more information on becoming an Associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph (men or women), please email Patty Walter at 374-9536 or pattywalter@hotmail.com. Make the commitment to lead lives that strive to work for justice, reach out to those in need, and build relationships in the spirit of hospitality and simplicity.
- Sacred Heart Cathedral Book Club title for May: Divine Love Made Flesh: The Holy Eucharis As the Sacrament of Charity by Raymond Cardinal Burk, c.2012
- **Coming soon.....UAF Commencement May 1st!** Graduation will be live streamed this year at 4pm. The drive-in celebration and graduate car parade will take place on Saturday, May 1 at 9:30am. Check out the University website for more information.

“The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God.” - C.S Lewis

NEIGHBORING PARISH MASS SCHEDULES

Sacred Heart Cathedral 474-9032

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

Saturday Latin Mass: 6:30pm- Feb 6,13; Mar 13, 27

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

Monday: 7pm Spanish Mass

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.

5:30pm: Wednesday

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

Confessions with Adoration

First Friday (5:30pm) ~Saturday (7am) Mass

followed by Adoration: 6:00pm-6:00am

Confessions: 11:30am-12pm (*Confessions are in the pastor's office*) - M, Tu, Th, F; W - 6-7pm; Sat 3-4pm

<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 9:30am; *Wed 5:30pm w/ Rosary.

Adoration: Thu 7:00 - 8:00pm & 2nd 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

Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00pm

Daily Mass: Mon, Tue, Thu; Fri 8:45am; Wed. 6:00pm

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

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

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER:

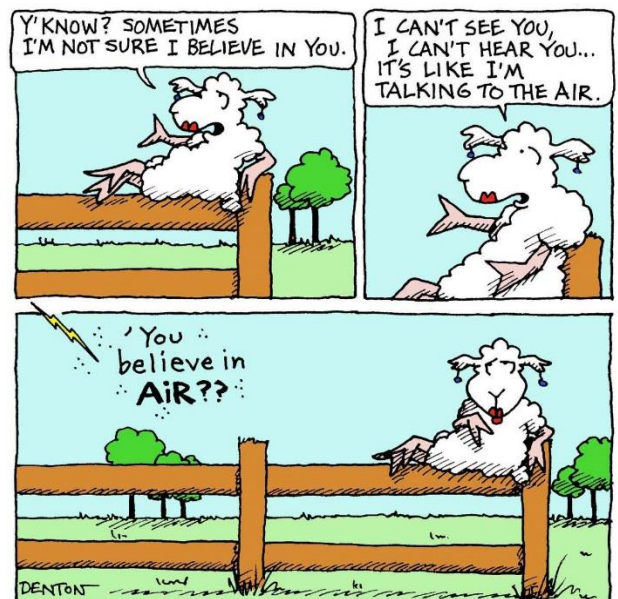
Heavenly Father of Divine Mercy, bless us and guide us by Your Holy Spirit as we build this church to continue Your Son's work in the world. May this endeavor bring our congregation ever stronger together in Christ. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Learn how to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet:

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You
Are present in the Most Holy Sacrament,
I love You above all things, and
I desire to Receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
Receive You sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
And unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated
From You. Amen



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“Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.”

Sheepish Question:

What helps me dispel my doubts about God?