

ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks

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Mass Schedule:

Vespers: 4:45 pm @ Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)

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

Friday: 2:30 pm CSA Mass @ UAF Lathrop Rm 112

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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:

Et cum spiritu tuo

(eht-koom-speer-it-too-too-oh)

And with your spirit

"You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones"

~ Saint Augustine

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C September 11, 2022



First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

Moses stands up to God, recalling all of God's great promises.

Responsorial: Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19

Once we are forgiven, we can hope for a new heart and a fresh start.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul proves it's never too late to repent and serve God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-32

Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept 11: Patriot Day

Sept 12: SHC Book Club "The Joyful Beggar (about St. Francis) 12:30pm downstairs in Community Room.

Sept 13: Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross – ICC

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Sept 16: FAITH-FILM-FOOD 6:30 PM - ICC

Sept 18: Safe Sunday/ Catechetical Sunday

Sept 23-Oct 1: Novena in Honor of St. Therese of Lisieux.

Sept 24: 1:30-3:15 pm Oratory at SHC for ages 4-17.

Sept 27: Installation of Bishop Chad Zielinski to the Diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota on the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR-11AM & MASS-Noon

Join our priests *every Wednesday*

as we pray for the next Bishop of Fairbanks at Sacred Heart Cathedral.



September 14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross at Immaculate Conception Church
Come celebrate this feast day proper to the sisters, with the Servidoras and the IVE fathers!

Sept 13th: 7pm Adoration; 7:30pm Matins followed by a reception
Sept 14th: 5pm Adoration; 6pm Solemn Mass followed by a feast RSVP servidoras@cbna.org

National Eucharistic Revival – Year of Diocesan Revival 2022-2023. The first year of the Revival invites diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to respond to the Lord’s personal invitation and equips them to share this love with the faithful through Eucharistic congresses and events.

FAITH-FILM-FOOD is showing **“WOLF IN SHEEP’S CLOTHING”** on Friday, September 16 in Murphy Hall at IC Church, 2 Doyon Place, Fairbanks. Potluck begins at 6:30pm, movie at 7:00. Come see documentary about Saul Alinsky & his “Rules for Radicals” has influenced the Church since the 1960s. There is important information that may influence how one votes in the next election!

The October 22nd movie is **WOLF IN SHEEP’S CLOTHING : the Transgender Agenda**” with even more information about the state of our society today.



“Run, jump, shout, but do not sin.” Saint John Bosco

Oratory - The Las Servidoras invite all children in the dioceses between the ages of 4-17 to join them at Sacred Heart Cathedral 1:30-3:15 PM **every Saturday, beginning September 24th.**

There will be games, workshops, crafts, talks, and choir. Please see the flyer within the bulletin and on our webpage <https://stmarksuaaf.org>. Contact the Sisters for more info servidoras@cbna.org. Register online at www.sacredheartak.org or in person.

Join the St. Mark Choir and participate in the music ministry! We encourage college students and young adults to join in this music ministry. George Stefan is our director/guitarist and can be texted/called at 907-687-0077.

“Focus is a gift of mercy.
Focus is what calms the unsettled mind.
Focus is what turns our goals into achievements.
Focusing on Christ and His Cross is what makes life worth living.” ✠

T.J. Burdick <http://www.tjburdick.com>



Justice Challenge: National Hispanic Heritage Month begins September 15. The Hispanic culture is deeply woven into the fabric and history of our country. We have received many gifts of faith from this culture, including a deep devotion to Our Blessed Mother through her appearances to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady told Juan Diego that he had dignity and reminded him that he was made in God’s image. Your challenge this week is to learn about a faith practice of a culture in your community (other than your own culture). It might be a particular prayer, or a spiritual practice, or devotion to a particular saint. As a family, celebrate this gift of culture by trying the prayer or practice in your home. Then offer a prayer of thanks to God for the gift of the culture from which you learned the practice.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Everything I have is yours.” Luke 15:31

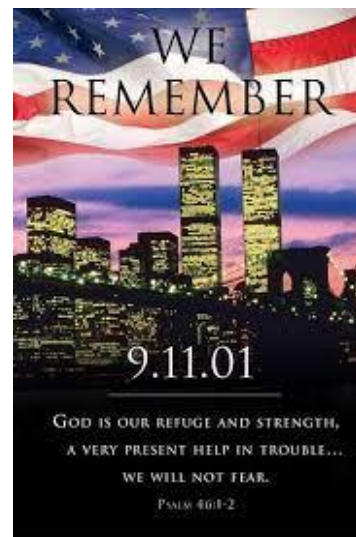
Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith, putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading: Both readings describe the mercy God extends to sinners, whether the sin is idolatry (*First Reading*); dissolute living (*younger son*); or anger, resentment, and jealousy (*older son*). Such divine mercy begets new life.



... to experience: Many parents anguish as they watch a son or daughter go astray in life. They will do anything to help their children come to their senses and turn their life around. Parents only want life for their children, although sometimes children seem to choose death for themselves.



On this day remember and pray for the families who lost loved ones on this day at Ground Zero in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington D.C, and in Pennsylvania where the United Airlines flight went down.

On this twenty-first anniversary, we devote ourselves to prayer and service.

Pray that the Lord may heal each of us with his peace, and the ability to forgive others.



Can angels read our thoughts?

Do our heavenly friends know what we're thinking?

"God alone," says St. Thomas Aquinas, "can know the thoughts of hearts and affections of wills."

So no, angels can't read our minds.

But the angels—our guardian angels especially—can often tell what we're thinking based on physical cues such as facial expressions.

It makes sense if you think about it. A family member or a good friend can often tell what we're thinking or feeling just by the slump of our shoulders or the very slight smile on our faces.

Our guardian angels saw us grow up. They've seen our faces and mannerisms since we were babies. They've been at our side 24/7 for all our existence, so they certainly can tell a lot through our subtle external signals (especially considering that their intellects are far superior to ours).



Tobias and the Archangel Raphael by Giovanni Girolamo Savoldo

So does the fact that angels can't actually mind-read mean that we *always* have to pray out loud to communicate with them?

No. We can, without the aid of articulated words, communicate any thoughts or prayers we desire to share with them. God allows such things through His power.

[Angels] can know specific thoughts that we willfully desire to communicate with them...Therefore, as soon as we make the decision to speak with or to pray to the angels, they will become aware of what we want to communicate to them.

—Fr. Matthew Hincks, ORC

If you think about it, this is rather fun, since it's so different from how we communicate with other humans. Words are, at best, only estimations of our thoughts. They are always a translation of sorts, never quite reaching the accuracy of the original language. It can even be a source of sorrow and frustration when we can only imperfectly convey our ideas through human language.

But with angels, we can convey our thoughts and prayers just as they are. Instantaneously. Presto. How cool!

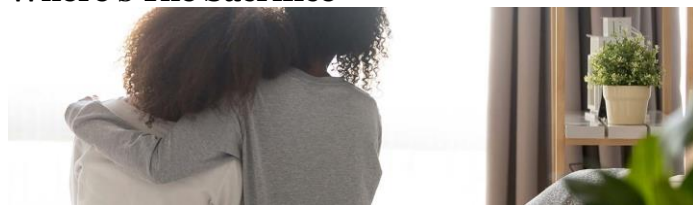
And how comforting it is to have a friend with whom we can communicate so easily, who often already knows how we're feeling...

"Trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be." ~ St. Teresa of Avila

Lectors are needed! Please sign up in advance.

For more information or questions contact: Mary Pat Boger after 5:30pm Mass or call 907-374-9564 or email: stmark@cbna.org.

Everyday Stewardship Where's The Sacrifice



"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to want to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. *Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?*

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



"This brother of yours was dead and has come to life." Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP
August Donations – \$2,976.00
September 4 – \$1,751.00
Collection for Fiscal Year

July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023: \$9,331.37

You can put your donation in the basket at church, mail, or consider giving online. Sign up to make a weekly/monthly donation <https://www.stmarksuaf.org> under the “Donation” tab to reach the secure WeShare link.



3% of our August and September collection will go to Ukraine Eparchy of Mukachevo. **Thank you for your generosity and continued support!**



Beloved Series Fall 2022

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

Oct 4 – Nov 15 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Saint Nicks is offering the Beloved Series on six Tuesday evenings beginning October 4th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. We invite all those interested - married, single, engaged, or thinking about marriage - to learn the ABC's of how to have a healthy, happy, and holy relationship. Sessions will take place in the conference room on the second floor of the pastoral center on **Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 8, and 15.** (There will not be a session on Nov 1; All Saints' Day Mass is at 7pm.)

Contact: Fr. Welcome at wchipiro@cbna.org or 907-488-2595, Deacon Ron at 907-978-4018, or Betsy Jones at 907-347-6618.

The Annual Diocesan Rosary Congress is coming Sept 30 to Oct 2.

In year one of our nationwide Eucharistic Revival, we focus on **Mary Mother of the Eucharist** with 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration, Masses, Morning and Evening Prayer, the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, talks, confessions, and new this year, an hour for the children. Look for flyers with the full schedule soon.



Please use the online sign-up and schedule an hour with Jesus at <https://signup.com/go/xWbEtKV> Please sign up early. For questions call or email Mary Beth Juday 907-479-3765, mbj4837@icloud.com or Jodi Stack 907-322-0227, jsstack86@icloud.com



You are invited to pray (September 23-October 1) the following novena in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux.

“O Lord, who said, unless you become as little children you shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven, GRANT US, WE BESEECH YOU, to so follow in the way of Blessed Therese in humility and simplicity that through her intercession these petitions and those of all our members may be granted as part of the shower of roses she promised to send upon this earth.”

REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN UPDATE: If you would like to help out in the soup kitchen, please contact us via e-mail or phone to find out more about how you and your family can volunteer at either 907-452-3533 or iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org. At the very least, **prayers of support** are always appreciated, particularly during our serving times: 11am-1pm Wednesday through Sunday. All volunteers 18 and older need to undergo a diocesan background check and complete a Safe Environment training module before working in the kitchen. <https://fairbanks.safeenvironment.org>

NEEDED - Kitchen Items: Peanut Butter, Eggs (fresh or hard-boiled), Fruit/Applesauce Cups, Granola Bars, Potato Chips, Used plastic shopping bags. **Clothing:** Socks, Men's and Women's Underwear, Winter gear (no boots), Please take all other items to Salvation Army, Value Village, or like places. *Drop off items at the side entrance during serving hours 11am - 1pm, Wed-Sun or call to arrange a drop off time.*



Pope Francis' September Intenstions: Abolition of the Death Penalty

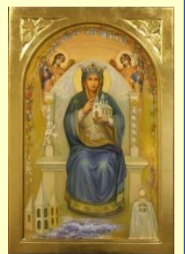
We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Please Pray For...

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 students and their families; Elderly and homebound; for those who are sick and their caretakers; protection of the unborn; return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Remember our dearly departed and their families. Today we remember those who died in the 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon, and hijacked United Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania.

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.



The Memorare: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence,
I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen