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Solemnity of Christ the King November 21, 2021

November 14th - Hymns for 5:30PM Mass:

445 For You Are My God

606 Like a Shepherd

612 The Cry of the Poor

385 City of God

Reading 1: Daniel 12:1-3

Daniel prophesies about the judgment of the last days.

Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

God protects us and shows us the path of life.

Reading II: Hebrew 10:11-14, 18

Jesus' offering for sin has made all to be consecrated Perfect forever.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.



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.

Dates to Remember

- **♣** Nov 20: 6:30pm Latin Mass at SHC.
- ♣ Nov 20 & 21: "Beyond Pumpkin" Bake Sale -SHC Hospitality pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale after weekend Masses. Support the cause and save on baking!
- **♣** Nov 21: Advent Calendar Cards available after 5:30pm Mass.
- **♣** Nov 23: UAF Spring Registration Open
- Nov 24: 7PM Mass for Religious Freedom at Immaculate Conception Church
- **♣** Nov 25-29: UAF Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 28: Advent Candles, Calendars, & other items to prepare your house will be available after 5:30pm Mass.
- **♣** No Religious classes this week and Nov 28.
- Chancery offices closed after 7:30am Mass on Thanksgiving and Friday.
- ♣ Nov 28 Diocese of Fairbanks Special Collection split between Diocese of Cuddpah in India, Maiduguri in Nigeria, and Mutare in Zimbabwe. Currently we have priests in our Diocese come from these foreign countries.
- **♣** Dec 7-12: UAF Final Examinations
- Look on back page of bulletin for SHC, ICC, St. Raphael, and St. Nick's for webpage addresses to see what activities are scheduled.

AThanksgiving Food Boxes Anyone may pick up a Thanksgiving Food Box without needing to call in an order to the church or present an ID



card on Wednesday, Nov 24th at one of the two locations, one in Fairbanks and one in North Pole. First Presbyterian Church is located at 547 7th Ave. in Fairbanks. To get a Thanksgiving food box, just drive in and line up in the parking lot at 9AM and the volunteers will help you. Lord of Life Lutheran Church in North Pole is located at 1005 St. Nicholas Dr. To get a food box just show between Noon and 2PM.





The feast of Christ the King is a public, social, and official declaration of the royal rights of Jesus, as God the Creator, as the Word Incarnate, and as Redeemer.

Connecting the Gospel

... to the First Reading: Christ's presence and kingship are not found in the "clouds" (see First and Second readings) but in his suffering and death (see

second reading and Gospel) for our sakes and in the tension within our own lives as we struggle to align ourselves with the truth of the kingdom of Christ our King

.... to experience: Normally kingship is associated with power, prestige, and wealth. Surprisingly,

the Gospel presents Christ the King on trial and about to suffer and die. https://liturgy.slu.edu

Commentary for the readings from the 1962 Roman Missal: Last Sunday after Pentecost



". . .Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man, He will send forth His angels with a trumpet. They will gather His elect from the four winds" (Gospel).

The world coming to its end! Such an announcement would make "all tribes of the earth mourn," especially him who clings to earthly things and now realizes he must "not turn back to take his cloak." Let us be realists: the world will dissolve, disappear in ruin!

The liturgical year comes to an end today. It is the symbol of the final assumption of Jesus' Mystical Body into heaven, the last act in an eternal drama.

May we flee from the "false christs" who "lead astray. . .even the elect" (Gospel), enslaving, misleading, corrupting their minds, by the press, over the television and the movie screen. Excerpted from My Sunday Missal.

Looking for Crafters, Cooks, and Bakers! Sacred Heart Cathedral's Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Dec. 4th from 9AM-5PM and after Sunday Masses on Dec. 5th. If you have any questions, contact Katerina at (907) 451-1051.







34th Week in Ordinary Time Solemnity of Christ the King:

Justice Challenge: This month is the anniversary of Dorothy Day's death. Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic

Worker movement in the U.S., was known for her deep care and compassion for the poor. She called those who had nothing left to give her "meeting place with God." But she did more than acts of charity—she became an advocate for those who are denied basic human rights. Your challenge this week is to search your heart and ask yourself, "Do I work for justice as well as care for those in need?" Then choose one act of justice—emailing your legislators about a vote coming up in Congress on aid to the poor, calling the White House to let the President know your opinion on a justice issue, researching the just (or unjust) practices of a company from which you purchase goods and then choosing how much you can or cannot support that company—and follow in Dorothy Day's footsteps. Do something for those who have nothing to give you in return.

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

SHC has access to online resources of quality Catholic material. https://www.formed.org/signup. Type in Fairbanks and select Sacred Heart Cathedral. Click Next and follow the direction to access content!

Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen needs fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs, bottled water, granola bars, applesauce cups, cocoa mix, black tea, Ziploc sandwich and snack bags, disposable forks and spoons, napkins, and winter gear. If we all pitch in, we can make a difference. If you can't get out to shop, think about getting a gift card from COSCO to give ICC for the soup kitchen! More information can be found on their website: https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen.

Check out **Job Opening at St. Nicholas Catholic** Church. Seeking a full-time Parish Coordinator. Contact St. Nicholas Catholic Church for more information. http://www.stnicholasnp.org/whats-new/



When thinking of holiday and year-end tax contributions, consider looking at giving a

donation toward one of the many needs of our rural parishes https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/THANK YOU!

Check Parish Websites for Thanksgiving Masses.

GIVING UNTIL IT HURTS



In the time of Christ, sacrifice was nothing new to the Jewish people. The Israelites were experts at sacrifice. So, after centuries of every kind of offering imaginable, what was so special about Christ's? What made it so different from the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests for centuries before his death?

Well, to adequately answer that question would consume whole volumes. And, of course, the first and most important reason is that Christ was the son of God and the savior of the world, not a random (if "unblemished") lamb offering. It was only by the blood of Christ that we could be redeemed.

But another answer is this: Christ's sacrifice cost him. In fact, it cost him everything. The offerings made by the Israelites through their priests cost them too, of course. They gave of their flocks, of their household stores, of their wealth. But Christ gave differently. He gave of himself. He gave until it was all gone.

Such is the highest form of stewardship: the gift of self to the point of discomfort. It can take a multitude of forms and I am not saying we are all called to be nailed to the cross. In fact, for most of us, our gifts will not involve physical discomfort at all. But certainly, stewardship demands discomfort. It demands that we go against our human nature of putting ourselves first, of thinking primarily of our own needs and desires. And most of all, it demands love. For that, above all else, distinguished the gift Christ gave us.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world." (John 18:36) Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.



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.



Can you name the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit? You've learned about the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. But did you know there are also twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit?

You probably had to memorize the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit as part of your Confirmation preparation. You may have accidentally thrown in a few fruits of the Holy Spirit on a Confirmation class quiz: wisdom, fortitude, knowledge... peace...or was it piety? ... generosity...is that a gift or a fruit...?

Let's have a refresher.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are seven specific graces He gives us, particularly in the Sacrament of Confirmation. According to the Catechism, they are permanent dispositions that help us respond to the promptings of the Spirit:

Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

The *fruits* of the Holy Spirit are the result of a life lived according to the Spirit. They are the natural outcroppings of a branch closely united to the Vine, Who is Christ. In the true vine discourse in the Gospel of John, Christ said that those who abide in Him will bear much fruit and glorify the Father.

St. Paul lists the twelve fruits in his letter to the Galatians, and this number has been confirmed by the tradition of the Church: Charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

Ever notice how someone who strives after holiness just glows with these attributes? Like fire producing light and heat, a soul on fire with the Holy Spirit naturally emits these traits. Not that we are always patient, kind, and good every moment of every day, but if we keep working to remove the barriers of sin, these fruits will surely shine.

Beloved author and retreat master Fr. Jacques Philippe wrote *In the School of the Holy Spirit* to help souls acquaint themselves with the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. Get to know the Holy Spirit and learn how to recognize and respond to His workings in your life with this remarkable book. https://www.catholiccomany.om/getfed

Solemnity of Christ the King -- November 21, 2021

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH

Catholic Student Association & Catholic Young Adult

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.

Lathrop Bldg. CSA/Young Adult Center is not ready yet. We look forward to meeting again in our own space!

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. We will continue meeting students in December at Arctic Java.... stay tuned!

Join us at St. Mark Mass held at Sacred Heart Cathedral. We are looking for singers & readers! Contact Fr. Robert Fath, Mary Pat Boger, or George Stefan by email or phone (*contact info posted below*).



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

November 14, 2021, Total: \$ 1,785.00 Total (7/1/21-6/30/22): \$21,412.50

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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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

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Go to the St. Mark website http://www.stmarksuaf.org to read "Why a Parish Census/Registration?". We are asking everyone to fill out the paperwork or online form to update our records. Drop finished paper form off in donation basket at church. If you have questions, contact Mary Pat at stmark@cbna.org.

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

Let Us Pray For: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath & all our Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians in our Diocese; an increase vocation into the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. Members of our community who are isolated due to COVID. The St. Mark Community and University students on campus. Pray for the safety of those traveling during this Thanksgiving break or celebrating at home. Grant our dearly departed eternal rest and bring peace to their families.



Prayer to Saint Mark

Christ, Amen

O Glorious St. Mark
Through the grace of God,
Our Father,
You became a great Evangelist,
Preaching the Good News of Christ.
May you help us to know Him well
so that we may
Faithfully live our lives as follower of