



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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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:

Caritas (carry-tahs) or **caritatis** (carry-tah-tease)
charity/love

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR-11AM & MASS-NOON

Join our priests *every Wednesday* as we pray for the next Bishop of Fairbanks at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C October 16, 2022



First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Joshua and the Israelites defeat Amalek with the help of God and his servant, Moses.

Responsorial: Psalm 121:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8

The Lord is the Guardian of Israel.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:2

Paul exhorts Timothy to continue to preach the word Timothy received from his teachers.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 18: 7 – 8:30 PM at St. Nicholas Church in North Pole: Beloved Series Fall 2002 Marriage Prep

Oct 22: 6-7:30pm **First Family Formation Night** at SHC – Feast of Saint John Paul II

Nov 1: Solemnity of All Saints – Holy Day of Obligation

Nov 15: Deadline for **Ed and Anne Graykowski Scholarships** for Native students active members of Diocese of Fairbanks (K-accredited college, university, or vocational program. For more information visit <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/diocesan-scholarships>



Oratory Religious Education Classes meet at SHC on Saturday afternoons.-

- 1:30 PM – ORATORY
- 2:45 pm - Good afternoon talk by a priest or sister
- 3:00 PM – Break with snacks.
- 3:15 PM – Catechism Class.
- 4:15 PM – Parents pick children up to either take them to the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass or return home.

First Family Formation Night on Saturday, October 22 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at the Cathedral.

6:00 PM Rosary

6:30 PM Formation Talk for Adults, Activities for children

7:00 PM Potluck dinner.

Contact: servidoras@cbna.org for more information.

Confirmation and Youth Group meets Thursday evenings

6:00 PM – Class

7:15 PM – Break

7:30-8:45 PM - Youth Group

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

7:30 – 8:45 PM - 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. This is a process of learning about the Catholic Faith. This class is offered to anyone who:

- Just wants to learn more about their Catholic faith
- Desires to become Catholic
- Might be interested, but unsure
- Wants to be baptized as a teen or an adult
- Wishes to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation, 1st Eucharist).

Marriage Prep: “Beloved- Mystery and Meaning of Marriage” program is held quarterly. 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. Contact: Fr. Welcome at wchipiro@cbna.org or call 907-488-2595, Deacon Ron at 907-978-4018, or Betsy Jones at 907-347-6618 for more information. *Schedule an appointment with your pastor 6 months prior to the wedding.*

Catholic Student Association – Meetings Thursday’s at 7pm in Lathrop Building Room 112 (subject to change). Topics of interest regarding the Church (sacraments, teachings, etc.) Contact UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu for more information.

SHC Book Club – Meets first Monday of the Month from 12:30 to 2:30 PM in the SHC downstairs Community Room. **November Book:** *Our Lady of Kibeho: Mary Speaks to the World From the Heart of Africa by Immaculee Ilibagiza c.2008*

ICC Soup Kitchen News: 425 meals with volunteers giving almost 77 hours of their time to make this happen. 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 907-45203533 or write to iccsoupkitche@cbna.org. At the very least, prayers of support are always appreciated, particularly during our serving times: 11am – 1pm Wednesday through Sunday.

Kitchen Items needed: Fruit/Applesauce Cups, Granola Bars, Potato Chips, Used plastic shopping bags

Clothing Items needed: socks, gloves, handwarmers



Halloween Care Packages for our College & K-12 Students!

Help us fill Ziplock bags so we can “Treat” our CSA and K-12 students for Halloween! The goal is to make 35-40 bags, so CSA students take extras to give to friends.

Check out the suggested list and *drop your donation off in our collection box on Sunday, October 23rd*. If you would like to help fill the bags, contact Mary Pat Boger stmark@cbna.org or talk to Marilis or Mary Pat after Mass.

Suggestions for “fill”: small tissue packs, candy, chocolate covered pretzels, *fruit snacks, gummy bears, granola bars, gum, small hand sanitizers*. St. Mark Parish will provide the Ziplock bags and other fill.

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.

Part-time Religion teacher for 8th 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.



Justice Challenge: On October 18, we celebrate the feast of Saint Luke, one of the four evangelists. The Gospel of Luke is sometimes nicknamed the “Justice Gospel” because Luke has so many stories of Jesus reaching out to those who were victims of injustice in their society. Perhaps this was partially due to Luke’s own experience as a healer. Luke wrote his Gospel to help us understand that Jesus was and is a universal savior—for everyone, everywhere. Your challenge this week is to spend time each day with Luke’s Gospel. Find a chapter (or at least a story or teaching in a chapter) which deals with justice, then reflect on and discuss as a family how you can apply the message which the passage teaches in your life today.



Who keeps watch over immigrants to the U.S.A.?

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos himself immigrated to this country.

The little German boy named after St. Francis Xavier was born in January of 1819. One day, when he was still small, his mother asked him what he would be when he grew up. Little Francis replied by pointing to a picture of his patron saint and declaring, "I shall be another St. Francis Xavier!"

Francis loved his faith very much and wished to act upon it. Inspired by tales of the work done by the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (the Redemptorists) in America, he joined the Congregation when he was twenty-three.



He made the long and arduous trip to America during the winter.

There, he worked for nine years at St. Philomena Parish in Pennsylvania. For six of those years, Francis was assistant to St. John Neumann.

In the 1860s, Blessed Francis traveled extensively as an itinerant missionary, covering about ten states in total.

In 1866, the Congregation assigned him to New Orleans. It was right around this time that yellow fever broke out in the city. Fr. Seelos worked tirelessly, administering to those suffering from the sickness.

Then he, too, became ill and, after several weeks of meek suffering, entered heaven on October 4th, 1867.

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos seemed on the outside to lead an "ordinary" life, but he was known for his cheerfulness and humility. Like him, many holy American men and women are quietly moving toward sainthood due to the selflessness, joy, and humility with which they lived their "ordinary" lives.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

QUESTION: For what do I feel I am praying in vain?
Can I find the will to pray for it persistently?
Meanwhile, how can I be part of God's answer to someone else's persistent prayer?

MISSION: Consider inviting someone close to you to help support you in prayer. Meet regularly, share intercessions, or sit together in contemplation.

"We are not merely to call ourselves Christians; we are asked to be Christians through our deeds."
~ St. Ignatius of Antioch

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!



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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

October 9 - \$ 631.00

Collection for Fiscal Year

July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023: \$ 14,991.37

Thank you for your generous support!

Donations can be made in in person or on our website:

<https://www.stmarksuaaf.org>



3% of October's collection will be given to World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday supports the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which assists Mission work throughout our Diocese.

October: Month of the Rosary



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

Pope Francis' October Intentions: *A Church Open to Everyone*



We pray for the Church; ever faithful to , and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Please Pray For...

Pope Francis; Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fairbanks; Fr. Ross Tozzi and Fr. Piotr Oprych, priests, sisters, and deacons in our diocese; St. Mark parishioners; our sick and housebound; Protection of the unborn; Return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Remember our dearly departed and their families. For households recovering from storms in Alaska and elsewhere in the United States.

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.

Mass Intention Requests

Mass intentions may be offered for family, loved ones (living or deceased) by calling Mary Pat Boger at (907) 374-9564 or email: mboger@cbna.org.

Safe Environment

Our diocese is committed to creating a safe environment for everyone. If you are aware of abuse you are encouraged to report the abuse to local law enforcement agencies and to contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Alicia Menard, by calling (907) 374-9553 or emailing amenard@cbna.org



Sacred Heart Cathedral Hospitality Committee

will host their Christmas Bazaar to support the parish activities/projects on Saturday, December 3rd from 9 Am to 6 PM. We would appreciate any of your creations that you could donate for sale, including but not limited to homemade crafts, ornaments, artwork, baked goods, frozen casseroles, etc. Items will be accepted at the church two weeks prior to the bazaar. The exact date will be announced soon. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for updates. If you have any questions, contact Katerina at 907-451-1015 or email k_placha@yahoo.com. Thank you!



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Now is the time to Adopt a Family
for this Christmas!

Deadline is November 7th

At Helping Alaska we LOVE to help families in need.

Our Adopt-a-Family Program gives individuals and organizations an opportunity to nominate families in our Fairbanks community that could use some assistance with making their Christmas a little more joyful.

If you are an individual, school, church, or any other organization and would like to nominate or help sponsor a family this Christmas, NOW is the time to call and let us know!

Please give us a call at 907-452-3876 or email us at aaf@helpingak.org

Recipient families cannot self-nominate.

St. Mark Parish News:

- *St. Mark Catholic Life and Leadership Scholarship and Strom Award* applications are with the Scholarship Committee and awards winners be announced on October 30th at our 5:30pm Mass.

- CSA & St. Mark Parish went together and purchased 15 bibles for Monroe Jr/Sr High Theology classes.

- CSA is meeting weekly on Thursday evening for discussion topics the sacraments and other topics of interest regarding the Church. Friday at 2:30pm is the weekly Mass. *Thank Devan Larson for his leadership!*

- Thank you, our parishioners and CSA members who helped, write notes to send our priests in the Diocese of Fairbanks on "Priest Day"

- HIPOW thanks all our parishioners who donated, supported, or worked to help HIPOW a success!

"Pray always and do not to lose heart." If you are considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, let the grace of prayer encourage you. Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.