

ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks

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**Sunday Mass Schedule:**Vespers: 4:45 pm @ Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)
Sunday: 5:30 pm @ Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)

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**Pastoral Council**
Marilis Bennett, John Fox, Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker

**Sacraments**

Confession- Saturday 3:00-4:00pm at SHC

or arrange a time with a priest.

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

Sacraments of Initiation/Vocations– contact Fr. Robert Fath at rfath@cbna.org or Ph. 907-374-9504

**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.

**Latin Phrases Every Catholic Should**:

***Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus (sahnct-oos)***

*Holy, holy, holy.*

 <https://epicpew.com>

**Easter: June 5th**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY, Cycle C**



**First Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34*God’s Spirit renews the earth.
**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13* **or** *Romans 8:8-17*We are all one in Christ baptized into one body and given to drink of one spirit.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 20:19-23*
Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**DATES TO REMEMBER: (\*held at SHC)**

**Jun 7**: Tue 6- 8:30 PM Voices of Hope\*

**Jun 9**: Thu -8:00 AM – 12 Noon ~ Adoration\* every Thursday.

**Jun 9**: Thu. 6:30 – 8PM Knights of Columbus Meeting\*

**Jun 11**: Sat 3-4 PM Adoration\*

**Jun 15-26:** Holy Mission with SSVM Sisters and IVE Fathers held at SHC and ICC Parishes.

**Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession on Sunday June 19th** meeting at Immaculate Conception Church and prayerfully Eucharistic Procession to Sacred Heart Cathedral. Meet at ICC at 2:30 PM for a joyful Adoration of the Eucharist, in a reverent procession. Thinking about spending Father’s Day as a family on this special day! Come be part of the best public display of your Faith!

**Faith and Family Formation**

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** will be *hosting a missionary group made up of IVE seminarians and SSVM sisters from June 13-26* coming to support Catholic Ministries. There will be 20+ people that will need food for their stay here. If you are interested in preparing a meal for the missionaries while in town, please contact Benjamin Colwell, Director of Faith and Family Formation at bcolwell@cbna.org to learn more about how you can volunteer.

Registration is open for “Discover Mission,” the **Diocese of Fairbanks Vacation Bible School (VBS).** A four-day adventure being held July 5-8 at Saint Nicholas Church in North Pole from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Cost is $25 per child or $100 per family of 4 or more ages K-5th grade. To register, contact Ben Colwell, Director of Faith and Family Formation at bcolwell@cbna.org.

**Saint Raphael Parish** is looking to hire a **part time** **Lay Pastoral Administrator** to help coordinate, Liturgy, Education, Pastoral Care and Administration. For questions, contact Fr. Ross or Camille. If interested, please submit a cover letter, a resume, and references to Fr Ross Tozzi at rtozzi@cbna.org.

**St. Raphael needs a reliable car in good condition,** which is preferably donated or available for purchase at an affordable cost, for our in-coming priest, Fr. Jingbe. Please speak to Fr. Ross if you have an available vehicle. You can also email the parish at secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org and your message will be forwarded to them. Thank you for your consideration of this need.



***Connecting the Gospel*** …

*…* ***to the Second Reading***: Saint Paul enumerates the effects of the Spirit’s dwelling within us: we belong to Christ, are made righteous, are given new life, become adopted children and heirs of God. Here is God’s gift of Love to us: an unprecedented relationship made possible by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

… ***to experience***:It is so much easier to act with love when we know we are loved. We can act with love in all times and places, all situations, and circumstances, because we know we are filled with the Spirit who is God’s love.

***The Color Red at Pentecost***

For more than a thousand years, the Catholic Church has used various colors to denote feast days and liturgical seasons within the Church year. These colors have deep spiritual meanings and were chosen to fit the particular day that is being celebrated. When it comes to Pentecost, the Roman Rite has chosen the color red.

In Catholicism, red is used to represent fire and blood, indicating burning charity and the martyrs’ generous sacrifice. With that in mind, red for Pentecost can be seen in reference to the flames of fire that came down up- on the apostles, as well as the fire of “burning charity” that arose in them after that day.

**Justice Challenge**: The spirit of Pentecost celebrates the power of forgiveness. The Scriptures say that Jesus breathed on the apostles and gave them the power to forgive and to bind. God wants no one to be bound by sin and extends forgiveness to all who are sorry and seek God’s forgiveness. But forgiving others is really hard when we are the victim of injustice. The challenge this week is to forgive so that you and your enemy will not be bound by sin. Forgiveness is a power of the Spirit, not a human power. If you find it hard to forgive, go deeper by doing what Jesus taught:
pray goodness upon your enemy and do good for him/her.

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.
THOSE SINS YOU FORGIVE

ARE FORGIVEN THEM,

AND WHOSE SINS YOU RETAIN ARE RETAINED.
John 20:22-23

**Happy Birthday, Church!***Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Why do some call it “the birthday of the Church”?* Pentecost is far more than the end of the Easter Season and the renewal of Ordinary Time. It’s the day when the Holy Spirit filled the Apostles’ souls, empowering them to go out into the world and make disciples of all nations even in the face of persecution and death. The word “pentecost” is derived from the Greek word for “fiftieth.” In ancient Jewish tradition, Pentecost was a feast day known as the Feast of Weeks, which was celebrated the fiftieth day after Passover. According to Scripture, the first fruits of the grain harvest were offered to God during this feast (Leviticus 23:15-21 and Deuteronomy 16:9-11). In the New Testament, Jesus’ Apostles stayed in the Upper Room on the Feast of Weeks. There, they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and made ready to preach the Gospel. As soon as St. Peter received the Holy Spirit, he preached his first homily to non-Christians. He told the crowd that the prophet Joel had predicted the future coming of the Holy Spirit. He then attests that the very Jesus whom they had crucified has risen from the dead. Immediately, those in the crowd were “cut to the heart” and sought repentance (Acts 2:37). Peter told these new converts that in order to be saved, they had to repent and be baptized. According to the book of Acts, about three thousand people converted to Christianity that day (Acts 3:41). Because the Church gained its first converts on this day, a pious custom arose to call Pentecost “the birthday of the Church,” even though the name is not official Church teaching. After all, far from being born as an infantile entity, the Church—which was “born” from the pierced side of Christ on the cross—comes forth from Pentecost fully formed and ready to take Jesus’ message of redemption to the ends of the earth. From this point forward, the Apostles and their successors went out into the world and made new disciples, as Jesus had commanded them. Thanks to their courage and the grace of God, the Church is the majestic entity it is today. On this Feast of Pentecost, we should ask ourselves, “How can I, like the Apostles, step out of my comfort zone to share the Good News?”

***Pentecost Sunday --*** “*The Spirit gave them ability*.” Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord’s mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

**Everyday Stewardship in Your Ordinary Moments**

**GOD’S GAME OF TELEPHONE**You’ve probably played the game of “pass it on” before, maybe years ago on the playground. It’s a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person’s ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh. As individuals, we don’t receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people.But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that “the love with which you loved me may be in them,” he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us.Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another.In this game, we don’t change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Pope Francis’ June Prayer Intention – *For Families*** “We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.”

**REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN:** If you would like to help out or donate items that are needed, or money, contact iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org or call 907-432-3533. At there very least, prayers of support are always welcome!

 ***Stewardship Moment*
 *“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” (JOHN 14:26)***The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions.

**Sacred Heart Cathedral roof** **replacement** will happen this summer. You can help by *donating to help defray the cost*. You’ll find envelopes in the pews where you could put your donation and drop in the collection basket. To follow the progress, go to: <https://www.sacredheartak.org/giving>.

Thank you for helping with this expensive project!

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP FOR MONTH OF MAY**May 1- $ 1,968.00
May 8 - $ 1,112.00
May 15 - $ 1,905.00
May 22 –$ 10,816.00
May 29 - $ 705.00
**Total Sunday Collection for Fiscal year ending June 30, 2022**: $71,908.59
A prayer of thanks to a family who donated $10,000 on May 22. Online Giving can be done by going to our website and going to the “Donations” tab to reach the WeShare link. Donations on Sunday are dropped in the basket at the entrance of the church. St. Mark’s will make a donation toward the SHC roofing project and support of the support of the Holy Mission in June. ***THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!***

**Special Prayer Intentions for**: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski; Fr. Ross Tozzi and Fr. Piotr Oprych; all priests & deacons; an increase in vocations. For those involved in the tragedies around the world taking lives and families and communities that are affected. The return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Pray for our sick & homebound; for those facing surgery and recovery. For the safety of summer travelers. Pray for our dearly departed and those they have left behind.

*Those who are led by the Spirit of God are Children of God!* Romans 8:1

**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: 2nd 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/>

**Harding Lake – St. Mary’s of the Lake**

Sunday Afternoon Mass: 3:00 pm

**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

