



# ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks

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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](mailto:rfath@cbna.org) or Ph. 907-374-9504

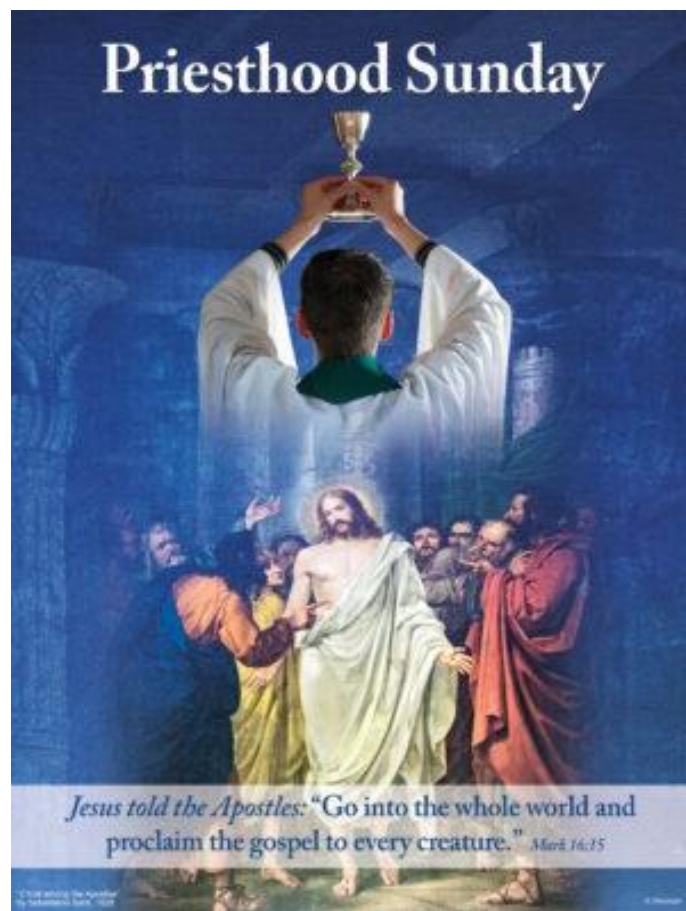
## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*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:**  
**Veritas (very-tahs) or Veritatis (very-tah-tease)**  
truth

It is **a day to reflect upon and affirm the central role of the priesthood in the life of the Church** because without the priest, the Mass and the Sacraments could not be offered.

## **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C September 25, 2022**



**First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7**  
God will judge the complacency of the people and their leaders.

**Responsorial: Psalm 146:7-10**  
Happy are those who find solace in God, the help of the poor.

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16**  
Paul exhorts Timothy to stay faithful to God in all things.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31**  
Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus.

**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR-11AM & MASS-NOON**  
Join our priests **every Wednesday**  
as we pray for the next Bishop of Fairbanks at  
Sacred Heart Cathedral.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

**Sept 25: Priesthood Sunday** ~ Social downstairs following Mass. Please join us!

**Sept 25:** CSA Social after 5:30pm Mass SHC

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

*Zielinski will be installed as the fifth bishop of the Catholic Diocese of New Ulm at the Church of St. Mary in Sleepy Eye. Please pray for him.*



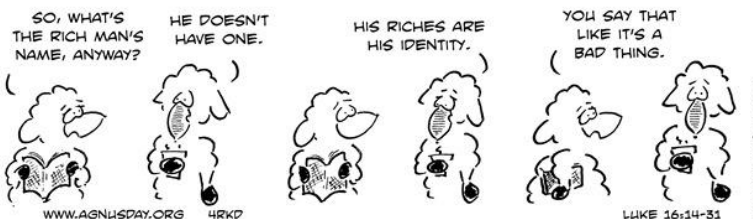
**Oratory** - *The Las Servidoras* invite all children in the dioceses between the ages of 4-17 to join them at Sacred Heart Cathedral 1:30-3:15 PM **every Saturday, beginning September 24th.** There will be games, workshops, crafts, talks, and choir. Please see the flyer within the bulletin and on our webpage <https://stmarksuaf.org>. Contact the Sisters for more info [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org). Register online at [www.sacredheartak.org](http://www.sacredheartak.org) or in person.

**Confirmation and Youth Group** meet on Thursday evening starting September 29, 2022, for ages 14 to 17. (pre-confirmation or confirmation class levels.) 6:00 pm class; 7:00 pm Dinner; 7:00-8:45pm Youth Group.

The **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** meetings are held on *Wednesday nights, 7:30-8:45 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.* This is the formal process for entering into the Catholic Church, or those interested in attending to understand and become familiar with the Catholic Faith.

**Marriage Prep: "Beloved- Mystery and Meaning of Marriage"** program is held quarterly. *Schedule an appointment with your pastor 6 months prior to the wedding.* Classes offered quarterly. Fall classes will be held at St. Nicholas in North Pole on Tuesday Evenings - Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Nov. 8, 15, 2022.

**Retrouaille of Alaska** – The next weekend experience will be Oct. 7, 2022. For more information call 907-863-8000; email: [anchorage@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:anchorage@helpourmarriage.org) or visit the website [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is actively seeking individuals for the following full and/or part-time positions!

- Safe Environment/Victim Assistance Coordinator (15-30 hours/week)
- Payroll Technician (20 hours/month)
- Director of Annual Giving (40 hours/week)

Please visit

<https://www.dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings> to learn more. If you have any questions or are ready to submit a résumé, please email [hr@cbna.org](mailto:hr@cbna.org).

Part-time Religion teacher for 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sacraments and 9th grade Church History needed at **Monroe Catholic High School** in Fairbanks. If interested, please contact Patrick Riggs at [priggscf@catholic-schools.org](mailto:priggscf@catholic-schools.org).



**Justice Challenge:** Sunday's Gospel tells the story of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). Ironically, we don't see the rich man doing anything bad—he didn't hit Lazarus or make him leave or even yell at him. So why did he end up in eternal damnation? It was because he didn't even notice his suffering brother. The rich man was totally oblivious to the needs of Lazarus. Your challenge this week is to increase your awareness. Look at your community, your country, and even your world with new eyes. Who are the invisible poor who need your help? Discuss every evening who you have noticed for the first time. Then, at the end of the week, as a family or an individual choose one action you can do to help a person or a group whom you identified. The help could be a financial donation, direct service, or a form of advocacy on their behalf (e.g., emailing your state legislators to change laws to provide more aid to the homeless or single-parent families or the mentally ill).

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." Luke 16:25-26***

When God created the world, He declared that it was good, and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

***"There is but one good; that is God. Everything else is good when it looks to Him and bad when it turns from Him."***  
~ C.S. Lewis



**Why DO we call the Rosary a “weapon”?** *It’s a dangerous world out there. Never leave home without your best defense.*

It’s lightweight, maneuverable, and deadly accurate.

It fits in your pocket, purse, or glovebox.

It performs with pinpoint precision in the most inexperienced hands and is perfectly safe for all ages. It won’t ever misfire or jam. It only hurts bad guys. It comes in any color or style you want, and you can outfit it with all kinds of fun accessories.

Nope, it’s not a magical revolver. We’re talking about something much more effective against the *really* bad guys: demons!



The Rosary has been the weapon of choice for saints, kings, queens, peasants, warrior poets, maidens, missionaries, and misfits for centuries. But why *do* we call this sacramental a “weapon”?

We call it that because it’s one of the best defenses against our mortal enemy, the devil. We are truly engaged in a spiritual war at all times, and Satan, as St. Peter says, “prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). The devil never sleeps and never tires. He is always plotting our downfall, and we’ve got to be on the offensive against him if we are to spiritually survive and make it to heaven.

If we’re going up against the devil, we’d best be fighting under the banner of Our Lady. The devil fears her like he fears no one else. She is like “an army set in battle array” (Song of Songs 6:10) against the forces of evil. She has given her warriors a special weapon for the fight, and they carry her Rosary like a sword at their side.

In fact, those in religious life carry their rosaries on the left side, hanging from their belt, because this is the traditional place for a sword!

*“Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today.”*  
~ St. Padre Pio

## Everyday Stewardship Fixing the Scales



Most people don’t intend on being selfish. The reality of selfishness usually lies in the grey shades of our decision-making. We would never go out of our way to kick a homeless person begging by the highway exit. We would never steal money from our parish collection plate.

But would we drive past the homeless person without even extending a thought or a prayer toward his need? Would we justify stinginess in time, talent, and treasure because of our own comfort? We all have been guilty of transgressions such as these in the past. We will fall again in the future.

Most of the evil in this world can be traced back to a feeling of entitlement that lurks deep within each of us — a frantic concern for our own good that we find difficult to shake. The same instinct that compelled Eve to reach for the fruit that would give her the knowledge of good and evil still compels people to focus on what they are owed, on what they have “earned,” on what they have “coming to them.” We are so tempted to fix the scales. We are so tempted to keep score.

We would do well to remember that our God is not a God who keeps score. He is not a God who acts entitled or who tacks on extra dues, taking as much as He can get. He is a God who seats the lowly with princes. He is a God who seeks avenues for reconciliation and mercy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



### PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

“Fight the good fight of the faith.”

Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life. Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org).

### The Annual Diocesan Rosary Congress

is coming **Sept 30 to Oct 2 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.**

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 in your parish. Please use the online sign-up and schedule an hour to watch with Jesus at <https://signup.com/go/xWbEtKV> Please sign up so we can ensure all hours are covered. For questions or help signing up, call or email Mary Beth Juday 907-479-3765, [mbj4837@icloud.com](mailto:mbj4837@icloud.com) <mailto:mbj4837@icloud.com> or Kathleen Frisby 907-3385-7114.





You are invited to pray (Sept 23-Oct 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.”

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

September 18 – \$ 1,083.00

Collection for Fiscal Year

July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023: \$11,260.37

Thank you for your generous support!

You can donate on the secure link

online at <https://www.stmarksuaf.org>



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

It has been one week since my arrival in the Diocese of New Ulm, MN. As I embrace a new land, new people, and new responsibilities, I have to admit a sadness in my heart that I will certainly miss Alaska and all you good people of God.

I want to thank you for the combined parish gift of the Big Green Egg outdoor grill. It sailed its maiden voyage as I grilled steaks for 3 of the local priests. As many of you know, I very much enjoy cooking and this grill will certainly put forth many meals of people gathered to share God’s blessings. One thing I will miss is the opportunity to grill at -35F just because I could do it. Enjoy the remainder of the Fall before the snow flies.

Keeping you all in prayer and my Mass intentions.

Christ’s peace,  
Bishop Chad Zielinski



**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; Fr. Ross Tozzi and Fr. Piotr Oprych, priests, sisters, and deacons in our diocese. Our students and their families; Elderly and homebound; Those who are ill; Protection of the unborn; Return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Remember our dearly departed and their families. Pray for our priests serving in our diocese and those who have retired.



*“Humility is nothing but truth, and pride is nothing but lying.”*

~ St. Vincent de Paul

**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.*



**Please pray for the people of Western Alaska who are experiencing the devastating aftereffects of last week’s large storm. Villages are flooding and experienced severe damage.**

**A PRAYER IN TIMES OF NATURAL DISASTER**

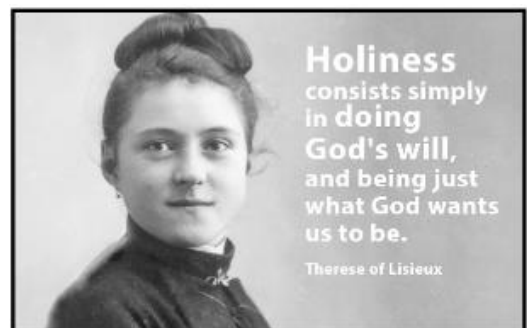
Gracious God, I pray for the victims of this disaster, Lord, that you would comfort the lives that were spared Lord, and that you would take care of those who perished.

Lord, please bless those who are doing everything they can to help these people and also make sure that things run smoothly in repairing this great community/State/Nation.

Please help the victims to have patience and also help family members to be reunited. Lord, I pray that you will ensure that the victims do not come under any illnesses from this disaster, and I also pray that they get enough food and clean water and proper shelter for everyone.

Lord, please touch the hearts of the world to continue to pray for these people and also to donate whatever they can to help rebuild this wonderful State.

Lord , only you can make miracles happen and I am asking for one now. Amen



**Holiness** consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be.

Therese of Lisieux