



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)

Mass: 5:30 pm @ Sacred Heart Cathedral

Reconciliation: at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM or by Appointment

Experience the joy of forgiveness....

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR-11AM & MASS-NOON

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

First Sunday of Lent, Cycle A

February 26, 2023



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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:

sacramentum ~ *Sacramentum* is the Latin translation of the Greek *mysterion*, meaning *mystery*. In this sense a sacrament is "the sign of something sacred and hidden," according to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*. We can see in *sacramentum* the root that led to words like *sacred*. In this sense, *sacramentum* means a *consecrating*—certainly a fitting way to describe the sacraments. *Sacramentum* also had two other meanings: a *sum deposited in a civil process* or a *guaranty* and an *oath of allegiance*. We can think of the grace we receive from sacraments as a deposit of God's grace in us. This is what is meant by the Church's description of the Eucharist as the "pledge of future glory." The second definition is also applicable. For example, in the sacrament of confirmation, we renounce Satan and pledge our allegiance to God. <https://catholicexchange.com>

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God

Responsorial: Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

A prayer for mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mar 4 & 11: Marriage Class Winter '23

Now-Apr 8: Lent observed beginning with Ash Wed.

Feb 25: 6:30 PM Latin Mass at SHC

Feb 26: Rite of Election – 4:00 PM @ SHC

Feb 24-Mar 7: Lenten Fridays at SHC - 5:30 PM Mass, 6:00 PM Stations, followed with 6:30 PM Soup.

Now – Mar 31: World Ice Championships 2023

Mar 3-5: "Answer the Call" Men's Retreat

Mar 13-17: UAF & FNSBSD SPRING BREAK

CELEBRATION OF THE RITE OF ELECTION 2023



The Rite of Election and Continuing Conversion will be celebrated at **Sacred Heart Cathedral** on Sunday, **February 26th at 4:00 PM**. Candidates should arrive AT LEAST 20 minutes early. We encourage St. Mark's parishioners to support **Leo Kennedy** (CSA Student) who will receive the Sacraments at Easter by attending and we as the faithful should do our best to encourage him and others coming into the Church.



Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 3-4:00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC).

Altar Serving Training –Open to anyone, male or female, who has made his or her First Communion – both children and adults. Next training TBA.

Oratory Religious Education Classes at SHC - **Saturday** afternoons – downstairs. 1:30 PM –3:15 PM. Parents pick children up to either take them to the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass or return home. *Ages 4-17 for all children in Diocese.

Confirmation– Thursday evenings 6 - 7 PM *alternate between ICC (3/9 & 30) and SHC (3/2 & 23).*

Youth Group 7 to 8:45 PM

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) meets 7:30 – 8:45 PM – **Wednesday evenings** at SHC.

Catholic Student Association – **Thursday** Mass - 12 PM.

Weekly Club Meeting Thursday – 7 PM. Mass & meetings held at UAF Lathrop Building in Room 112. Contact club at UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu for information.

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group – Ages 18-35. **Fridays at ICC-** 6PM.

Homeschool Group – **1st & 3rd Friday** in Murphy Hall at ICC after 12:10pm Mass.

Sacraments of Vocations– contact Fr. Robert Fath at rfath@cbna.org or Ph. 907-374-9504

Marriage Preparations – Please contact Fr. Ross six (6) months prior to wedding. Contact rtozzi@cbna.org to register or call (907) 347-3005 to register or talk.

Marriage Class (Winter '23)– 9-10:30 AM at SHC Social Hall. **March 4 & 11**

SHC Book Club –**1st Monday** of the month - For more info contact Janet Fortune – 43janetf@gmail.com .

Knights of Columbus –**2nd Thursday** of the month 6:30 pm.

ICC Faith-Film-Food – **Every 3rd Friday** –at ICC.

Saint Louis Martin Men's Group – **Every other Thursday (3/9)** for men of All ages! at 6:45 pm at ICC (TBA). For men of all ages!

Saint Zelig Martin Women's Group – **Every other Wednesday (3/1)** for women of ALL ages! 5:30pm Holy Mass; -6-7pm Adoration; 7:15 meet in the hall or formation, fellowship, and refreshments.

Funerals – Contact Parish Office at SHC – 907-474-9032

Adult Confirmation Class for 21 and older.

Sacred Heart Cathedral is offering an Adult Confirmation Class for those 21 and older who have already received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Penance but have not been confirmed. It is intended for adults who regularly practice their faith, have a valid marriage or are living as a chaste single person. Contact Fr Ross Tozzi to register at (907) 474-9032 or rector@cbna.org

Answer The Call: What Does It Mean To Be A Catholic Man?

A Men's Retreat organized by the Diocese of Fairbanks

When: Starting March 3rd at 6:30 PM to

March 5th ending at 5:00 PM

Cost: \$40 includes meals and lodging.

If interested contact Benjamin Colwell, Director of Faith, and Family Formation for the diocese at (907) 374-9526 or email bcowell@cbna.org



Justice Challenge: The Gospel recounts Jesus' experience of being tempted by the devil after 40 days of retreat in the desert. Jesus was tempted to indulge in physical satisfaction (eating bread), ego satisfaction (throwing himself off the temple to be saved by angels), and the satisfaction of power (having the world at his feet if he worshipped the devil). Your challenge this week is to take a serious look at the power you hold over other people—your children or parents, your colleagues at work or school, your friends. Do you use your power in a holy way? Do you ever abuse your power? Pray this week that you always remember that only God really has the power. Remind yourself that you are called to use the power entrusted to you to serve others in the same way Jesus did.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT - A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN

During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors, and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit csrcricebowl.org to learn more. Visit csrcricebowl.org to learn more.

Seven Reasons For Fasting:



1. From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast.
2. For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin.
3. Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.
4. Fasting is an ancient way of preparing for the Eucharist-the truest of foods.
5. Fasting is preparation for baptism (and all sacraments)-for the reception of grace.
6. Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor.
7. Fasting is a means of self-discipline, chastity, and the restraining of the appetites. <https://uscceb.org>



Why is Lent forty days long?

Forty is a number with ancient biblical significance.

Lent is forty days long because Jesus fasted in the wilderness forty days and forty nights before embarking on His public ministry.

But Jesus did not select the length of His fast at random. Throughout the Old Testament, a stretch of forty days (or years) has always carried a deep meaning often related to punishment, penance, and/or preparation.

Here are a few examples:

- During Noah's time, God sent rain for forty days and forty nights to punish the earth with flood.
- In consequence of their lack of faith, the Israelites wandered in the desert forty years before reaching the Promised Land
- The people of Nineveh fasted and repented to avert the wrath of God which the prophet Jonah predicted would come upon them in forty days.
- Both Moses and Elijah fasted forty days before or during important conversations with God



Painting - *Man of Sorrows* by William Dyce

When the time came for Jesus to begin His public mission, He utilized this tradition. His mission was of an all-encompassing nature that taps into—and fulfills—all the biblical reasons for forty day events.

As the God-Man, He was embarking on His mission to be our Mediator—to converse with God on our behalf, as Moses and Elijah did in a prefigurative way.

As the one Man Who came to bear the punishment due to all men, He evokes the repentance of Nineveh that averted the punishment of God.

His time in the desert—reminiscent of the Israelites' forty-year sojourn—proffers the idea that He is deliberately taking on the punishment due to our faithlessness, which otherwise would keep us away from the Promised Land of Heaven.

The season of Lent is our great opportunity to enter into the desert with Christ. Do you have a plan for how to approach these days and gain the incredible graces they offer us?

<https://www.catholiccompany/getfed>

HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

Please pray for all participating in the Rite of Election and Continuing Conversion within our Diocese this weekend. Pray for Leo Kennedy, our UAF CSA member.

You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun." ~ Saint Josemaria Escriva

Formed and Fallen



There is a version of myself that walks into church on Ash Wednesday and a version of myself that walks into church on Good Friday. Aside from having the same face, these women bear very little resemblance to one another.

Ash Wednesday Me is fired up. She's ready to go. She's got a stomach full of *paçzki*, a forehead full of ashes, an oven full of fasting bread and a whole list of Lenten resolutions. She's got a plan for the next 40 days and she's ready to be transformed.

Good Friday Me is tired. She's lumbering into church dragging six weeks of failure and unfulfilled expectations behind her. Nothing went the way it was supposed to (again). She didn't accomplish what she wanted (again) and she doesn't want to dwell on it (again).

If Satan offered both versions of myself the same deal he offered Christ — *submit to me, and you will have the whole world* — I have to wonder: which one of these creatures, formed and fallen, would be strong enough to defy him? Would either?

I can't say that the chipper, optimistic woman on Ash Wednesday has more strength than the tired woman on Good Friday. To each of these women Satan offers an easy way out. But to each, too, Christ offers an abundance of grace and the gift of justification.

This Lent, I know that I will be tested. I know that I will fail in many ways. I know that my intentions and my best efforts will not be enough.

But I bring them to the altar anyway, and I leave them there as an offering. And I know that Easter morning will dawn, and the tomb will be empty.

"The gift is not like the transgression." — Romans 5:15

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

Focusing the Gospel ...

Key words and phrases: tempted by the devil; he was hungry; Get away, Satan; The Lord, your God.

To the point: Jesus spent forty days alone in the desert and was vulnerable, so the devil tried to allure him with tantalizing temptations. Temptation is essentially an enticement to put our own desires and needs first. Resisting temptation, then, is really resisting self-centeredness. Like Jesus, we must choose instead to surrender ourselves to God who alone should be the center of our lives. To make any other choice is to choose a false god. This First Sunday of Lent poses this question: Do we serve god or God? <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS – During Lent we ask parishioners to help out ICC Staff by donating needed items: granola/protein bars, hot cocoa mix, canned vegetables, eggs, snack-size Ziplocs, and gloves. You can drop them in the donation box at SHC. Thank you for your gifts for those in need.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

***“It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’”
Matthew 4:10***

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other “gods” we have put before God. Contact the Vocation Office at 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

February 19, 2023 - \$ 1,114.00

Collection for Fiscal Year

7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023: \$ 34,328.09

***Thank you for your generosity
and continued support!***

You can give online at <https://www.stmarksuaf.org/donations>

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Pope Francis' February Intentions:

For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Pray For: Pope Francis; Archbishop Andrew Bellisario - Apostolic Administrator; Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and Deacon Warren Lucero; and all who serve in our Diocese. Fallen away Catholic. The sick, their loved ones, and caregivers. Our beloved faithful departed. Remember our UAF students and St. Mark households during Lent.

Remember Victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria; conflict between Ukraine and Russia. Pray for the people of Palestine, Ohio.

Prayer of the Faithful: That we prune ourselves of earthly things and nurture and develop heavenly things.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT - Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? Contact the Vocation Office at 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org if you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

REGAL CINEMA PHANTOM NIGHTS

Mar 28: 7:00 PM – Santiago: The Camino Within follows pilgrims along the well-traversed pilgrimage route dating back to medieval times, sharing stories, the transformation of their souls and the radiance that will be revealed at the conclusion of their journeys.

Apr 2-6: 4 & 6 PM – The Journey: A Music Special from Andrea Bocelli - traveling on horseback along Italy's Via Francigena in the footsteps used by ancient pilgrims. <https://www.fathomevents.com/events>

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NOW HIRING!

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is hiring for the following position.

• **Construction Project Manager**

The Project Manager provides oversight and management of the planning and construction process for facility changes, major repairs, and new construction within the Diocese of Fairbanks. The Project Manager also works with parishes to prioritize maintenance and assist in obtaining materials and labor. This position includes travel to remote villages in small aircraft or via snow machine or boat. BS/BA in engineering, building construction, or relevant field preferred. Project management certification or at least seven (7) years of experience in a related field required. Full-time exempt position with benefits. Salary DOE. For more information, to request a formal job description, or to submit your cover letter and résumé please contact

humanresources@cbna.org.

St. Raphael Parish has immediate opening for two positions:

- **Office Manager** ~ Tues-Fri, 10 AM 3 PM with additional hours as needed (up to 25 hrs./wk.). *Duties include* bulletin, scheduling, parishioner needs, coordination with volunteer recruitment and pastor and parish, some bookkeeping duties, and other parish responsibilities.
- **Lay Pastoral Minister** ~ Part-time position 15-20 hrs./wk. and involves liturgy collaboration with Fr. Jingbe to include on Sunday and occasionally Saturday masses, holy days, and holy seasons; volunteer recruitment and coordination; communication with parishioners; facilitating ongoing religious education for all in the parish; pastoral care, and administration.

If interested, contact Fr. Jingbe at (907) 328-9424 or email sjingbe@cbna.org or Camille Connelly-Terhune via email secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org

Catholic Schools is hiring full and part-time.

- **Child Care Specialists** for their After School Program 2-6 pm M-F* (**Specific days of the week can be accommodated.*)

Qualifications: 18+ years old; Will collaborate with successful candidate to obtain the training necessary. Contact: Ms. Beach Child Coordinator at 907-519-6316; email cshabram-beachcsf@catholic-schools.org or check website <https://www.catholic-schools.org/employment.html>



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, Jenny Michaelson by calling (907) 374-9553 or emailing vac@cbna.org. For more information, access the Diocese safe environment link through <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse>