



**ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH**  
The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks  
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### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 pm @ SHC

Sunday: 5:30 pm @ Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)

*\*\*First Friday & Stations of the Cross times during Lent can be found on our website next week.*

### **Sacraments**

Confession- Saturday 3:00-4:00pm at SHC or by appointment.

Confession on UAF - Arrangements can be made with Fr. Robert Fath @ 907-374-9504 if you can't make it to SHC on Saturday.

Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of Sick – contact our office at 907-374-9564.

Sacraments of Initiation/Vocations – contact Fr. Robert Fath.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*St. Mark's University Parish provides a **welcoming faith community** for students, families, and individuals that share a geographic, intellectual, or historic connection to the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). We exist to **encourage, inform, and support the faith journey of all who have come to UAF** with a background in the Catholic tradition. St. Mark's also provides reliable information for non-Catholics inquiring about our faith and contributes to inter-faith discussion and ecumenical action.*

### **St. Mark Parish Office:**

Office Hours: Tues-Fri: 10am – 12noon

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**Deacon:** Warren Lucero

**Parish Admin.:** Mary Pat Boger

**Bookkeeper:** Marilis Bennett Ph. 907-590-9291

**Music Director:** George Stefan Ph. 907-687-0077

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

### **April 3, 2022 - Fifth Sunday in Lent C**



### **First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21**

The Lord is doing something new for his people.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126:1-6**

A song in praise of the Lord's marvelous deeds.

### **Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14**

Paul says that he counts all things as lot and focuses on one goal, Christ.

### **Gospel Reading: John 8:1-11**

Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Apr 7 (Wed):** Healing Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral 12:10 PM

**Apr 11-13 (M-W):** 6:00-9:00 PM Reconciliation for SHC & ICC at Sacred Heart Cathedral

\* 6:00-9:00 PM Confession Available

\* 7:00-7:30 PM Reflections on the Paschal Triduum

\* 7:30-9:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Apr 14:** Holy Thursday

**Apr 15:** Good Friday

**Apr 16:** Easter Vigil

**Apr 17:** No 5:30 PM Mass on Easter

Welcome all who join us as we celebrate Mass!

## Catholic Student Association

*We are a community of faith and caring*

**On UAF Campus (Lathrop Hall Room 112):**

12:10 PM Mass open to students & UAF employees

**Off UAF Campus:** Every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. there is Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Students: Look for St. Mark webpage to update post for our annual scholarship applications for the 2022-23 school year. Help yourself pay for education and apply!

*Looking for all our students that will be graduating this year! Please email [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) so we have your contact information. We would like to recognize your accomplishments at our CSA Mass prior to graduation!*

Need a ride to club or church events? Let us know! Email or Call: [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) (907) 374-9564

*Thank you to all at St. Mark's for helping make this annual Mass a wonderful event. There's still time to participate in the Lent/Easter season by joining the Choir for Good Friday and Easter Vigil. Please see George after Mass this Sunday and join us! Practice this Sunday is at SHC at 2:30-4:30.*



### **Connecting the Gospel ...**



**... to the First Reading:** Paul admonishes us not be prisoners of our sinfulness but to strain to forward to the new life that lies ahead. This new life is the "supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus" and remaining with him ("be found in him").

**... to experience:** When we focus exclusively on our own sinfulness, we can easily lose sight of our goodness and God's mercy. Jesus responds even to profound sin with even more profound mercy.

### **Stewardship Moment for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."**  
**(PHILIPPIANS 3:8)**

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.



**Justice Challenge:** What is the role of anger and rage in our lives? What purpose does it serve? We often think that when we feel anger, we need to express it... we need to get it out of our system. Perhaps anger has a different purpose as Jesus suggests to the angry crowd that is about to hurl stones at the guilty woman. Perhaps anger is a signal that there is something wrong inside of us, some pain that has surfaced because we have witnessed an injustice in the world and our consciences are feeling pricked. Anger can trick us into thinking that the injustice is outside of us or that we are above it. But Jesus suggests that when we seek justice with anger, rage, or revenge, we should use our anger to look within and hurl stones at our own sin. The challenge this week is to address the injustice that has root in our own souls.

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 3, 2022**

"Christ Jesus has made me His own." Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org).

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**St. Mark University Catholic Parish –**

**SHC Schedule or call Fr. Robert Fath 907-374-9504**  
**Sacred Heart Cathedral –**

**Saturday 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Immaculate Conception –**

**Mon-Fri 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Saturday 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

**St. Raphael –**

**Saturday 5:00 – 5:30 PM**

**St. Nicholas, North Pole –**

**Wednesday 6:00 PM & Saturday 4:00 PM**

**HOLY WEEK: April 11-13**

**SHC/ICC Schedule**

**6:00 – 9:00 PM Confessions Available**

**7:00-7:30 PM Reflections on the Paschal Triduum**

**7:30-9:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**



**Catholic Relief Services** Collection is one of the twelve national collections established by the bishops of the United States so that, by combining resources, we can more effectively carry out the global mission of the Church. It offers Catholics a convenient opportunity to help more than 110 million people at home and abroad through a charitable contribution during Mass. CRS supports six Catholic organization (Catholic Relief Services; USCCB's: Dept. of Justice, Peace, and Human Development; Migration and Refugee Services; Catholic Legal Immigration Networks, Inc.; Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church; and the Holy Father's Relief Fund) that advance the international social ministry of the Catholic Church.



### Why are beer and pretzels considered ideal Lenten fare?

What else do you really need besides carbs, minerals, and the good Lord? Beer and pretzels...the official food and drink of Lent?

In the Middle Ages, the rules of fasting and abstinence were quite tougher than today, excluding not only meat but also eggs and dairy products. That meant a lot of bread, veggies, and water!

According to legend, a monk in the 600s in Italy decided to make a special Lenten bread for his fellow-monks. He took a long strip of dough and arranged it in the shape of arms folded over the breast in prayer. The three holes left by this shape represented the Trinity. These little breads were called *bracellae*, the Latin word for "little arms," from which came the German word *bretzel*.

Another story says that the monk gave these folded breads to children as a reward for learning their prayers. The Latin word for "little reward" is *pretiola* (pre-tzi-OH-la), which sounds a lot like *pretzel*!

What about the beer?

In the 1600s, a monastery in southern Germany began brewing beer to give the monks needed strength during their long days of fasting on bread and vegetables. They came up with a hearty concoction containing a lot of nutrients and carbs—the now-famous *doppelbock* beer, also known as "liquid bread." Paulaner Brewery, which took over the original site of the monastery, adopted the brewing methods of the monks and still makes this beer today. [www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/](http://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/)

### Healing Mass April 7, 2022, at the Cathedral at 12:10 PM.

Please join Bishop Chad Zielinski as he offers Mass for all children who have experienced abuse and who are currently in harms way. Consider supporting victims by joining us in prayer, and wearing the blue ribbon provided, as a sign of solidarity.



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

"I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink."

~ Isaiah 43:20



### Everyday Stewardship: MARK YOUR WAY



What is your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Attention St. Mark Ladies!** Sacred Heart is coming back with their Ladies Tea on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We would like to reserve a table for 7 - \$30 per seat. One seat has been spoken for already! Please see me after Mass or contact me at [smark@cbna.org](mailto:smark@cbna.org) and I will put your name down to reserve a seat for you. This is a fun way to get together and have some fun while helping a worthy cause for Sacred Heart Cathedral!



"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy."  
~ Saint Isidore of Seville (Feast Day April 4)

ICC SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS: For more information or help you can give, call Soup Kitchen coordinator, Nick Shamrell at 907-425-3533 or visit the website at <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>.

## SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP



### Sunday Collections:

March 27, 2022: \$ 646.00

**Total Sunday Collection** for the new fiscal year

7/1/21 – 6/30/22: \$ 51,125.59

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

During the Lenten season, 3% of our collection will go towards the CRS Rice Bowl Collection. We will also put a percentage to support of the Pontifical Good Friday Collection.



### Special Prayer Intentions

**for:** Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski; Fr. Robert Fath; all priests & deacons in serving in our diocese; for an

increase in vocations. For the return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Pray for our sick, homebound, hospitalized, and caretakers, our young people, and members of our parish family. Remember our dearly departed and those they have left behind.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions: April 2022



#### Health Care Workers:

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

## Paschal Triduum at Sacred Heart

Thursday, April 14- Holy Thursday

7:00 pm- Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until midnight in the Mary Chapel



Friday, April 15- Good Friday

3:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm- Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 16- Easter Vigil

8:00 pm- Easter Vigil Mass



Sunday, April 17- Easter Sunday

8:00 am- Mass

11:00 am- Mass

1:00 pm- Misa en Español

## FAIRBANKS AREA MASS SCHEDULES

### **Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC) 474-9032**

Weekly Mass: Monday-Friday 7:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Saturday Latin Rite Mass: 6:30pm (*check schedule*)

Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 am

Sunday Spanish Mass: 1:00 pm

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 pm

Adoration: Tue (Spanish) 7:00-8:00 pm

Thu 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (English)

<https://www.sacredheartak.org/>

### **St. Mark University Parish 374-9564**

Sunday Mass: 5:30pm at **SHC**

Thursday: 12:10pm CSA Campus Mass - Rm 112 in Lathrop Building next to SRC (*Sept-April*)

<https://www.stmarksuaf.org/>

### **Immaculate Conception (ICC) 452-3533**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 7:30am & 10:00 am

Weekday Mass: Mon, Tue, Th & Fri: 12:10 pm

Wed 5:30 pm

Adoration: Wed 6:00 – 7:00 pm

First Friday: 6:00 pm – 6:00 am

<https://www.iccfairbanks.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ICCFairbanks>

### **Saint Raphael 457-6603**

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:30 am

Weekday: Tue & Thu 9:30 am; Wed 5:30 pm

Adoration: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu of the Month 4:00 – 8:00 pm

<https://www.straphaelfairbanks.org/>

### **Saint Nicholas, North Pole 488-2595**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am & 12:00 pm

Weekday Mass: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 8:00 am

Wed 7:00 pm

Adoration: M, T, Th, F 8:00 am

<http://www.stnicholasnp.org/>

### **Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright**

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am, 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 Mass: 10:30 am

Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday – 11:30 am

“Catholics have long referred to beauty as one of the *transcendentals*, along with goodness and truth, the ways that God reveals Himself to the world. Beautiful spaces, beautiful liturgy, beautiful music, all of these can lead to deeper prayer and relationship with God Himself, as distractions are lessened, and attentions are directed to something great and profound.”