



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH
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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
World Mission Sunday



**“Let us show our belief in Christ,
 For all the world to see.”**

October 24th - Hymns for 5:30PM Mass:

- 551 All the Ends of the Earth
- 601 Isaiah 49
- 603 Come to the Water
- 534 Sing to the Mountains

Reading 1: Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord declares himself to be the Father of Israel.

Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

A song of praise to God who does great things.

Reading II: Hebrew 5:1-6

Christ was made high priest by God.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus.

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Vocations: See Fr. Robert Fath

Parish Council: Marilis Bennett, John Fox,

Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker

**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.

CSA/Young Adults is a ministry where Mass, the sacraments, and church teachings remain the mission. Help us define the needs of Catholic students at UAF. Stop by Arctic Java and enjoy a drink (our treat) on Thursday's 11:30AM – 1:30PM!

SUPPORT UAF & Fairbanks!

10/21-31: UAF Museum Halloween. Get to the museum and enjoy the scavenger hunt. Drawing held Nov.1.

10/27: Career Fair Online – 11am-3pm. Visit. <https://alaska.joinhandshake.com/login>

10/23-24: Go Winter! Expo @ the Carlson Center. \$5 admission/Sunday free with military ID or anyone bringing 2 cans of food. Opens 10AM.

10/23: WVHS Annual Ski Swap. Drop off gear check-in Friday, Oct 22 5-8pm. Sat – 9-11am High School and Middle School (and families); 11am-1pm general community & elementary school skiers. Face masks required.

10/28 & 30: UAF Woman's Volleyball 7PM

Dates to Remember

- ✚ **Oct 23:** 6:30PM Latin Mass at SHC
- ✚ **Oct 26 (11/9 & 16): Marriage Prep** at St. Nick's in North Pole 6:00-7:30pm Tuesday evenings at Pastoral Center, 2nd floor.
- ✚ **Oct 27:** Confirmation: 7:30-8:45PM SHC.
- ✚ **Oct 29:** Youth Group – 7:30-9PM at SHC
- ✚ **Oct 31:** Sisters of St. Joseph Bake Sale after 5:30PM Mass
- ✚ **Nov 1:** All Saints' Day & **Nov 2:** All Souls' Day
- ✚ **Nov 2-4:** Clergy Days



UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

St. Mark University Parish will be updating our membership records.

Anyone new to our community and those already registered will be asked to take a moment to update records. Forms will be available to fill out next month at 5:30pm Sunday Mass or send your current information by email: stmark@cbna.org. Look for more information coming over the next few weeks.

40 Days for Life Campaign

Pray to save lives of the Innocent. Sign-up @ <https://40daysforlife.com/en/Fairbanks> . Participate in the Prayerful Vigil being held through Oct 31st from 7AM-7PM at 1867 Airport Way.

Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen ~ needs VOLUNTEERS to help with the SOUP KITCHEN. If you are unable due to health concerns, think about their donation needs: Winter Gear (wool socks, gloves, hats, boots.), Food (fruit or pudding cups), or making a monetary donation.

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.” (Mark 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

Connecting the Gospel

... **to the First Reading:** In Jeremiah's prophecy the Lord's deliverance of the people is manifested in gathering “the blind and the lame”—indeed, all peoples—and consoling and guiding them. In the Gospel God's deliverance is manifested in Jesus giving sight to Bartimaeus and, indeed, to all the crowd.



... **to experience:** When we want something badly enough, we tend not to give up in the face of opposition. In spite of many in the crowd rebuking Bartimaeus, he continued to call out to Jesus for healing, and received what he wanted—and even more. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Commentary on the Readings for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

"Render. . .to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's (Gospel).

In today's Mass the Church bids us prepare "without offense unto the day of Christ," that is, the day of Final Judgment (Epistle). Hence St. Paul prays with us today that our "charity may. . .abound in . . .discernment."



Yes, "discernment!" lest we be deceived by the tricky questions of Pharisee friends and foes, or even the Pharisee spirit in our own conscience. Jesus gives the answer: "Render. . .to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" (symbolized by small figures at right), "and to God the things that are God's (symbolized by small figures at left).

On this Sunday, officials and citizens alike may well cry out "from the depths" (Introit) for forgiveness of their failure to prepare. Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood.



30th Sunday Justice Challenge: In Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus proclaim the greatest commandment of loving God with our whole beings. But then Jesus adds the second greatest: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Your challenge this week is to think about how loving God and loving neighbor are inseparable. Then choose one neighbor (near or far) who needs help. It might be spiritual, financial, emotional, physical, or something else. Reach out to this neighbor and offer your assistance. It's a great way to show how much you love God!



The Board of Directors of **Love Inc.**

has voted to adopt a new name and logo and become an independent local agency rather than an affiliate of Love INC National. The Mission Statement: *Helping Alaskan families by providing essential resources to build community, change lives, and inspire hope*

“Spend an hour with me.”

- Jesus



WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship. In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

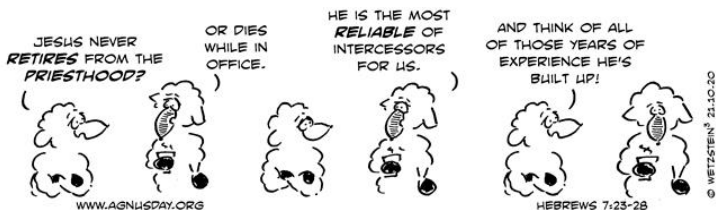
We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MT



Priestly Formation Days will take place during the first week

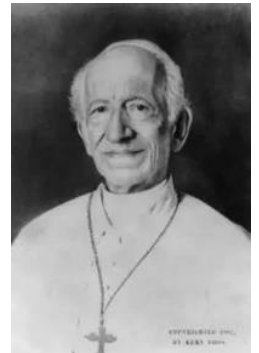
of November. There will be no Mass at the Cathedral at 12:10pm Nov. 2, 3, & 4. No 7:30am Mass Wed or Thurs). Keep our clergy in your prayers.



What is the origin of the St. Michael prayer? You might already pray it daily—but do you know where this powerful prayer comes from?

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle...

The prayer to St. Michael is part of the Leonine Prayers, which were once said at the end of Mass. They are called Leonine because Pope Leo XIII ordered them to be said after Low (simple) Mass for the liberty of the Church during an era when the temporal authorities were attempting to suppress the Church's rights.



But the St. Michael prayer was not originally included in the Leonine Prayers. It was added a couple years after Pope Leo's original instruction, following a mysterious and powerful vision that he is said to have experienced after celebrating Mass one day at the Vatican.

Though it is not certain exactly what happened that day, accounts say that—appearing pale and fearful as he stood near the altar—the Holy Father beheld a harrowing vision of demons gathering on Rome. He quickly went and composed the St. Michael prayer and added it to the Leonine Prayers.

Although it is no longer obligatory after Mass, pontiffs—especially John Paul II—and bishops have promoted the St. Michael prayer as a powerful defense against Satan's forces. Many parishes recite it together after Mass, some even continuing the tradition of the whole set of Leonine Prayers.

Pray the St. Michael prayer! Pray it for the protection of the Church, for our country, for your family, for yourself. Pray it! Do it now! Here it is!



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

JOB OPENINGS

Immaculate Conception Church is looking for an individual for a part-time position (10-15 hours a week) well versed in computer and administration skills as well as some simple bookkeeping, record keeping and data entry. Applicants need to support the mission of Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska. Contact iccsecretary2@cbna.org or call: 907-452-3535 for more information or see the ICC website.

Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking a part-time Accounting Assistant for 20 hours per week. This position supports the Accounting department. Working knowledge of Microsoft Office including Excel and QuickBooks is required. The successful applicant will have accounting experience or be pursuing an accounting degree. 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 you resume to humanresources@cbna.org.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions – Oct. 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.

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“Master, I want to see.” Is humble service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life your path of holiness and eternal glory in Christ? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org



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

October 17, 2021, Total: \$ 715.00
Total (7/1/21-6/30/22): \$16,864.50

We are blessed by your generosity and thank you for your continued support of our Parish Mission! **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**...3% of our collections in October will be donated to this cause. Please add a little extra to your donation or go directly to <https://worldmission.org> and give directly to a project of your choice. Take a moment to positively impact the lives of suffering families worldwide. 100% of your donation goes to the project you choose.

*We Welcome **One another**
as Christ welcomed you.*

AREA WEEKEND MASSES

Sacred Heart Cathedral 474-9032

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Saturday Latin Mass: 6:30pm – 10/23, 11/20, 12/18
Sunday: 8:00 & *11:00am (*Live-Streamed)
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://www.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

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 & all our Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians serving in Alaska. Remember our sick, elderly, residents of nursing homes, and homebound. All who are enrolled in sacramental & religious education classes. St. Mark & UAF Community; families with young children at home and in local or out-of-state schools. All who have died this past year and those they left behind.

October is Respect Life Month. Please take a moment to pray the daily Rosary!

Sept 22–Oct 31: 40 Days For Life.
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/Fairbanks>

From conception through eternity,
our souls join us to God.