



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: Saturday from 3 to 4 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral or by Appointment
EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR 11 am **Wednesday** at SHC followed by 12N Mass. Join our priests as we pray for the next Bishop of Fairbanks
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament at SHC on Thursday 8 -11 AM in the church.

CLERGY

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Pastoral Council

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

St. Mark Parish News: Next meeting TBA



May 28, 2023

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial: Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34.

God's Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 13-Jun 18: Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Drive
May 28: SHC, ICC, & St. Mark Confirmation at St. Mark's 5:30 PM Mass (SHC). Reception following.

May 29: MEMORIAL DAY – Church offices closed.

May 30-Jun 9: Summer Oratory at SHC – 9am-4pm

May 31: Marriage Prep at St. Raphael's (Wed) 6-7:30 PM

May 31: Deadline to apply to Alaska Native Catholic Scholarship

Common Catholic Latin Phrases:

Ab Apostolis approbata:

Approved by the apostles (Ecclesiastical term)



MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29

falls on the last Monday of May each year and commemorates all our military troops who have given their lives in service of our Country. God bless and protect all our Military men and women!

Snack Items Needed for Summer Oratory (5/30-6/9).

Expecting 60-100 children and need daily snacks: granola bars, small bags of chips or pretzels, carrots, cheese sticks, crackers and cheese, or cookies. Donations can be dropped off at SHC office during the week. Thank you so much!

In the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, the baptized person is "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ.



Congratulations to Christian Yew on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend!

May our Lord continue to strengthen you in your baptized faith with the help of your family and the St. Mark community!



UPCOMING PARISH MEETING – TBA. Summary of meetings can be found at <https://www.stmarksuaf.org> under “Parish News” tab.

-SUMMER ORATORY-

May 30th-June 9th
9:00am-4:00pm
at Sacred Heart Cathedral
For ages 6-17



Find registration packets in the vestibule of the church.
Or ask your parish secretary!

Knights of Columbus Flag Collection Day is June 14 – After all weekend Masses Jun 3/4 and Jun 10/11 will gather worn-out flags.

Altar Serving Training – Open to anyone, male or female, who has made his or her First Communion – both children and adults. Next training TBA. Contact SHC at 907-474-9032 or St. Mark’s office at 907-374-9564.

Baptism Instruction: Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi for information at SHC at 907-474-9032 or St. Mark’s office at 907-374-9564.

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 **on Wednesdays, 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 – Monday-June 12th: End of year potluck and discussion on book on angels. For the summer title to read on your own, contact: Janet Fortune – 43janetf@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus –2nd Thursday of the month 6:30 – 8:00 PM downstairs @ SHC.

Legion of Mary, Mary Queen of Peace – Meets on Tuesdays at 6 PM @ ICC.

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.

ICC Soup Kitchen - 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. *Prayers are always needed for this important work!*

Memorial Day is a civil and military echo of a profound theological truth: that God, “who is love” 1 Jn 4:8, sacrificed Himself so that we might live. 1 Pt 2:24 and Our Lord says to each of us: “Do this in memory of me. Let us all take the time to honor our fallen soldiers by using the prayer:

*God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our
tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons
and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-memorial-day-last-monday-may>



Justice Challenge: Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church. It is a celebration of the day the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and believers in the upper room after the Resurrection. Each person was given gifts to use to share the good news of Jesus with the world. One of the first challenges the early Church faced was finding the time to distribute food to the hungry. The apostles saw this action as a priority, but their preaching and teaching were taking time from helping the poor. So they appointed special deacons whose task was specifically to serve the poor. Your challenge this week is to look around and see a human need in your parish family which your pastor does not have the time to address. How can you serve someone in distress—physically, emotionally, or spiritually? What can you do to help?


Focusing the Gospel...

Key words and phrases: locked, fear, Peace, Peace, I send you, Receive the Holy Spirit, forgive

To the point: One of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is peace. This peace is not a passive state of tranquility, but an empowering force that allays our fears, urges us forth to take up Jesus’ mission, and instills in us forgiving hearts. This peace transforms how we see ourselves, how we pursue discipleship, and how we relate to the world and one another. Certainly, this peace is life encompassing and enduring. How much more so is Jesus’ gift of the Holy Spirit. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>




PETER’S SERMON SOUNDS LIKE HE THINKS PENTECOST IS THE END OF THE WORLD. “IN THE LAST DAYS... THE SUN TURNED TO DARKNESS...”




WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

THAT HAPPENED AT THE CRUCIFIXION.*




*LIKE 23:44-45

EVER SINCE THE RESURRECTION, WE’VE BEEN LIVING IN THE END TIMES.



JESUS REALLY KNOWS HOW TO STRETCH THINGS OUT!



ACTS 2:13-21

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Can you name the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit?

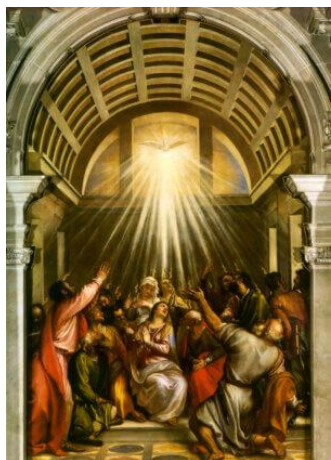
You've learned about the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. But did you know there are also twelve *fruits* of the Holy Spirit?

You probably had to memorize the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit as part of your Confirmation preparation. You may have accidentally thrown in a few fruits of the Holy Spirit on a Confirmation class quiz: wisdom, fortitude, knowledge... peace...or was it piety?... generosity...is that a gift or a fruit...?

Let's have a refresher.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are seven specific graces He gives us, particularly in the Sacrament of Confirmation. According to the Catechism, they are permanent dispositions that help us respond to the promptings of the Spirit:

Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.



The fruits of the Holy Spirit are the result of a life lived according to the Spirit. They are the natural outcroppings of a branch closely united to the Vine, Who is Christ. In the true vine discourse in the Gospel of John, Christ said that those who abide in Him will bear much fruit and glorify the Father.

St. Paul lists the twelve fruits in his letter to the Galatians, and this number has been confirmed by the tradition of the Church:

Charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

Ever notice how someone who strives after holiness just glows with these attributes? Like fire producing light and heat, a soul on fire with the Holy Spirit naturally emits these traits. Not that we are always patient, kind, and good every moment of every day, but if we keep working to remove the barriers of sin, these fruits will surely shine. www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/



The Fame Communicated



I had absolutely no hope of restoring order as I read the story of Pentecost with my young children last year. As soon as they glimpsed the tongues of fire hovering over the foreheads of the apostles, they were lost to giggles and shrieks. I sighed, sipped my coffee, and wondered resentfully why the Holy Spirit couldn't have chosen to be a dove on that particular day. Just a nice, peaceful dove.

I'll say this, though: the fire left an impression. It usually does, doesn't it? Fire consumes. It renews. It illuminates. It leaves you breathless with fear and awe. The memory and scent and impact of a flame lingers long after it is extinguished.

When I am trying to explain theology to my kids, I have an awful habit of overcomplicating things. I'd had a whole speech prepared for them about what the Holy Spirit is, but it went out the window as soon as they saw the flames. And you know what? It's probably for the best. They wouldn't have remembered that speech. The flames, though? The flames they remembered. The flame communicated.

As a result of Pentecost, the apostles suddenly had the ability to give the truth to foreigners. Aliens. People who were heretofore beyond their reach, isolated by language. The flame communicated.

God's sense of timing is impeccable, and His delivery is carefully crafted. And on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit did not descend as a dove or pour forth as water. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit burned.

"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." – Psalm 104

Colleen Jurkiewicz ~May 19, 2023©Lpi

PENTECOST

Receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit

WISDOM - The ability to see things as they truly are in an open-minded manner.

UNDERSTANDING - A heart that accepts, cares, listens, understands, forgives.

KNOWLEDGE - The ability to comprehend the truths of the universe.

RIGHT JUDGEMENT - The ability to make good and wise decisions.

COURAGE - The strength to do what is right in spite of challenges.

REVERENCE - A deep respect for God, for others, and for all creatures.

WONDER & AWE in GOD'S PRESENCE - A sense of the greatness and majesty of God coupled with a deep realization of His nearness.

Go Forth and Serve the Lord

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“to each is give the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words, and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered” and our lives truly reflect God’s light, love, and mercy.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection May 14 - \$ 873.05

Collection May 21 - \$991.35

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/22 – 6/30/23: \$55,769.23

Thank you so much for all your financial support!

For giving online, visit our website: www.stmarksuaf.org

Prayer of the Faithful: That through gratitude and generosity, we learn to open our heart and invite the Holy Spirit into our life!



Pope Francis’ May Intentions:
For church movements and groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Pray For: Pope Francis; Archbishop Andrew Bellisario - Apostolic Administrator; Diocese Fairbanks priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, religious, and laity, working to support Catholic churches and education in our Diocese.

Pray for: Those 21 candidates to be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, that they will have the strength and courage to practice their faith in years to come.

Pray for: Individuals who are homebound, sick, or hospitalized; remember their families and caregivers.

Pray for: The strengthening in faith of all who are afflicted in body, mind, and spirit.

Pray for: The families of young children who are on vacation from school.

Pray for: All our dearly departed. Keep Deacon Louie Andrew (retired) of Bethel in your prayers – he lost both his wife and daughter this month.

Pray for Vocations:

“Receive the Holy Spirit.” If you think God may be offering you the grace of cooperating with the Holy Spirit by serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office on (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

Beloved Series Spring Marriage Preparation

St. Raphael’s has two classes remaining on Wednesday’s from 6–7:30PM. Couples should register ahead by contacting Elizabeth Hiker or Fr. Jingbe at (907) 328-9424. (elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org).

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: **Director of Mission Engagement and Construction Project Manager**. For more information on these and other positions contact humanresources@cbna.org for more information. Listings at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>

St. Raphael Parish has immediate opening for two positions: **Office Manager** and **Lay Pastoral Minister** For more information contact Fr. Jingbe at (907) 328-9424 or email sjingbe@cbna.org or Camille Connelly-Terhune via email secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org

Catholic Schools
We are hiring Full and Part-Time Child Care Specialists for our After School Program 2pm-6pm M-F*
*specific days of the week can be accommodated

Qualifications:
*18+ years old
*Must meet licensing requirements
*Will work with the successful candidate to obtain the training necessary
*Contact Ms. Beach if interested

(907) 519-6316
cshabram-beachcsf@catholic-schools.org
<https://www.catholic-schools.org/employment.html>
615 Monroe St
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Contact:
Ms. Beach
Child Care Coordinator

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the Harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parishes. Inspire men to imitate Jesus Christ the

Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us.

St. John Fisher, pray for us.

St. John Vianney, pray for us.

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>