

# 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 <a href="mailto:rfath@cbna.org">rfath@cbna.org</a> 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.

<u>Latin Phrases Every Catholic Should Know:</u> *Et cum spiritu tuo* (eht-koom-speer-it-too-too-oh) And with your spirit.

"Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Luke 13:24

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C, August 21, 2022



First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Nations of every language shall come to see my glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:1-2

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:22-30

People will come from north and south, east and west, and take their place in the Kingdom of God.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Aug 24-27: UAF new student orientation.

**Aug 27:** <u>Bishop Chad Farewell Picnic</u> at SHC after 4:30 PM Mass.

Aug 28: Bishop Chad Farewell Ice Cream Social at SUC following the 11:00 AM Maga

SHC following the 11:00 AM Mass.

**Aug 28: Special Collection** for Ukraine Eparchy of Mukachevo.

#### FAREWELL GATHERINGS FOR BISHOP CHAD.

Please bring food to share in the following way. Names beginning with the letters:

A-G bring their favorite finger food or picnic salad H-P bring a side dish or chips Q-Z bring a favorite dessert

**Volunteers needed!** Please contact Katerina for Hospitality at <u>k\_placha@yahoo.com</u> or call the SHC Parish Office at 907-474-9032.

## **EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR-11AM & MASS-Noon**

Join our priests every Wednesday as we pray for the next Bishop of Fairbanks at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Brothers & Sisters in Christ,



All of you are aware of the ongoing tragedies in

Ukraine. I recently spoke with a bishop friend, Bishop Kurt Burnette of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic. The Eparchy of Passaic has roots to the Eparchy of Mukachevo in Ukraine. Bishop Burnette visited the Eparchy of Mukachevo and his friend Bishop Lil Luschak in June and indicated that this city has an estimated population of 300,000 and currently has 600,000 refugees who have suffered significant wounds of war on many levels. He indicated that the Eparchy of Mukachevo is in great need of financial assistance to be used for food, clothing, and shelter.

I write to you today asking each family and each parish to take up a collection to be sent to this eparchy in Ukraine. Parishes are asked to take up a collection and send the money to the diocese no later than 1 October. The check should be made out to CBNA with "UKRANIAN AID" on the memo line. We will safely transfer the money to the Eparchy of Mukachevo.

Thanks for considering a contribution to this area of our world in need. More than anything, please include them in your petition prayers.

Sincerely in Christ, Bishop Chad Zielinski

St. Mark is seeking out UAF Catholic professors and employees contact information to create a network to support Catholic students on campus. Our UAF Campus ministers this year will be Fr. Ross Tozzi and Fr. Piotr Oprych; CSA Campus Club Advisor is Devan Larson; and Diocesan Faith and Family Formation Director – Ben Colwell. For more info contact Mary Pat Boger at <a href="mailto:stmark@cbna.org">stmark@cbna.org</a>, <a href="mailto:UAF-catholic-Club@alasks.edu">UAF-catholic-Club@alasks.edu</a> or call 907-374-9564. Join us and meet our priest, Club Advisor, and members St. Mark's parish.

**Sacred Heart Cathedral** thanks all for the financial s support given in helping pay for the new roof! <a href="https://sacredheartak.org/giving">https://sacredheartak.org/giving</a>.

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 <a href="mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org">iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org</a> or call 907-452-3533 for more information on needs.



**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.

"For Behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Luke 13:30

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."

## Luke 13:30

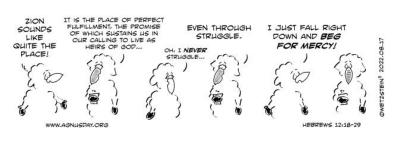
Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

# Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading: Isaiah prophesies that salvation is offered to all peoples ("from all the

nations"). The gospel makes clear a condition for salvation: those who desire salvation must journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and accept all this entails.

... to experience: Our society tends to declare, "numero uno!" We tend to want to be first, to find things easy, to have everything handed to us on a silver platter. This gospel says exactly the opposite. We are not first—Christ is. Things will not be easy—the road to salvation is narrow, difficult, demanding. Every- thing will not be handed to us—rather, we are asked to hand ourselves over.





## Where did the "O My Jesus" Rosary prayer come from?

Everyone says it between the decades of the Rosary. What are the origins of the prayer

Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially whenever you make some sacrifice: O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

Our Lady spoke these words to the children of Fatima on July 13th, 1917, during the third of the six visits she would pay them. After saying these things, she showed them a terrifying vision of Hell.



After this vision, she spoke of God's desire to establish devotion to her Immaculate Heart. She asked for Russia's consecration to her Heart and the devotion of the Five First Saturdays. She spoke of what would happen in the world if her requests were not heeded and of the final triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

She then gave the children the prayer we know so well, instructing them to recite it after each decade of the Rosary:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

Our Lady's love and concern for sinners was a consistent theme of her apparitions at Fatima. She showed the children the vision of Hell in order to stir up their compassion for sinners heading for that dreadful place. She constantly urged them to pray and sacrifice for the salvation of souls, and the children-touched by what the Lady told and showed them—spent their lives doing just that.

Let's join them in their mission!

Pray the Rosary—and the "O My Jesus" prayer Our Lady taught us-every day. Make the Five First Saturdays of Reparation and add in some sacrifices when you can. In this way, you will be honoring Our Lady's requests at Fatima, requests which call out to us more than a century later.

"Nothing is far from God." ~ St. Monica

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -

**Caught In The Rising Action** 



Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I'm not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I'm talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go "Hmmm."

I'm willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We're attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We're captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting and enduring.

We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

"Make straight paths for your feet." Will your path of holiness

be as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

Pray for a successful 2022-23 school year for our students and their families!



reported next Sunday. Online Giving is available on our website under "Donation" tab to

reach the secure WeShare link or dropped in the basket at the entrance of the church before mass. For 3% of our August and September collection will go to



Ukraine Eparchy of Mukachevo. Individual donations can be made as suggested in Bishop Chad's letter in this bulletin. 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; The sick, hospitalized, elderly, and caretakers. Pray for the protection of the unborn; return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Remember our dearly departed and those they have left behind.

> August 27 – 6:30 PM Latin Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

#### 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.

Remember that Harding Lake and Denali Park Masses will end after Labor Day.

St. Mark Student Masses on campus will begin after Labor Day. Weekday and time are yet to be determined. (This is based on student class schedules.)

## 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 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 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