



September 5, 2021- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:45pm Evening Vespers prior to
5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral
Sat. 3-4PM Reconciliation can be heard at SHC

Hymns for 5:30pm Mass:

62 Ready the Way

445 For You Are My God

435 You Are Near

539 All Creatures of Our God and King

We welcome our college student choir members back!

Please talk with George, our guitarist/ leader, after Mass.

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:4-7a Isaiah prophesies about God's vindication.

Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 A song of praise to God.

Reading II: James 2:1-5 James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37 Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.

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Sacraments & Becoming Catholic:

Contact Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org

Vocations: See Fr. Robert Fath

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



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions – Sept. 2021
An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simply and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this

Pray For: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath, Diocesan priests & seminarians; all who lost their lives on 9/11/2001. We pray for all victims of violence and terrorism around the world, and for their families. Members of our parish who are ill or recovering from surgery; those who have entered eternal life.

Catholic Student Association & Catholic Young Adults

We are a community of faith and caring.

Have a Safe & Happy Labor Day Break! See you back on campus on Tuesday, Sept 7th.

Labor Day Weekend: Sept 4th-6th

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

Campus Ministry is fundamental to your college experience. Your education is important, but just as important is your spiritual life. We are here to help in balancing your lives and helping when there are struggles. There are off campus opportunities to join in Catholic Young Adult activities and meet others. Look for one of us (Fr. Fath, Ben, or Mary Pat) in Arctic Java on Thursdays – 11:30AM to 1:30PM. Drop by and introduce yourselves., we'll buy you a cup of coffee/tea! Look for our sign.

ST. MARK SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS:

Applications can be found at www.stmarksuaf.org/#.

Application deadlines are October 5th and 10th. Don't miss the deadlines!

Become a member of CSA ~ Officer Training is coming up soon. We need volunteers to attend as we update club information and elect officers. We will update our Nanook Engage portal soon so that you can keep up to date with activities and events!

Dates to Remember:

- ✦ **Sept 3-4: ICC First Friday Adoration 5:30PM**
Mass (9/3), All Night Adoration 6PM to 6AM.
Volunteers needed to take ½ to 1 hr. (2 persons/hour).
- ✦ **Sept 4: ICC 6AM Patriotic Rosary** & Confessions
7AM First Saturday Mass.
- ✦ **Sept 6: HAPPY LABOR DAY!**
- ✦ **Sept 9:** RCIA program begins at SHC. Thursday nights from 7:30-8:45pm.
- ✦ **Sept 11:** 6:30pm SHC Dominican Rite Mass
- ✦ **Sept 11:** 3:30pm Informational meeting for Seven Sisters Apostolate downstairs at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

From the Desk of
Fr. Robert Fath, JCL

As I mentioned at the end of Mass last week, we had a nice turn out for the “indoor” Party in the Park at UAF. We had an opportunity to connect with some of our old students as well as meet a few new Catholic students. During the course of our time on the hill I asked about the possibility of our parish moving back to campus. We were told that we would have to abide by the COVID-19 mitigation policies that are in place for groups on campus. The current policy allows no more than 50 people to gather, presuming 6’ social distancing and masks. Given the number of parishioners that we have this is not sufficient for our needs, so I have made the decision to keep us at the Cathedral.

On a positive note, if you have been attending Mass regularly, you have noticed that our parish has grown. We have more families in attendance and more young adults from the local area. St. Marks will be working closely with Ben Colwell, our new diocesan director of the Office of Faith and Family Formation, to reach out, not only to our college students, but to all the young adults in the Fairbanks/North Pole area. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our community. *Continue to pray for a swift end to the pandemic and the health and safety of our parishioners!*



From the Chancery:

Our first priest, **Fr. Juan Martin Sierra**, from the Institute of the Incarnate

Word (abbreviated IVE) has arrived in Fairbanks! Bishop Chad has been working with this Religious order for the past two years and we are now blessed to receive Fr. Juan. Fr. Juan is a native of Argentina and will be living at the St. Ignatius Residence. Fr. Juan will be working with Fr. Ross at Sacred Heart Cathedral as all new international priests do upon arrival to get acclimated to our harsh arctic environment. Fr. Juan did attend seminary in Washington DC, so he has some experience living in the US, although it was on the East Coast! Please give Fr. Juan a big, warm Fairbanks welcome when you meet him and thank him and his religious order for coming to assist in our ministry here in the Diocese of Fairbanks!

Fr. Abraham Nemaisa from the Diocese of Mutare, Zimbabwe (the same diocese as Fr. Welcome) will arrive in Fairbanks early evening on Tuesday, 7 September 2021! Please give him a big, warm Fairbanks welcome when you meet him. Fr. Abraham will be assisting in the Fairbanks/North Pole area while he transitions to our culture and the harsh arctic environment that we know will arrive soon. With his arrival we now have 20 priests in active ministry serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks! Keep praying for vocations; our prayers are being answered.

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...”

JAMES 1:22

It’s easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God’s word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

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 will offer 4 talks on True Devotion to Our Lady: On the Importance of Marian Devotion, learning to say Yes to God’s will — not my will

Oct 1 – 7pm; Oct 2 – 10am; Oct 2 – 7pm; Oct 3 – 3pm.

Please sign up for Annual Diocesan Rosary Congress 2021! Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/dAJHJLi>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

St. Raphael Parish is seeking an *Office Manager* for a part time position of 15-20 hours per week with regular office hours. Computer skills include managing the website, parish database, and proficiency in MS Office. For more information, please contact Fr Ross Tozzi, rtozzi@cbna.org.

Immaculate Conception Church seeks an individual well versed in computer skills (Office 365, Facebook, web page design) along with administrations skills (filing, organizing, communicating, and planning) as well as simple bookkeeping, record keeping, and data entry. **Job:** parttime 10 –15 hours a week. Must be available on Monday Mornings. Applicants should be competent collaborative, cooperative, and have an eye for details. Applicants need to support the mission of Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska. Please send resume to: iccsecretary2@cbna.org Or call: 907-452-3533

Connecting the Gospel

... **to the First Reading:** Isaiah’s poetic vision presents a world redeemed by God’s saving power. What Isaiah communicates through poetry; Jesus communicates through action.

... **to experience:** We tend to think of salvation in terms of heaven and the hereafter. The readings open us to salvation as encountering and hearing God now. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Commentary on the Readings for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Seek first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all these things shall be given you besides" (Gospel).

The castle (at the left) symbolizes earthly goods, about which some are too "anxious." The symbol of the Trinity (at the right) represents "the kingdom of God." We must serve either "the Spirit" or "the flesh" (Epistle), "God" or "mammon" (Gospel).



In the Epistle is a vivid account of the struggle between "the spirit," reborn in Baptism; and "the flesh" with its evil passions of the body, idolatrous outrages against God, crimes against one's neighbor.

The Gospel should be read and re-read, as the antidote to our twentieth-century cult of the body. To those who "seek first the kingdom of God," and who use material goods as a means of obtaining spiritual graces, Jesus promises that "all these (material) things shall be given... besides."

--Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*,
Confraternity of the Precious Blood

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



Beginning September 9th: Interested in joining the Catholic Church or learning more about your faith? Feel called to walk with those growing their faith in Christ? Christian Initiation meetings will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Thursday

nights from 7:30 to 8:45 PM. The first meeting will be on September 9th. All are invited to attend—there is no commitment required, only an interest in growing your faith.

Families of St. Mark Community - We encourage you to enroll your school-aged children in Religious Education at Sacred Heart where there will be others in the group. Please let them know you are registered at St. Mark. If you prefer, use ICC, St. Raphael, or St. Nick (North Pole), please do. Our numbers are small. Being in a bigger group benefits your child. If you have questions, please contact Mary Pat @ 907-374-9564 or email: stmark@cbna.org.

Immaculate Conception SOUP KITCHEN is always in need of volunteers and donations. There is more information on the website: <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> You can also donate \$\$ directly to the soup kitchen thru Immaculate Conception Church's giving link on the website or drop an envelope in the basket labeled "Soup Kitchen" and we will get it to them. Contact Nick Shamrell to volunteer: iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org

"You did it for me." - Matthew 25:40

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- Sept 5, 2021

"He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org.



What does HIS mean? We often see the letters "IHS" emblazoned on various objects in our churches and homes. What do these letters stand for?

IHS is a *Christogram*, that is, it's an abbreviation for the Holy Name of Jesus. In the early centuries of the Church, writers would contract the Holy Name by using the first two letters or the first and last letters. I (*iota*) and H (*eta*) are the first two letters of the name *Jesus* in Greek. In the Christogram "IHS," the third letter, S (*sigma*), has been added.

As Catholics, the IHS Christogram is wonderfully ubiquitous. It is inscribed on the frontispieces of altars, on church doors, on paschal candles, on books, on medals, and more. It is often portrayed as the center of a burning sun, with glorious rays bursting forth from it. Who is responsible for bringing the IHS into the center of Catholic devotional life? For this task, Our Lord employed that great apostle of His Holy Name, St. Bernardine of Siena.

Bernardine was a Franciscan priest who, commissioned as a preacher, traveled all over Italy and became famous for his wonderful sermons. At that time in Italy, conflicts among rival families and factions in cities were common. Bernardine employed the IHS symbol as a way to calm sectarian strife, encouraging his listeners to replace the factional symbols on their homes, churches, and buildings with IHS. When he preached, he kept before him a tablet emblazoned with this Christogram, one that had sunrays bursting forth from the holy letters.

Bernardine's enemies tried to use his fervent devotion to the Holy Name (and use of the IHS tablets) as material against him. They accused him of encouraging idolatry, which led to a case that was presented to Pope Martin V. St. Bernardine's disciple and fellow preacher, St. John of Capistrano, was charged with defending him before the Holy Father. The pope then became so convinced of Bernardine's innocence that he asked him to preach in Rome!

St. Bernardine's devotion to the Holy Name and his promotion of the IHS Christogram played a major role in reviving the Faith in 15th-century Italy. You can continue St. Bernardine's mission by proudly displaying the IHS symbol in your home or workplace.



Prayer is essential to your relationship with God.
Remember, you are not alone.



Last Week's Collection:

August 29, 2021.... \$ 1,017.00

Total (7/1/21-6/30/22) \$ 9,638.50

You can drop your donation in the basket on Sunday or use WeShare - a safe and secure site found on our website for online giving - <http://www.stmarksuaf.org> . Thank you for your continued support!

HAPPY LABOR DAY! Monday, September 6, 2021.

In the Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continued participation in God's creative action. We pray for the men and women whose jobs have been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

PATRIOT DAY- Saturday, September 11, 2021, A PEOPLE CHANGED BY 9/11 "The years have gone by, but the memories remain for all who were involved in that one single day and its aftermath that changed the lives of so many and of our nation." – Monsignor Robert J. Romano



Prayer for Labor Day

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name. We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity.

May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

9/8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day:

The day of the Nativity of the Mother of God is a day of universal joy, because through the Mother of God, the entire human race was renewed, and the sorrow of the first mother, Eve, was transformed into joy. *St. John Damascene*



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 28th; Sept 11th & 18th; Oct 9th & 23rd

Nov 20th; Dec 18th



Mass at St. Mary's of the Lake ~ Harding Lake Sunday at 3pm. Sept 5th is the last Sunday Mass at St. Mary's of the Lake.

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).

There can be no joy in living without joy in work.
~ Thomas Aquinas