



August 15, 2021- 20<sup>th</sup> The Assumption  
4:45pm Evening Vespers prior to 5:30pm Mass



**Hymns for 5:30pm Mass:**

**690** Sing of Mary  
**686** On This Day, O Beautiful Mother  
**694** Hail Mary: Gentle Woman  
**200** Hail, Holy Queen

*Share your music talent! Vocalists and Musicians wanted!*

*Contact George Stefan after Mass.*

**Reading 1: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab**

The sign of God's salvation will be a woman clothed with the sun.

**Psalm 45:10-12, 16** The queen takes her place next to God.

**Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27**

Christ has redeemed Adam's sin.

**Gospel: Luke 1:39-56** Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise.

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**Vocations:** See Fr. Robert Fath

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



**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - August 2021**  
**Respect for the Planet's Resources**

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

**Let Us Pray For:** Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath, Diocesan priests & seminarians; Dot Keith Bray's granddaughter – Reagan & her family, Ben Orr, Sean Tucker, Dorothy Keith, Mike Johnson, Jim Radigan and all who are sick; our faithful departed. For families, students, and educators returning to school.

## Catholic Student Association & Catholic Young Adults

*We are a community of faith and caring.*

**Residence halls open Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Orientation for new students – Aug 18<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>**

**First day of instructions: Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**CSA Sunday Mass:** 5:30pm held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 1316 Peger Road. If you need a ride, or willing to provide a ride, please call 907-374-9564 to arrange a ride at least 36 hours ahead of Mass.

**St. Mark University Parish and the Diocese of Fairbanks** welcome back new and returning students! We are here to support you and provide opportunities for your college experience. Catholic Student Association (CSA) will meet once a week (Thursday) for Mass and discussion with Fr. Robert Fath. Catholic Young Adult (CYA) events are held off campus that may be of interest and will be posted ahead of the event.

**PARTY IN THE PARK** - Orientation for Clubs and Organizations on the UAF campus will take place on Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 12noon

**ST. MARK SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS:**

Applications can be found at [www.stmarksuaf.org/#](http://www.stmarksuaf.org/#).

**FEAST AND FAITH BONFIRE KICKOFF**

Feast and Faith is back, and we are kicking it off with a bang! *Catholic Young Adults* (18-39ish) come together to build comradery around the fire. There will be games, snacks, and of course plenty of smiling faces! BYOC (bring your own chair) and BYOB (bring your own beverages.) There will be information about upcoming gatherings as well as information about various ministries you can get involved in going forward. Grab a friend and let's celebrate our faith and friendship Friday August 27<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 10pm at the Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati House of Discernment 1318 Peger Road Fairbanks, AK.

Jesus did not come to make you boring, take away your fun, and plague you with guilt. You can keep the most precious gift you have—your faith—and go to college without losing your way. Real Life Catholic is here to help you! Check out <https://reallifecatholic.com> with Chris Stefanick.

## Dates to Remember:

- ✦ **Our old St. Mark Gmail account is being phased out as of August 1<sup>st</sup> and will no longer be used.** Please direct all email to our new account at [smark@cbna.org](mailto:smark@cbna.org).
- ✦ **Reconciliation can be heard at SHC, Sat. 3-4pm.**
- ✦ **Aug 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>:** Beloved Series at ICC 6:30-8pm. Contact Fr. Tom at [tkuffel@cbna.org](mailto:tkuffel@cbna.org) or 907-434-6117 or Deacon Sean & Jodi Stack at [stackcompanyinc@gmail.com](mailto:stackcompanyinc@gmail.com).
- ✦ **Oct 1-3:** Eucharist Rosary Congress Friday and Saturday Night; all night adoration.
- ✦ **Aug 16:** Catholic Schools First Day of school for 7-12<sup>th</sup>: 12:30 Dismissal
- ✦ **Aug 16-18:** Catholic Schools PK-6 Conferences
- ✦ **Aug 19:** Catholic Schools First Day for PK-6
- ✦ **Aug 28:** 6:30pm SHC Latin Rite Mass
- ✦ **Sept 11:** 6:30pm SHC Dominican Rite Mass
- ✦ **Sept 22-Oct :** 40 Days for Life



**Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** *Donation Recipient - Frassati House* The Frassati House promotes the mission of the Diocese of Fairbanks Vocations Office by providing information and support for men discerning a call to the Roman Catholic priesthood. To support the

Frassati House with your Assumption offerings the weekend of August 14th and 15th, please write "Assumption" on the memo line of your check or envelope. Thank you for supporting our local seminarians. Pray for vocations.

### **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15**

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven." Are you called to keep your eyes fixed on Christ and run the race of faith to heaven as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [vocations@cbna.org](mailto:vocations@cbna.org).

### **Connecting the Gospel ...**

... *to the Second Reading:* The [Second Reading](#) rehearses they entire history of God's promise of mercy: death came through Adam; life came through Christ.

Mary's assumption foreshadows the destiny of "all who belong to Christ."

... *to experience:* In our news-dominated culture we tend to view events historically. From this viewpoint the solemnity of the assumption celebrates what happened to Mary in the past. Liturgy does more than recall a past event, however; it draws us into divine mystery where that event is present now.



## **Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments. WWMD?**

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?



I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### **40 Days for Life Campaign**

**Sept 24th -Friday 6PM-10PM** Journey Church

1201 Hoselton Road. Fairbanks'

Prayer to save lives of the Innocent

Come to participate in the Prayerful Vigil being held

Sept 22-Oct 31st 7am-7pm

Sign-up: @ [40daysforlife.com/en/Fairbanks](http://40daysforlife.com/en/Fairbanks)

*thank you*

### **Legion of Mary sponsors Eucharistic Rosary Congress**

**Oct 1-3**

in honor of our First Friday Devotions.

Fr. Hugh Gillespie a DeMonfort Priest from New York

offers 4 talks on True Devotion to Our Lady

7:00 PM Oct 1; 10:00 AM Oct 2

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On the Importance of Marian Devotion, learning to say

Yes to God's will — not my will.



**A modern day Eucharistic miracle in a time of turmoil.** *It happened on a summer night in a tiny town in Bavaria, West Germany, in 1970. It happened twice.*

The pastor serving the town of Stich was sick. He couldn't offer Mass for the people, so a visiting Swiss priest assisted him and offered Mass at 8 PM on Tuesday, June 9, 1970.

But something unusual happened after the Consecration. The priest noticed a red spot on the corporal next to the chalice, a spot that grew to the size of a coin.

At the elevation of the chalice, another spot appeared in the place where the chalice had stood. The priest ensured that the chalice was not leaking, and after Mass, he examined the corporal and the cloths underneath it. No cause could be found for the appearance of the spots.



The stained cloths were sent to the Polyclinical Institute of the University of Zurich for analysis. The examiners, who had been told nothing of the origin of the stains, concluded that the stains were caused by human blood, and according to the letter written to the priests informing them of the results: *...the director of the clinical laboratory said that in his considered judgment the blood was most certainly that of a man in agony.*

Five weeks later, at 8 o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, July 14th, the Swiss priest was scheduled to celebrate another Mass in Stich. He carefully examined the altar stone, the altar cloths, the corporal, and the chalice prior to Mass and made sure they were completely clean and undamaged. Shortly after the Consecration, the red spots appeared again on the corporal. The priest invited the congregation to inspect the stains after Mass, and they later testified to what they saw. The cloths were again sent for analysis, this time to the District Hospital of Cercee, and again, the scientists concluded that they were caused by human blood.

The 60s and 70s were a time of tremendous upheaval in the world, and in Germany, the Iron Curtain had divided the country in two since the end of World War II. At such times it is easy for us to sideline our faith and allow the events of the world to take priority in our minds. But on two nights, in an insignificant town in a place far from the newspaper headlines, Our Lord sent a miraculous reminder that—no matter how tumultuous the world becomes—He is the center of everything, and His Presence is real.

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"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant" (Luke 1: 46-47).



## Start Praying the Liturgy of the Hours Today

We continue to cover the article on the *Liturgy of the Hours* by Fr. Ed Broom, OMV. This liturgical prayer of the Church is prayed daily and unites the totality of the Catholic Church throughout the whole world. Catholic means universal and indeed it is a *Catholic prayer*. This is not meant just for priests, but is prayed by deacons, religious and the Laity. It does not come easy at first and requires effort to learn the art of prayer. Following we continue with the essential aspects (17 steps) to motivate us to undertake these practices. Let it become a daily practice that is not abandoned!

**8. Composition of the Liturgy of the Hours.** As mentioned earlier, the essence and heart of the Liturgy of the Hours is the 150 Psalms – are prayed in the Liturgy of the Hours on a monthly cycle. They are divided into four weeks. Sometimes it is called or termed the Psalter. Therefore, Deacons and priests, as well as Religious, pray the Psalter, the 150 Psalms in their Breviary or Liturgy of the Hours every month.

**9. Following the Church Liturgical.** The Liturgy of the Hours follows the same cycle and rhythm of the Church Liturgical Year, the rhythm of the Mass calendar. The Liturgy of the Hours follows the normal cycle of the Life of Christ, lived out and expressed in the Sacraments, most especially the Mass. The Church cycle would be the following: Advent culminating in Christmas and the Christmas Season, then Ordinary Time (short). Then Lent and the Lenten Season, culminating in Easter. Then the fifty-day Easter Season terminating with the celebration of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. Then return to the long period of Ordinary Time, lasting close to six months and ending with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King. Then returning to the start of the Church Year with Advent.

**10. The Santoral.** Another very important dimension of the Liturgy, as well as the Liturgy of the Hours, is that of the Santoral. By Santoral is meant the celebration during the course of the Church Year, in the Masses as well as the Liturgy of the Hours, of the lives of the saints. In the Liturgy of the Hours there will be a separate antiphon and hymn, a special reading for the saint, as well as a closing prayer to honor the virtues of the specific saint. How might the saints be categorized? As such: Pastors, Virgins, Martyrs, Doctors of the Church, Common of men/women, Apostles. The richness and the variety of God's friends, the saints, is impressive. These great men and women spur us on to pursue holiness of life. ~ *continued next week.*

<https://fatherbroom.com/blog>



### SEVEN SISTERS

**APOSTOLATE:** Seven or more Catholic Women who commit a Holy Hour once a week for one specific priest for ONE WHOLE YEAR! If you are interested in joining or learning more about joining a Seven Sisters Apostolate here in Fairbanks, contact Alicia Menard at [amenard@cna.org](mailto:amenard@cna.org) or call 907-374-9553. More information can be found at <https://sevensistersapostolate.org>.

**U.S. Catholic:** After a year online, it's time to reclaim true communion  
<https://uscatholic.org/articles/202108/>

*The Assumption (August 15) refers to the Blessed Virgin Mary being assumed — body and soul — into heaven at the end of her earthly life. “Assumption” is different than “ascension” because one is passive (i.e. one is assumed) and the other is active (i.e. one ascends). It is by the power of God Mary was assumed.*

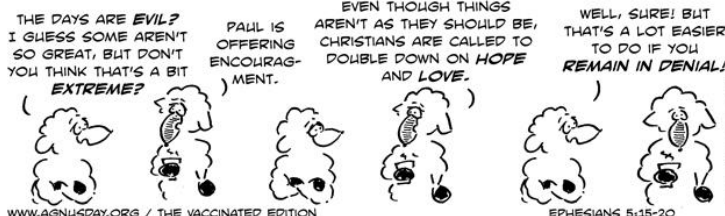
**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
“And Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savior.”  
**Luke 1:46**

After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other’s needs before our wants.



**Last Week’s Collection:**  
**August 8, 2021.... \$ 817.00**  
**Total (7/1/21-6/30/22) \$6,718.50**  
WeShare is a safe and secure site found on our webpage for online

giving - <http://www.stmarksuaaf.org> One can continue to give by dropping their donation in the basket or mailing to “St. Mark University Parish, 1316 Peger Rd, Fairbanks, AK 99709-5199. Thank you for supporting us!



## NEIGHBORING PARISH WEEKEND MASSES

(\*=*Live Streamed*)

### Sacred Heart Cathedral 474-9032

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm  
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  
<https://www.sacredheartak.org/>

### Immaculate Conception 452-3533

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am  
<https://iccfairbanks.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/ICCFairbanks>

### Saint Raphael 457-6603

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm  
Sunday: 9:30am  
<https://www.straphaelfairbanks.org/>

### Saint Nicholas, North Pole 488-2595

<https://signup.com/go/ZjtAQHb>  
Saturday Vigil: \*5:00pm  
Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00pm  
<http://www.stnicholasnp.org/>

### Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

Sunday: 9:00am, SLC  
Adoration: Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 pm, SLC  
Catholic Women of the Chapel: Wed - 9am, SLC

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

Sunday: 10:30am  
Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday – 11:30am

### Traditional Latin Mass Schedule:

All Latin Masses will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral  
Saturdays at 6:30 PM  
Aug 28<sup>th</sup>; Sept 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>; Oct 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Nov 20<sup>th</sup>; Dec 18<sup>th</sup>



**Mass at St. Mary’s of the Lake ~ Harding Lake** Fr. Welcome has begun celebrating Sunday Mass at St. Mary’s of the Lake on Sundays at 3pm through Labor Day Weekend.

**Traveling?** Check out mass times in Alaska using the following information: <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/> (Diocese of Fairbanks) and <https://aoaj.org> (Archdiocese of Anchorage Juneau).

Pray for all without access to Mass in our Diocese.