



**ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH**  
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**27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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**Holy Father's Prayer  
 Intentions – October 2021  
 Missionary Disciples.**

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

True progress quietly and persistently moves  
 along without notice

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Hymns for 5:30PM Mass:**

- 313 ~ Gather Your People
- 560 ~ 10,000 Reasons
- 336 ~ One Bread One Body
- 527 ~ Prayer of St. Francis

**Reading 1: Genesis 2:18-24**

God creates woman from Adam's rib.

**Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6**

A prayer for God's blessing.

**Reading II: Hebrews 2:9-11**

James chastises the rich.

**Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48** Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

**Catholic Student Association  
 & Catholic Young Adults**

*We are a community of faith and caring.*

**CSA Sunday 5:30pm Evening Mass is held at Sacred Heart Cathedral - 1316 Peger Road.** Need a ride or are willing to provide a ride? Contact Mary Pat Boger at 907-374-9564. Check times for

**Fr. Robert Fath shared the following news with us last week** ~ The UAF Chancellor has provided St. Mark CSA with space in the Lathrop Dorm on Lower Campus. We will be able to set it up to provide a weekday Mass for Catholic students & employees and meet at other times during the week. Once plans are finalized, we will set up a schedule! *Offer up prayers of thanks for his support!*

**Arctic Java Treat:** Stop by Arctic Java on Thursday's from 11:30AM-1:30PM and introduce yourself to us; Ben Colwell, Fr. Robert Fath, and Mary Pat Boger. We will take turns at these drop-in events and look forward to meeting you. September was busy for all of us, but we will make every effort to be there in October! *Look for the "CSA/Young Adult" sign and let us buy you a drink ~ coffee, tea, or hot chocolate!*

**ST. MARK SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS:**  
 Applications found at [www.stmarksuaf.org/#](http://www.stmarksuaf.org/#) .  
 Deadlines are October 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Dates to Remember

- ✦ **Sept 22-Oct 31: 40 Days For Life.**  
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/Fairbanks>
- ✦ **Oct 1-3: Rosary Congress at SHC**
- ✦ **Oct 7: RCIA at SHC from 7:30-8:45pm.**
- ✦ **Oct 2-9: HIPOW 52 - Online Bidding!** Check out [www.hipowauction.com](http://www.hipowauction.com) for more information. Support our local Fairbanks Catholic Schools!
- ✦ **Oct 9: Traditional Latin Mass at 6:30pm SHC**
- ✦ **Oct 10: US National Rosary Coast to Coast**  
<https://rosarycoasttocoast.com>

Welcome & Pray for our newest Missionary Priests to our Diocese: Fr. Simon Jingbe, Fr. Juan Sierra, IVE, and Fr. Abraham Nemaisa.

***“So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.” (Genesis 2:19)***

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

### **Connecting the Gospel**

... **to the First Reading:** This familiar story from Genesis reveals that “from the beginning of creation” God intended that we humans live in community and be in life-giving relationships with each other and all of creation.

... **to experience:** Hardness of heart can be easier than openness of heart because the former focuses us on ourselves. In the end, however, such hardness of heart destroys self and relationships. The only way to real fulfillment of self is through openness to others. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



*Start by doing what is necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.*

## **Commentary on the Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

“Go therefore to the crossroads and invite whomever you shall find” (Gospel).

We approach the end of the Church's year. We, too, have grown to maturity. In our youth we regarded perfection an easy accomplishment. Now we plead for Redemption. We implore His Mercy to *direct our hearts* (Prayer) in the *evening* of our life (Offertory).



Our plea today is: *Give peace, O Lord.* What is the condition for peace with neighbor, peace amongst nations? It is a call to set ourselves right with God!

Are we ambassadors of peace to others? The *paralytic* was unable to do anything for himself. Did not Jesus cure him, absolve him, only when his friends *brought* him, and He saw *their faith*? Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood.



**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Justice Challenge:** Justice Challenge: October 4th is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is one of our most beloved and familiar saints.

One of his greatest passions was care for God's creation—nature, animals, the solar system. Francis saw God's love reflected in all created things. Your challenge this week is to choose one part of God's creation which is threatened by human greed, neglect, or abuse. Commit to taking one action to preserve and treasure this God-given resource. For example, you might choose water and then make a plan for using less water when you shower or brush your teeth. You might choose animals and make a donation or volunteer time at your local animal shelter. Whatever you choose, include a prayer of gratitude to God for this special part of God's creation.

**Weekly Collections will be updated at the end of the month.**

September 2011 Total: \$ 3,507.00

Total (7/1/21-6/30/22): \$ 13,147.50

*Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!*





## BREAKING THE STEWARDSHIP MOLD

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?  
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MT



**“What are the steps for canonization?”** *Saints are canonized in stages. What are these stages, and what does a saint have to “do” in order to progress?*

**Step I: Servant of God:** After a holy man or woman dies, five years must elapse before their cause can be considered. This allows for objectivity and ensures that they have an enduring reputation for sanctity. This five-year waiting period can be waived by the pope.

When five years have lapsed, the bishop can officially open the cause, with the approval of the Holy See, and the person is declared a “Servant of God.”



May we join the saints someday!

**Step II: Venerable:** The bishop then forms a diocesan tribunal to investigate the life and virtues of the potential saint—or the details of the martyrdom if he is a martyr.

The results of this investigation are sent to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome. Upon a favorable review of the cause, the Prefect of the Congregation presents the results to the pope, who then declares the person “Venerable.”

**Fun Fact:** *If a saint died a martyr, he is declared Blessed rather than Venerable at this stage and gets to skip straight to Step IV!*

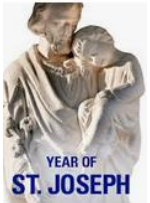
**Step III: Blessed:** In order for a Venerable to graduate to Blessed, a miracle must be attributed to his intercession. Once this miracle has been rigorously investigated and verified, the pope beatifies the Venerable and grants him limited public veneration, usually just in the diocese or religious order to which he belonged. As mentioned above, no miracle.

**Step IV: Saint:** One more miracle is required for canonization, both for martyrs and non-martyrs. With the investigation and verification of this final miracle, the pope is able to canonize the saint, who is granted universal public veneration in the Church. Of course, the very *first* step in becoming a saint is admitting that you *can* become one.

**Congratulations** to Fr. Stan Jaszek who serves in our missions out of Emmonak. He has been honored by Catholic Extension with the **2021-22 Lumen Christi**



**Award.** Read more about it in the Diocesan Missionary Disciples Magazine  
<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/images/Ministering/2021/2021-03-ministering.pdf>.



### Prayer to Saint Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;  
O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;  
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

*Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.*



You cannot be half a saint;  
you must be a whole saint or no saint at all.

### **27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 3, 2021**

“We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor.” Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you beyond your fearful hesitation to follow Christ 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).

### NEIGHBORING PARISH WEEKEND MASSES

#### **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

**Pray For:** Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath, Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our sick, elderly, residents of nursing homes and homebound. For all enrolled in sacramental & religious education classes. Members of our parish community and students at UAF and local schools. Remember those who have died this past year and their families.