



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)

Clergy

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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 Know:

Pater Noster (pah-tehr-know-stir)

Our Father

"To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see."

(Hebrews 11:1)

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 31, 2022 ~ Cycle C



First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Responsorial Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

There is neither Greek nor Jew, but Christ is all in all.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

A person's life does not consist of possessions.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Aug 2-4: Diocese Priest Formation Days (Please pray for our priests as they gather.)

Aug 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug 29: First day of UAF Instruction

Change to Mass Schedule during August 2-4 Diocesan Priest Formation Days.

Schedule at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Tuesday: Eucharistic Adoration 8AM to 12 PM

Funeral Mass at 12:00 PM

Wednesday: Mass at 12:10 PM

Thursday: Adoration 8 AM – 12:00 PM

Mass at 12:10 PM

Please note: Monday through Thursday:

NO 7:30 AM Masses.

We are thankful for the gift of our priests; for the challenges they face in serving in our diocese. Please protect, nourish, and sustain them as they gather this week

A **Eucharistic Holy Hour and Mass** will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral every Wednesday, starting on August 10th **to pray for the next Bishop of Fairbanks**. The Eucharistic Holy Hour will be from 11:00-noon and Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 pm. The Mass and Holy Hour will continue until our Holy Father, Pope Francis, appoints a new shepherd to lead our diocese.

Monroe Catholic High School is looking for a *part-time Junior High Religion Teacher*. Catholic; no teaching certificate required. For more information contact Principal Patrick Riggs at priggscsf@catholic-schools.org



St. Mark University Parish is planning an **Ice Cream Social** after our Sunday 5:30 PM Mass in August for students attending UAF this Fall. Spread the word, bring a friend, and come learn about **Catholic Student Association** (CSA). For more info contact Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org, UAF-catholic-Club@alasks.edu or call 907-374-9564. Join us and meet our priest, Club Advisor, and members St. Mark's parish.

Sacred Heart Cathedral's goal of raising \$53,000 to help with the cost of replacing their roof has \$45,831 (86% to goal). Please consider donating! Follow progress <https://sacredheartak.org/giving>.

REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN. Items needed: Eggs (fresh or hard-boiled), Fruit/Applesauce Cups, Granola Bars, Potato Chips & used plastic shopping bags. Items can be dropped off at ICC side entrance during serving hours: 11am - 1pm Wed-Sun or call to arrange a drop off time. Contact iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org or call 907-452-3533.

Glossary of Catholic Terms: **bishop.** The highest order of ordained ministry in Catholic teaching. Most bishops are diocesan bishops, the chief priests in their respective dioceses. But some (auxiliary bishops) are the top assistants to their diocesan bishops, and some priests are made bishops because of special posts they hold in the church, such as certain Vatican jobs. Diocesan bishops and their auxiliaries are responsible for the pastoral care of their dioceses. In some cases diocesan bishops are assigned a coadjutor bishop, who is like an auxiliary except that he automatically becomes the diocesan bishop when his predecessor resigns or dies. See *auxiliary bishop* and *coadjutor*. In addition to their diocesan responsibilities, all bishops have a responsibility to act in council with other bishops to guide the church. *Adj. episcopal.* <https://www.usccb.org>

FAREWELL GIFT: As the news of Bishop Chad's departure has spread, many people have reached out to ask about a farewell gift for him! Bishop Chad, being such an incredible chef, has previously expressed interest in owning a Green Egg grill/smoker so the diocese will collect donations toward the purchase of a grill through **September 1, 2022**. At that time, all funds collected by the Diocese will be used to purchase and ship the Green Egg to his new residence in New Ulm, Minnesota. To donate funds directly, please send a check or money order to the Chancery at 1316 Peger Rd, Fairbanks, AK 99709 with "Gift for Bishop Chad" noted in the memo line. If you prefer to donate through the parish, please place your donation in the collection basket during the month of August with a note "Gift for Bishop Chad."



Justice Challenge: Family reunions happen a lot during the summer months. You may have seen signs or notices in parks where families have reserved space to come together to catch up on news, share family stories and food, and to celebrate their heritage. When we take time to nurture relationships and to support and celebrate our families, it is a blessing. Our families are the first places we learn about faith and what it means to be a part of God's family. There are some things we know about being a part of God's family: we must feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to those who thirst and visit those in prison. And our families help us do this good work. Your challenge this week is to discuss how your family has been a witness to you of being Christ in the world. Then choose a corporal work of mercy and practice it this week

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: ***"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."*** **Luke 12:15**

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

TRUE FREEDOM IS FOUND IN GOD ALONE!

Focusing the Gospel...

Key words and phrases: guard against all greed, what matters to God

To the point: The rich man in the parable judges he has stored up enough possessions to guarantee a good life without worries—so he thinks. Any reliance on wealth and possessions, however, is pure folly—both worldly possessions and this life are fleeting. What truly matters is the inheritance that only God can give: the fullness of eternal life. What “matters to God” is spending our life dispossessing ourselves of anything which hinders us from growing into the fullness of life.



Why does the Church use candles? They are so familiar we don't give them much thought...but what do they really symbolize?

Every time we attend Mass, there are candles on the altar. Sometimes two. Sometimes four. Sometimes six or more. At some Masses, there are dozens and dozens of them.

In nearly every church, votive candles burn before statues and sacred images.

For us Catholics, they are omnipresent, automatically turning our thoughts and minds to prayer, to worship, to God.

But why *does* the Church use candles? What do they actually symbolize?

Primarily, the candles—with their burning, light-giving flame—represent Christ, the Light of the World.

Candles burn near Our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament

Candles are traditionally made of 100% beeswax, which symbolizes the pure flesh of Our Lord, received from His immaculate Virgin Mother. (Although candles are not required to be pure beeswax, they must at least contain some percentage of that wax.) The wick, enrobed in the wax, represents His soul, and the flame His divinity.

Since we offer Christ Himself on the altar in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, it is only fitting that such a powerful symbol of Christ should be a required element in the Mass.

The layers of meaning in candles run deep. They symbolize our prayers rising up to God. They also contain the idea of sacrifice, since they are an offering made by human hands that we burn—often on an altar—and which is consumed as it is used. During the Mass, candles are a vivid representation of Christ offering Himself to the Father through the hands of the priest.

Candles represent the burning light of faith that compels us to adore God and bring our petitions to Him. And, of course, flame reminds us of the Holy Spirit, the very Love of God dwelling within the hearts of the faithful and sanctifying our prayers and sacrifices.

Our use of candles need not be confined to those times that we are physically in church—many people light candles at home, too, as part of their personal prayer.



Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our

strength. **Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: his Real Presence in the Eucharist.** The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States. Want to get involved? For more information in how to get involved go to: <https://eucharisticrevival.org>. Here you can; explore Eucharistic teaching, access to free video content, Corpus Christi Novena and more.



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

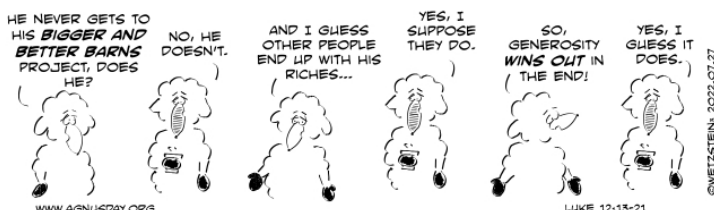
St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly
hosts, by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who
prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Prayer for the deceased: Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May
the souls of all the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.





PARISH STEWARDSHIP

July 24 - \$ 501.00

Collection for Fiscal year

July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023:

\$ 3,676.37

Please consider giving online. Online Giving can be done on our website under "Donation" tab to reach the secure WeShare link. The new logo can be seen to the right.

Donations may also be dropped in the basket at the entrance of the church.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support



WE ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AT 5:30 PM SUNDAY MASS. If interested, please sign up a week in advance. Please see Mary Pat Boger after Mass or call/email for more information.

POPE FRANCIS' AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

Small Businesses:

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Pope Francis; Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fairbanks Chad Zielinski; Fr. Ross Tozzi and Fr. Piotr Oprych, priests, sisters, and deacons in our diocese. Our elderly. and homebound. Protection of the unborn. The return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Pray for our elderly; our dearly departed (Don Billings) and those they have left behind (Maria and family).

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: HOLY COMMUNION."

-St. Maximilian Kolbe

FAIRBANKS EVENTS:

Tanana Valley State Fair – Jul 29-Aug 7

<https://www.tvsfa.org>

International Senior Games – Aug 6-14.

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

Fairbanks Catholic Schools – Professional Days - Aug 10-16; First Day of Instructions Aug 17 (17-19 Early Dismissal at 12:50 PM) <https://www.catholic-schools.org>

Fairbanks Public Schools – Professional Days Aug 11-15; First Day of Instructions Aug 17.

HIPOW– Oct 8: Never too early to donate items or sign up to help. *For more info call: 907-313-3291.*

*"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Psalm 90*

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

St. Mark University Parish Sunday Mass 5:30 pm

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

Thu 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (English)

<https://www.sacredheartak.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/>

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 Reparation Mass

Adoration: Tue 8:30-9:30am, Fri 7:00 am-6:00 pm

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 9:00 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

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Our parish has access to a great online resource, FORMED, through Sacred Heart Cathedral. This site gives parishioners the opportunity to watch quality Catholic full-length movies, lead small group faith formation and Scripture study in their home, download books and listen to CD's on our faith all in one location. (1) Log into: [formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup); (2) Type in Fairbanks and selecting Sacred Heart Cathedral; (3) Click Next, then fill in your name and email address; (4) Start accessing content!