



# 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)

### **ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES (Nov 1 – Tues)**

7:30 AM, 12:10 PM & 7:00 PM

### **ALL SOULS DAY MASSES (Nov 2-Wed)**

7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

## **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 [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:**

**Angeli (ahn-gel-e)**  
angels

## **EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR-11AM & MASS-NOON**

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

## **30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C October 23, 2022**



### **First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14,16-18**

God hears the prayer of the poor.

### **Responsorial: Psalms 34:2-3,17-18,19, 23**

The Lord hears and answers the cry of the poor.

### **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18**

Paul perseveres in faith, confident that God will rescue him.

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14**

Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

### **Oct 23: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

**Oct 25:** 7 – 8:30 PM at St. Nicholas Church in North Pole: Beloved Series Fall 2002 Marriage Prep

**Oct 25:** Rosary Congress 2023 Brainstorming session at 6:00 PM at Parlor of ICC.

**Oct 30:** Hallow's Eve Blessing & Bags for students

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

**Nov 2:** All Souls Day

**Nov 4-7:** St. Ignatian Retreat for Men at Lost Lake Boy Scout Camp. Contact [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org)

**Nov 6-12:** National Vocation Awareness Week

**Nov 15:** Deadline for **Ed and Anne Graykowski Scholarships**



**World Mission Day** – also known as *World Mission Sunday* – was established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. It is usually observed on the third Sunday of October. This year the official theme is “*You shall be my witnesses*” (Acts 1:8). This collection is for the societies, which consists of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (Society of St. Peter the Apostle, the Society of the Holy Childhood, and the Pontifical Missionary Union.



**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.

**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”** classes offered quarterly. Fall classes will be held at St. Nicholas in North Pole on Tuesday Evenings - Oct. 25 & Nov. 8, 15, 2022. Contact: Fr. Welcome at [wchipiro@cbna.org](mailto: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](mailto: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

**Rosary Congress 2023 BRAINSTORMING** meeting on Tuesday, October 25 at 6:00pm in the Parlor at Immaculate Conception Church. Let us know how we can make our next Congress more successful as part of the Eucharistic Revival! For more information 907-388-1925.

**FAITH-FILM-FOOD** is showing “**WOLF IN SHEEP’S CLOTHING II: The Gender Agenda**” on Friday, October 28 in Murphy Hall at IC Church, 2 Doyon Place, Fairbanks. Potluck begins at 6:30pm, movie at 7:00. Come see documentary about the sources of controversy in our society today. There is important information that may influence how one votes in the next election! 907-388-1825

**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. Contact Mary Pat Boger at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) if you to join us to fill bags and visit for an hour to help prepare for the upcoming new liturgical year.



**Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men Spiritual Exercises**

Registration - \$60  
Starts Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM ~ ends Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM  
Held at Lost Lake Boy Scout Camp (12660 Lost Lake Rd). The Spiritual Exercises is a silent retreat written by St. Ignatius of Loyola. The goal is to search and find God’s will for your life: holiness. Many saints have gone on a spiritual retreat. St. Alberto Hurtado says, “Make any sacrifice to attend the Spiritual Exercises, for nothing in the world could be more important than knowledge of the will of God.” For more information contact [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org) or 907.987.9598.

**ICC Regional Soup Kitchen News:**

For more information or to help out, visit the webpage at <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> or you can call Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Nick Shamrell at (907) 452-3533. **Kitchen Items needed:** Fruit/Applesauce Cups, Granola Bars, Potato Chips, Used plastic shopping bags. **Clothing Items needed:** socks, gloves, and handwarmers.



**Justice Challenge:** Sunday’s Responsorial Psalm proclaims that “The Lord hears the cry of the poor.” The question is: Do WE hear the cry of those in need—in our families, in our communities, in our country, and even in the

world? Or are we too focused on our own issues and worries that we tune out the cries of those around us? Your challenge this week is to listen. Be open to hearing the cries of those who suffer from injustice, hatred, hunger, poverty, loneliness, or whatever might be keeping them from living in hope and joy. Listen to people’s stories; listen to the news; just listen. Then choose one voice you have heard and decide how you can reach out and help the person whose cry spoke to your heart. It might be just listening further, or it might be donating time or money. The important thing is that you respond to the cry you have heard.

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**What do the different liturgical colors mean?** *Have you ever wondered why priests wear certain colors for each liturgical season?*

The little German boy named after St. Francis We associate different colors with different holidays. For instance, Christmas colors are red and green, while Halloween colors are black and orange.

Likewise, the Church uses colors to symbolize particular liturgical seasons. The four main colors are green, violet, red, and white, but priests also wear rose on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent and black for funeral Masses.



We are now in Ordinary Time, so priests are wearing green. Priests wear green for much of the year; this color represents hope and perseverance, which we ought to practice all year round.

Clergy wear purple during Advent and Lent. This color symbolizes the virtues we practice during these two important seasons: penance, waiting, and mourning.

During the Christmas and Easter Seasons, priests wear white, the color for joy and purity. White also represents the Resurrection. This color's symbolism is also why brides wear white on their wedding day: to represent their purity and joy.



Red is worn on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Pentecost. Red is the color for Christ's Passion and for martyrdom. On Pentecost Sunday, the Apostles went out into the world to proclaim the Good News, and most of them were martyred for their faith, which is one of the reasons why clergy wear red that day. Red also symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit for Pentecost and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

On the Third Sunday of Advent and on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, priests wear a shade of pink called rose, representing joy and hope, as we anticipate the approach of Christmas and Easter. For funerals, the priest often wears black to represent death and mourning—and to remind the congregation to pray for the soul of the person who has died.

Each liturgical color has significant meaning and helps us set our minds on the season we are currently in. During this Ordinary Time, we should follow the theme of this season and listen for the messages of hope and perseverance in the daily readings.

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*Whoever exalts himself will be humbled and  
whoever humbles himself will be exalted!*

## Everyday Stewardship Sparking Holiness



As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to decluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it. Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: "Does it spark joy?"

It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed.

There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought.

The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will ennoble our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it.

During these autumn months, don't just declutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: "Does it spark holiness?"

If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, maybe it's time to declutter.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## FRANCISCAN NEWS...

The first weekend of November, five people from Fairbanks will go through the Rite of Admission (the first formal step) to become a professed Secular Franciscan. Three people from Our Lady of Angels Fraternity in Deer Park, Washington (near Spokane) will be hosting a three-hour retreat here at Saint Raphael on Nov. 5th from 2pm-5pm with Rite of Admission celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 6th at 2pm. The retreat on Nov. 5th is open to **ANYONE** who is **INTERESTED** in becoming a Secular Franciscan. Contact Gloria Slagle at [stclare4@gmail.com](mailto:stclare4@gmail.com) for more information. **Candidates are Gloria Slagle, Deacon George Bowder, Camille Connelly- Terhune, Ronnie Rosenberg and Yoko Collier.** There is another formation group meeting who are not quite ready for the Rite of Admission. Both groups combined make a total of eight people, pursuing a Franciscan vocation in Fairbanks. We are so blessed to be able to form a professed Franciscan presence here in Alaska and are incredibly grateful to the Franciscans from the Northwest Region for working with us. Our local Franciscans: Br. Bob Ruzika, Br. Justin Huber, Sr. Kathy Radich, Fr. Joe Hemmer and Fr. Thinh Van Tron, have been a great support to our group!

## 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!

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**October 9 - \$ 950.00**

**Collection for Fiscal Year**

**July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023: \$ 15,941.37**

**Thank you for your generous support!**

Donations can be made in person or on our website:

<https://www.stmarksuaf.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 - especially our elderly and sick; Protection of the unborn; Return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Those who have passed away.

## 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.*

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

**Deadline is November 7<sup>th</sup>**

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.



**Helping Alaska** BUILDING COMMUNITY  
CHANGING LIVES  
INSPIRING HOPE

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](mailto:aaf@helpingak.org) Recipient families cannot self-nominate.



*"All who humble themselves will be exalted."* Is humble service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life your path of holiness and eternal glory in Christ? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.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).

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

*The tradition of offering Mass honoring members of various professions dates back to the Middle Ages. "color" masses. Following is a brief explanation of each:*

**Red Mass** – The tradition of the Red Mass was begun in 1243 by Pope Innocent IV in 1243 for the Ecclesial Judicial Court asking the invocation of the Holy Spirit as a source of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude and strength for the coming term of the court. The color red signifies the Holy Spirit and martyrdom.

**Blue Mass** – Started in the United States in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, not based on the vestments of the priest, but on the blue uniform worn traditionally in the "public safety field" (police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators and EMS personnel".

**White Mass** – The Healthcare Professional Mass (started in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century in the United States) is known by the "White Mass" because the white lab coats traditionally worn by the Healthcare Profession. This Mass dates back to the late 1800s and is held often near October 18, the feast day of St. Luke the Evangelist, the patron saint of physicians and surgeons.

**Gold Mass** – Initiated by the Society of Catholic Scientists, the color was chosen because of the hoods worn by those graduating with a doctorate in science and because the patron saint of scientists, St. Albert the Great, was an alchemist who worked to turn base metals into gold.

**Red, White, and Blue Mass** – A Mass where veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families have the opportunity to join together in prayer, and meant to include the wider community.