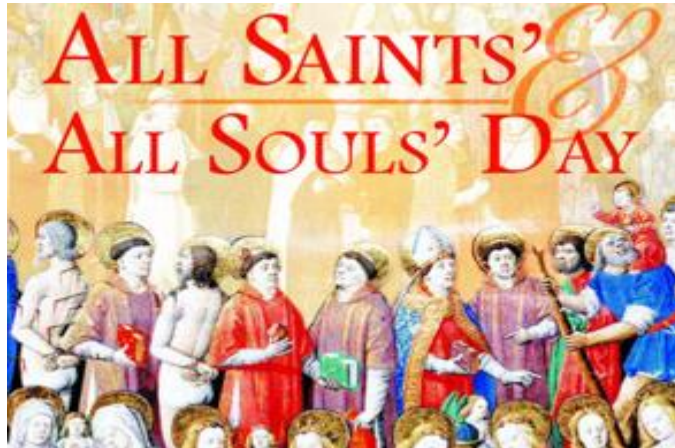




ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH
 The Catholic Community of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks
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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*FALL BACK! Next Saturday Evening
 Turn Clocks Back. ~ Nov. 7th*

**MEMBERSHIP
 REGISTRATION**



St. Mark University Parish is in the process of updating our membership records. Whether you are already a member or wish to join St. Mark, please fill out the form that will be available. Cards can be found on the table as you enter the church at the 5:30pm Sunday Mass. Fill it out and drop it in the offertory basket. You can also look on the website homepage for a link to a printable form. If you have questions, contact Mary Pat at stmark@cbna.org.

October 31st - Hymns for 5:30PM Mass:

- 474 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
- 473 Christians, Let Us Love One Another
- 527 Prayer of St. Francis
- 485 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 62:2-6

Moses teaches the people to love and worship God alone.

Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

A prayer of praise to God our strength.

Reading II: Hebrew 7:23-28

Jesus intercedes for us as our eternal high priest.

Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment.

St. Mark Parish: Ph. 907-374-9564

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Parish Admin.: Mary Pat Boger Ph. 907-374-9564

Bookkeeper: Marilis Bennett Ph. 907-590-9291

Music Director: George Stefan Ph. 907-978-6953

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

**Catholic Student Association
 & Catholic Young Adults**

We are a community of faith and caring.

Need a ride to Sacred Heart Cathedral for 5:30pm Sunday Mass or 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! Students, if you have information on events happening that you care to share, contact Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org.

Dates to Remember

- ✚ **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
- ✚ **Nov 3:** 12:30pm Mass at SHC with Diocesan Priests & presentation of Lumina Christi Award to Fr. Stan Jaszek.
- ✚ **Nov 5:** *Community Bingo 6-8PM at ICC
- ✚ **Nov 9 (Tue):** *St. Andrew Discernment Dinner
 * See announcement in bulletin.



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). Bishop Chad Zielinski and (15) priests & seminarian will be in attendance from around the Diocese. Please remember them in your prayers for a successful gathering and safe travels.

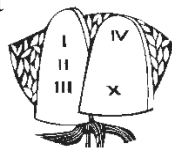
National Vocation Awareness Week November 7-13, 2021

National Vocation Awareness week is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. Through the sacrament of baptism, each person receives a "call" or vocation. All are asked to serve the other and to strive for holiness. This call can be lived out in a variety of ways: as a married or single person, or as a priest, brother, or sister. If you know of a young person in the parish called to the priesthood or religious life, please speak with Fr. Fath. For more information on vocation events in the Diocese of Fargo, visit fargodiocese.org/vocations.

St. Andrew Discernment Dinner for young men ages 14-35 at the St. Ignatius Residence on Tuesday, November 9th from 6:00-8:00 pm. If you know any young men who you think might have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, encourage them to attend the dinner. This is an opportunity for them to listen to the discernment stories of our local priests and ask questions about seminary, the priesthood and religious life. Any questions can be directed to me.

Connecting the Gospel

... **to the First Reading:** Clearly the reading from Deuteronomy reinforces that we are to love God with all our being, the first commandment that Jesus gives in the gospel. While loving neighbor is not as explicit as in the gospel, it is implied when Moses enjoins Israel to follow all God's "statutes and commandments." These spell out how Israel is to live together in community, to care for one another.



... **to experience:** Despite what much of our contemporary society projects, love is not self-absorbed but other-centered, not transient but the enduring hallmark of all Christian living.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Prayer is the oxygen of the soul.

~ St. Pio of Pietrelcino

Diocese of Fairbanks

Synodal Nature of the Church

Sign on to the diocesan webpage at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org>

and go to "What's Happening"

tab and then to "Current News"

to fill out the Synodal Nature of

the Church questionnaire. Bishop Chad's letter on

this can be found at www.stmarksuaf.org/letters/.



Commentary for the Readings in the

Extraordinary Form: Christ the King

"He shall rule. . . unto the ends of the earth. . . All kings. . . shall adore Him, all nations shall serve Him"(Gradual).

The "modern" man acts as "monarch of all he surveys" in the study of science, the enjoyment of pleasure, the worship of the State.



Yet we are not the creators of our resources but only the beneficiaries of the Creator. This Feast reaffirms that the *wounds in the families of nations* are caused by sin, namely, the abuse of these borrowed gifts; that *all things* (must be) *restored in* (Christ)" (Prayer).

Jesus alone has the right, well earned, as the Redeeming *Lamb Who was slain* (Introit), to be King over all *the earth* (Gradual); to be King of *Truth* in our minds (Gospel); to be King of our wills under the *standard* of His Law (Post-Communion); to be King of Love in our hearts (Epistle).

The Lord will bless His people with peace (Communion verse) only when they accept Him as King. Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*.



31st 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 in-separable. 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

WE SIN AND GOD FORGIVES! IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT. PAUL USES TOO MANY WORDS!

HOW'S THIS? GOD'S PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS IS GOD'S RELENTLESS UNWILLINGNESS TO ALLOW US TO BE DESTROYED BY OUR OWN SIN, EVEN THOUGH IT COSTS GOD EVERYTHING.

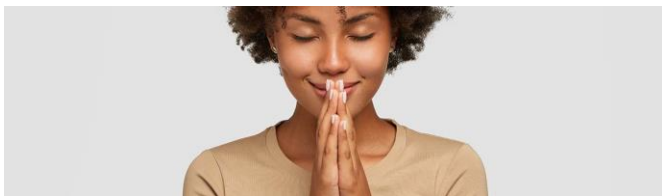
I HAVE NO WORDS...



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ROMANS 3:19-28

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GIVING AS GOD DOES

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God, we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need, and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT



Why do we have an obligation to attend Mass? “Does it *really* matter if you miss Mass just once?” a non-Catholic might ask.

Yes, it does matter. Through His Church, God commands us to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. It is a **mortal sin** to miss Mass without a grave reason (such as illness, being housebound, a first responder rushing to a call, etc.).

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You may wonder why the Church *commands* weekly Mass attendance under pain of sin, rather than simply *suggesting* it. It's important to know why—not only to strengthen our own faith, but also in case any curious non-Catholics ask about it.

The reason for the Sunday obligation is that **we owe God worship as His creatures**. It's not just a nice spiritual ritual or an outward show of being Catholic. God is our Creator. He made us out of *nothing* and keeps us in existence through His own power and will. We owe everything to Him, and our regular worship of Him is how we express our innate desire—and our natural obligation—to offer our Creator homage and gratitude.



Furthermore, without His grace and presence in our lives, our souls and therefore our salvation are in danger. He doesn't *need* our worship—but we *do* need Him.

If we ignore God's command to worship on Sundays, we are putting other things before God, as though He were of secondary importance. And we are destroying our relationship with Him and walking away from the spiritual graces our soul needs to stay alive. As one priest said, skipping Sunday Mass

...is somewhat analogous to a deep-sea diver's putting a crimp in his air line so that no air can come through to keep him alive. By a decision to miss Sunday Mass or a holy day of obligation we suspend the operation of sanctifying grace in our lives. —Fr. Ray Ryland, “Why Is It a Mortal Sin to Miss Mass?” at Catholic Answers

God knows that, due to our fallen nature, we struggle to do what we should, feel confused about it, and are *even tempted not to*. That's why He gives us clear commandments. The Third Commandment prescribes weekly worship of God: “**Thou shalt keep holy the Lord's day.**” And Jesus commanded: “**Do this in memory of me**” (Luke 22:19).

If Mass on Sunday were just an option—and skipping it were not a sin—can any of us honestly say we would never, *ever* miss a Sunday Mass?

We—and the Church—know the answer.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

“Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head.” ~ St. Charles Borromeo (Feast Day Nov. 4th)

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“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.” (Mark 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it’s more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy, and forgiveness.



Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions – Nov. 2021

People Who Suffer from Depression. We pray that people who suffer from

depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- Oct 31, 2021

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Will you share in Christ’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.



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

October 17, 2021, Total: \$ 1,063.00
Total (7/1/21-6/30/22): \$17,927.50

We are blessed by your generosity and thank you for your continued support of our St. Mark University Parish!

**Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen:
Community Bingo**

Nov 5 ~ 6:00-8:00 PM

Murphy Hall Immaculate Conception

We sponsor a community bingo night to promote our solidarity to help our community and churches to join together for fun, family, and faith.

Proceeds go to help Soup Kitchen



Due to conflict in schedule, SHC Book Club will meet Nov. 8th at 12:30PM in the Community Room. The discussion will be on “Because of Our Fathers: Twenty-three Catholics Tell

Us How Their Fathers Led Them to Christ” Among the 23 are Patrick Madrid, Abby Johnson, Bishop Strickland, and Anthony Esolan.

*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 in the Diocese of Fairbanks gathering this week for their quarterly meeting. Remember our sick – especially Germaine Reigert & Sydney Cahill – the elderly, residents of nursing homes, and those that are homebound. For our faithfully departed on this All Souls’ Day, and to the loved ones they leave behind.

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.