



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks

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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.

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

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR-11AM & MASS-NOON

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

Clergy

Fr. Ross Tozzi: rtozzi@cbna.org Ph:907-347-3005

Fr. Piotr Oprych: poprych@cbna.org

Deacon Warren Lucero

Administration

Parish Admin: Mary Pat Boger: Ph.907-374-9564

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Office hours: 10am – 12noon

Bookkeeping: Marilis Bennett: Ph. 907-590-9291

Music: George Stefan: Ph. 907-687-0077

CSA Advisor: Devan Larson: UAF-catholic-Club@alasks.edu

Pastoral Council

Marilis Bennett, John Fox, Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker

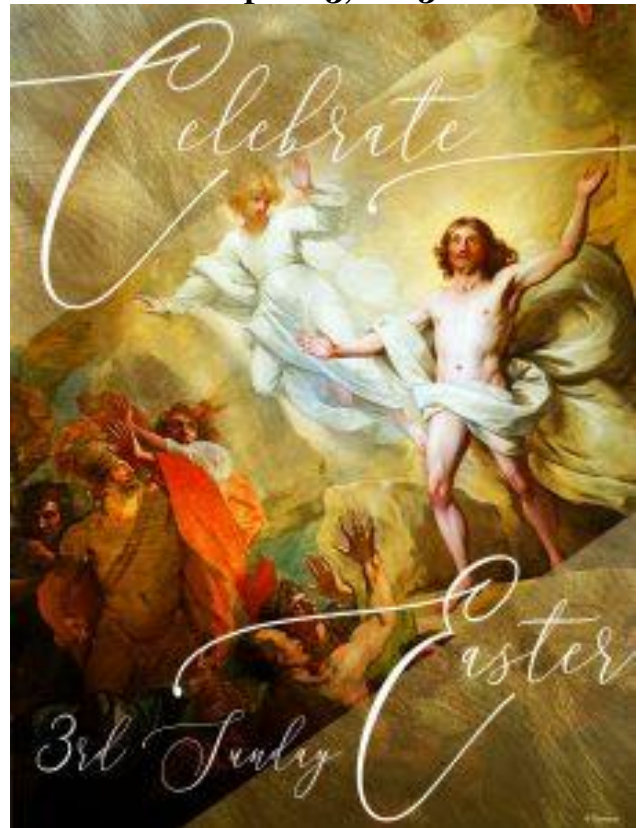
St. Mark Parish News: Next meeting TBA

Common Catholic Latin Phrases:

Ego Te Absolvo: *I absolve you.* This is a declaration made by a priest during a Sacrament of Penance.

<https://www.universal-translation-services.com/catholic-latin-phrases-and-their-meanings/>

Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023



First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Responsorial: Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11

God's will show us the path of life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Apr 25: Feast of Saint Mark (St. Mark Parish est. 1977)

Apr 26: 6-7:30PM Marriage Class at St. Raphael's

May 1: 5:30pm Mass of Thanksgiving at SHC

May 1: Last Day of UAF Instruction

May 2-5: UAF Final Examinations

May 6: UAF Commencement

May 13: 10 AM- 12 PM Altar Server Training

May 27: Pentecost Sunday – Confirmations at St. Mark 5:30PM Mass

Mass of Thanksgiving

Join the diocese in congratulating
Sr. Unionis on her profession of perpetual vows.



There will be a Mass in
celebration
and thanksgiving
at Sacred Heart Cathedral
on Monday May 1st
at 5:30pm



followed by a festive dinner in the hall!



UPCOMING PARISH MEETING – Divine Mercy Sunday – April 15 – after St. Mark’s 5:30pm Mass. Summary of meetings can be found at <https://www.stmarks@uaf.org> under “Ordinary Time” tab.

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.

Baptism Instruction: Apr 23 after 11AM SHC Mass (about 12:15 PM). Show up after Mass and meet with Fr. Piotr Oprych. Paperwork at www.sacredheartak.org

Oratory Religious Education Classes 1:30 – 4:15 PM Saturday downstairs at SHC.

Confirmation Class: Thursday 6-7 PM/Youth Group 7:00 to 8:45 PM at SHC. *At **ICC (4/27)**. In Social Hall at SHC.

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

Catholic Student Association (CSA) – 12Noon Thursday Mass/7 PM Meeting at Lathrop Hall Room 112. Topic to be announced. Contact Ben Colwell @ bcolwell@cbna.org or UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu for information.

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group – 6:00 PM at ICC on Fridays ~ Ages 18-35.

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

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 (Spring '23): At St. Raphael’s - **Apr 26-Jun 7** from 6:00 -7:30 PM. Call St. Raphael Catholic Church to register at (907) 457-6603. Open to all engaged couples.

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 – 8:00 PM.

Saint Louis Martin Men’s Group – 6:45 PM at ICC every other Thursday for men of All ages!

Saint Zelig Martin Women’s Group –7:15 PM at ICC every other Wednesday for women of All ages!

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

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



Fr. M. Arokiya Don Bosco, ALCP/OSS arrived in Fairbanks from India late Wednesday evening. Fr. Bosco will be assisting in the Fairbanks area for at least six months before transitioning to a parish. He is a member of the Apostolic Life Community of Priests, or Holy Spirit Fathers as they are more commonly known, which is part of a federation of five communities called Opus Spiritus Sancti (OSS). <https://www.opusspiritussancti.com/>

Please give him a warm Alaskan welcome and introduce yourself when you see him! This brings us to 21 priests serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks. Please continue to pray for vocations for the Diocese.



Justice Challenge: Today’s Gospel recounts the Emmaus journey of the two disciples. They recognized the resurrected Christ only when he broke bread with them. Saint Damien of Molokai, whose feast day is May 10, is well known for breaking bread with lepers. Your challenge this week is to reflect on the people who need you to break bread with them. Is it the people who come to the local Catholic Worker House for lunch or the homeless shelter? Is it the young person sitting alone in the cafeteria at school? Spend some time searching your heart and your community to see who needs you to be bread in their lives. Then break bread with someone new this week and discover the face of Christ when you do so.

INSIDE OUR SACRED SPACE ~ Ambry for Holy Oils

Each church stores holy oils for use in various ceremonies. New oils are blessed annually during Holy Week by the bishop at the chrism Mass and then distributed to parishes. The oils are the oil of the catechumens, the oil of the sick and the chrism. They are kept locked in an ambry, a French word meaning wall safe or cupboard. Our Catechism says, “The sacred chrism (myron), used in anointings as the sacramental sign of the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit, is traditionally reserved and venerated in a secure place in the sanctuary. The oil of catechumens and the oil of the sick may also be placed there” (CCC, No. 1183). * *Today the ambry takes different forms and shapes and often is located near the baptismal font.* <https://www.oursundayvisitor.com/inside-our-sacred-space/>

Focusing the Gospel ...

Key words and phrases: conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near, Stay with us, their eyes were opened, hearts burning, opened the Scriptures, made known to them in the breaking of bread



To the point: On our own we cannot grasp the mystery of the resurrection. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus were “conversing and debating;” they could recount the facts but could not believe the mystery. Yet they desired to move from disappointment and unbelief to hearts burning with life and belief—they invited Jesus to stay the night with them. Our own participation in Word and sacrament must give rise to the same desire in us: to seek Life by journeying deeper into the mystery. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

In what way have you come to know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist?

Who was the “rich young man” who went away sad?

Ever wonder what happened to that poor fellow?

If you’re anything like me, you feel a bit sorry for the rich young man in the three Synoptic Gospels. He comes to Jesus and asks, “What must I do to have eternal life?” knowing that merely obeying the Commandments is not enough.

He is told that he must give up the thing to which he is most attached: in his case, his wealth. We root for him every time we read it, but instead of choosing the treasures of Heaven, he goes away sad, disappointed that he cannot have both celestial and earthly things.

Who was this man? Do we know what happened to him?



Christ and the Rich Young Ruler by Heinrich Hofmann

Did he go bury himself in a worldly life, or did he think better of it and come back to Jesus, and tell him he’d do anything for Him—for Heaven?

We can’t know for sure, but there is a theory out there as to the identity of this man—a

theory which derives from definite clues in Scripture.

Some say that the rich young man is none other than *St. Mark himself*.

One clue is Mark’s apparent wealth. His mother’s (large) house was used as a meeting place for early Christians, and it was there that Peter resorted after his miraculous release from prison (see Acts 12:12).

Furthermore, to try and sell spiritual realities is to profane something that is sacred.

Another, even more compelling clue is the wording of St. Mark’s account of this incident. Let’s read Jesus’ response to the young man’s question:

And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”—Mark 10:21

Mark is the only one who says that Jesus “loved him.” It seems that such an intangible detail could only be known and understood by the one who experienced it firsthand. Only one who saw the look on Jesus’ face—and allowed this look to penetrate his heart—would have known its meaning.

Maybe it was the memory of that look and the immense love behind it that lingered with the wealthy Mark and motivated him to leave the wide, easy way that leads to destruction and embrace the life of a disciple, missionary, Evangelist, and martyr.

Are we prepared to leave our attachments and live a radically different life? The Beatitudes are a great place to start.

Prayer of the Faithful: That we take time in silence, every day, to ask God what he wants us to do.

“I Am Not Afraid – I Was Born to Do This.”



Have you ever felt like you weren’t doing the work you should be doing?

We have all had jobs that leave us feeling unfulfilled. Bored. Dreading the next day. We may even experience a sensation of unfamiliarity, of being unable to recognize ourselves.

Most of us have also been lucky enough to have a job that we love — a vocation, a calling that makes us look in the mirror and think, *This. This is who I’m supposed to be. I recognize this person.*

For me, that work is the work of marriage and motherhood. The hours are terrible, the pay is even worse, and my coworkers are frequently disappointed in me — but it doesn’t matter. When I look in the mirror every morning and see my tired, wrinkled face gazing back, choruses of “I said I don’t want the BLUE SHIRT, MOMMY, ugh!” and “Honey, I’ve got an early meeting, I’m so sorry but I have to run,” ringing in the background, I think to myself: *I recognize this girl. She was born to do this.*

Christ’s own disciples did not recognize him on the road to Emmaus. It wasn’t until he took the bread and broke it that their eyes were opened, and they realized they had known it all along — “Were not our hearts burning within us?”

In that moment, Christ was doing the very work he was born to do, making the sacrifice.

I don’t know what kind of vocation you are called to. I don’t know what kind of work reveals your true self. But I hope that whatever work you are doing, you can look in the mirror and feel your heart burning within you.

“He was made known to them in the breaking of bread.” — Luke 24:35

Colleen Jurkiewicz ~April 21, 2023©LPi

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS - If you would like to help out in the Soup Kitchen, please contact us by phone or email at 907-452-3533 ext. 1003 or at iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org. Help others by donating food items and clothing on a website list. *Prayers are always needed for this important work!*

Check out [Missionary Disciples to the People of Northern and Western Alaska](https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla) April 2023 Edition

<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla>

Read the release of North American Final Document to Conclude Continental Stage of 2021-2024 Synod:

<https://bit.ly/41myL6t>



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” LUKE 24:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

April 16, 2023 - \$ 2,174.00

Total for Fiscal Year -

7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023: \$ 51,193.58 (Corrected from 4/16).

Thank You for Your Generosity!

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



Pope Francis' April Intentions:

For a culture of peace and non-violence:

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Pray For: Pope Francis; Archbishop Andrew Bellisario - Apostolic Administrator; Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and Deacon Warren Lucero; those serving in our Diocese; UAF Catholic students; St. Mark's parishioners. For Fallen away Catholics. Pray for our Catholic students going into the last week of school and finals at UAF. Congratulations newly married Devan (CSA Advisor) & Sydney (correct name) Larson.

Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends Who Are Sick:

For our Parish family members who are facing surgery, undergoing treatment for chronic illnesses, or are hospitalized. Pray especially for Gail Riedman, Ben Orr, Sheila and John Fox, Cynthia Klepaski who is taking care of her brother after heart surgery Pray for our dearly departed.

Pray for Vocations:

Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact the Vocation Office at 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.



Please sign up for the following: **Ministers of the Cup** at Mass. With trained ministers, we can add distribution of the cup at

Communion. Background check and training is necessary per Diocesan guidelines. **Lectors.** A list of readers would help in sharing the readings. **Choir:** Voices and instruments welcome ~ "he who sings, prays twice." With students (high school & college) graduating and moving on we need to plan ahead to keep the music at mass!

Local Catholic websites to visit to see what events are happening:

Sacred Heart Cathedral <https://sacredheartak.org/>

Immaculate Conception <https://iccfairbanks.org/>

St. Raphael's Catholic Church <https://straphaelfairbanks.org/>

St. Nicholas Catholic Church <https://stnicholasnp.org/>



Beloved Series Spring Marriage Preparation Classes will begin this week at St. Raphael's on Wednesday's from 6:00 - 7:30PM.

Couples should register ahead by contacting Elizabeth Hiker at elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org or Fr. Jingbe at (907) 328-9424. Class dates and presenters are as follows:

- Apr 26 - Session 1: George and Wanda Bowder
- May 3 - Session 2: George and Wanda Bowder
- May 10 - Session 3: George and Wanda Bowder
- May 17 - Session 4: Marc and Ann Lee
- May 31 - Session 5: Mark and Marie Martin
- June 7 - Session 6: Mark and Marie Martin

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. For more information, to request a formal job description, or to submit your cover letter and résumé please contact: humanresources@cbna.org.

Sacred Heart Cathedral is seeking a part-time bookkeeper. The position is 7-10 hours per week with flexible work schedule. To apply please submit a cover letter and resume listing three professional references to Rev. Ross Tozzi, Sacred Heart Cathedral, 1300 Peger Road, Fairbanks, AK. 99709 or via email to rector@cbna.org

St. Raphael Parish has immediate opening for two positions:

- **Office Manager** ~ Tues-Fri, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM with additional hours as needed (up to 25 hrs./wk.).
- **Lay Pastoral Minister** ~ Part-time position is 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 2:00-6:00 pm M-F* (*Specific days of the week can be accommodated.)

Contact: Ms. Beach Child Coordinator at 907-519-6316; email cshabram-beachcsf@catholic-schools.org or check website <https://www.catholic-schools.org/employment>.

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>