



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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Sacraments

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

or arrange a time with Fr. Ross or Fr. Piotr.

Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion,

Confirmation, Marriage or Anointing of Sick – contact

Fr. Ross Tozzi at 907-347-3005 or rtozzi@cbna.org

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:
Dominus vobiscum (doe-me-news-voh-bees-koom)

The Lord be with you.

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" Luke 12:49

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C August 14, 2022



First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40:2-4, 18

A prayer for God's help.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-53

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Aug 14: St. Mark CSA Ice Cream Social after

5:30pm Mass – SHC Social Hall (downstairs).

Aug 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary- 8AM at SHC

Aug 17: K-12 School Opening Day!

Aug 18: Feast & Faith 6:30-8PM at St. Raphael

Aug 19: Faith-Film-Food at ICC 6:30 PM potluck followed by movie at 7:00 PM. "PRAY The Story of Patrick Peyton".

Aug 27: Bishop Chad Farewell Picnic at SHC after 4:30 PM Mass.

Aug 28: Bishop Chad Farewell Ice Cream Social at SHC following the 11:00 AM Mass.



DIocese OF FAIRBANKS

<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org>

The Diocesan website has been redone and has a new look.



**FAREWELL
GATHERINGS FOR
BISHOP CHAD!**

Please join us in saying thank you and farewell to Bishop Chad Zielinski on the weekend of August 27 & 28 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. There will be an *all-parish* barbecue potluck after the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, August 27, and an Ice Cream Social after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, August 28.

For the BBQ we ask that families with a last name beginning with the letters *A through G* bring their favorite finger food or picnic salad to share. Those with a last name beginning with the letters *H through P* bring a side dish or chips, and those with a last name beginning with the letters *Q through Z* bring a favorite dessert to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, and beverages will be provided.

Volunteers are needed! If you would like to help, please contact Katerina for Hospitality at k_placha@yahoo.com or call the parish office at (907) 474-9032 and leave your name and number.

St. Mark Catholic Student Association will host an *Ice Cream Social* **August 14th** after the 5:30 PM Sunday Mass for students attending UAF this Fall. Spread the word, bring a friend, and come learn about CSA. For more info contact Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org. UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu or call 907-374-9564. Join us and meet our priest, Club Advisor, and members St. Mark's parish.

Fairbanks Catholic School begins their 2022-23 school year on Wednesday, August 17th. Please keep our students, teachers, employees, and parents in your prayers.

Sacred Heart Cathedral's goal of raising \$53,000 to help with the cost of replacing their roof has \$51,517 (97% to goal). THANK YOU for all your SUPPORT! <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.

Starting the Day Well: "Our morning prayer should be that in the Imitation: *Da hodie perfecte incipere* – grant me to make an unflawed beginning today, for I have done nothing yet."

– The Weight of Glory, "A Slip of the Tongue"
C.G. Chesterton



Justice Challenge: As summer comes to an end and with school just around the corner, there may be children in your community who are worried. They may not have the things they need to start the new school year. When we are worried about food, shelter, and other basic life issues, we aren't always capable of doing well in school or succeeding in any of our life endeavors. Your challenge this week is to see if there is something you, your family, friends, or parish community can do to help those children in need. Are there organizations that collect school supplies, clothing, shoes, and backpacks? Do some research and find a way to get involved.

What you teach **your** Children,
You also teach **their** children.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."
Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading: Jeremiah's preaching divided the city and incited such opposition that people sought his death. Standing in this prophetic tradition, Jesus, too, preaches a word which divides families and leads ultimately to his death.



... to experience: None of us seeks or desires division and strife, especially among those whom we cherish most. Sometimes, however, the choice is so clear, and the values are so important, that we accept division and strife as a consequence of our choice.

The entire mission of the Church, then, is concentrated and manifested in evangelization. - Christifideles Laici, 33

I WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE THIS MUCH FAITH. IT SOUNDS VERY PAINFUL!





When did Christians first start making the Sign of the Cross? Marking ourselves with Christ's Cross has a long, *long* tradition in the Church.

We do it every day. We do it when we get up and say our Morning Offering. We do it before meals. We do it when we enter a church. We do it at the beginning and end of Holy Mass, of the Rosary, of countless devotions.

The Sign of the Cross is one of the most frequently used prayers in the Church. But when did Christians begin this practice?



While it's hard to pinpoint the exact time, we know for sure that some form of it was in use in the earliest centuries of the Church. Tertullian (early third century) speaks of crossing ourselves on the forehead. St. Basil (fourth century) reported that the Sign of the Cross originated

in apostolic times.

So, it goes way, way back.

We make the Sign of the Cross so frequently and habitually that it's easy to forget how important and powerful a gesture it is. This sign marks us out as belonging to Christ; it reminds us of our baptism, when it first marked us as Christians; it is a profession of faith in Christ and His saving Passion, accomplished through the Cross; and it is an incredible weapon against the attacks of the devil.

And that's just a brief summary of the profound significance of this Sign!

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful

For young people starting school or heading off to college, particularly those going away for the first time. May God guide them to make wise decisions and develop good and solid friendships.



The U.S. Bishops have requested that every diocese and parish have activities and programs to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist, in order that we might live as better Christians in the world.

The 3-year Eucharistic Revival started on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (June 19, 2022) and will conclude on Pentecost (June 8, 2025). Events are being scheduled on a local, regional, and national level. <https://www.Eucharisticrevival.org>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP – What We Store In The Barn



I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"Run the race which lies ahead."

Are you called to keep your eyes fixed on Christ and run the race of faith to heaven as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

July 31 - \$ 586.00

Collection for Fiscal year

July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023:

\$ 5,190.37

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.

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 to pray for Pope Francis; Chad Zielinski, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fairbanks, Fr. Ross Tozzi & Fr. Piotr Oprych, all priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons serving in our diocese; those serving in the Armed Forces; those that are sick in the parish; those that are homebound, in the hospital, nursing homes, or under hospice care and all those who care for them; the protection of the unborn, return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Pray for our dearly departed and those they have left behind.

Prayer for a New Bishop



Almighty God, who by the Holy Spirit moves the hearts of Your people, Direct the counsels of those who are appointed to choose a bishop for the Diocese of Fairbanks, That we may be given a pastor who, in faithfulness and wisdom, Shall lead Your people in the way of holiness.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. *Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for us.*

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.

Farewell gift for Bishop Chad: If you wish to donate the diocese is collecting toward the purchase of a grill through September 1st. Send a check to the Chancery at 1316 Peger Rd., Fairbanks, AK 99709 with "Gift for Bishop Chad" noted in the memo line or drop in the collection basket at mass.

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** Sunday Mass 5:30 pm

**Held at Sacred Heart Cathedral*

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 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