



# ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

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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  
**WEDNESDAY 11:00AM EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR** at SHC followed by 12Noon 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 .

## CLERGY

Fr. Ross Tozzi: [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) Ph:907-347-3005

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Deacon Warren Lucero

## Administration

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## Pastoral Council

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

**St. Mark Parish News:** Next meeting TBA

Welcome to St. Mark University Parish! Please visit our parish website at [www.stmarksuaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaf.org) for more information.

## Common Catholic Latin Phrases:

Abrenuntio –“ I Renounce”:  
(Ecclesiastical term)

“Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing...” ~ St. Therese of Lisieux

## Question of the Week:

**For Adults:** What does it mean for you right now to be bread for others as Jesus was?

**For Children:** In what ways can Jesus' presence in the Eucharist help you do good things for others?

<https://pastoral.center/>

## Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ Corpus Christi Sunday

June 11, 2023



**First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a**  
Moses tells the people to remember how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt.

**Responsorial: Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20**  
Praise God, Jerusalem!

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17.**  
Though many, we are one body when we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58**  
Jesus says, “I am the living bread.”

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Jun 10: Latin Mass 6PM @ SHC**

**Jun 16:** World Day of Prayer for Sanctification of Priests.

**Jun 18: Happy Father's Day**

**Jun 20: World Refugee Day**

**Jun 24: Latin Mass 6PM @ SHC**

**Jun 22-29: Religious Freedom Week**

**Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession** following Spanish

CORPUS CHRISTI  
PROCESSION



Mass on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Put on your walking shoes and meet at SHC at

2:30 PM to share the Miracle of Salvation with the neighborhood as the procession walks downtown to Immaculate Conception Church Marion Garden (est. arrival 4:30PM). If it's too long for you, think about joining for a portion of the distance, or working with family/friends and form a “relay” to cover the route.



**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.

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

**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](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) to register or call (907) 347-3005 to register or talk.

**Marriage Class:** Next classes TBA. Open to all engaged couples.

**SHC Book Club** –Summer novel: *The Quiet Light: A Novel about St. Thomas Aquinas* by Louis de Wohl c. 1950. Meetings will begin in September. Contact: Janet Fortune – [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com) .

**ICC Our Lady of Fatima:** Meet on Saturday nearest to the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month, through September, for a public recitation of the Rosary at 1:00 PM at the Marian Grotto in front of the Immaculate Conception Church. Next one is on June 17<sup>th</sup> (Saturday). For more information, contact Shannon Christensen at (907) 388-1825.

**Knights of Columbus** –**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Little Flower Ministries** – **Radio KQHE 92.7 FM**. Check out their scheduled programming at <https://kqhe.org/schedule>

**Sacraments of Vocations**– contact Fr. Robert Fath at [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org) or Ph. 907-374-9504

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

**ICC Soup Kitchen** – **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Please contact us via e-mail or phone to find out more about how you and your family can volunteer at either 907-452-3533 ext. 1003, or at [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org). And let us know if you are having trouble with the Safe Environment website or training. Training can be done at <https://www.Fairbanks.safeenvironment.org>. You will need to create an account and take the training “*Serving Vulnerable Populations for Volunteers*.” Prayers of support are always appreciated during our serving times: 11am-1pm Wed-Sun.

**ATTENTION!**

**Thank you** to those who participated in or gave support to M. Way of Salvation and Sr. Mater Unionis to make the Summer Oratory a success and for the donations made for snack time. It was great to see the activity around SHC with children and religious!

Next Sunday is **Father’s Day**. After our 5:30PM Mass, we will have a special ice cream treat outdoors (weather permitting). Have you thought of a Father’s Day Spiritual Bouquet? Remember their work by having a mass said. Light a vigil candle at the back of the church and offer up a special intention or prayer.

**Annual clean-up** of St. Mark’s Deborah House property will take place before June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you can lend a helping hand, let Mary Pat Boger know at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) or sign up after mass on Sunday and leave a contact number.



**Justice Challenge:** The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is a powerful reminder of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. We celebrate the gift of the Eucharist, the sacrament in which each of us is nourished and sent forth. This day reminds us that we don’t do things on our own power – but from strength gained from the Eucharist. Before Jesus died, he asked his disciples if they could drink from the cup. He was asking if they were willing to endure what might come if they chose to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, heal the sick and blind and set captives free. They said YES. The Body and Blood of Jesus is a gift to us, yet it is a challenge too. Ask yourself this week, “How does the Eucharist nourish and strengthen me? How am I being sent like the disciples? To whom am I being sent?” Reflect on how you have responded to these questions in the past. What will your response be from now on?

**Connecting the Gospel...**

**... to the First Reading:** The perishable bread God sends from heaven sustains the people who will themselves eventually perish. The promise of the Eucharist is that Jesus feeds us with imperishable food that is his very self so that we remain in him and live forever.



**... to experience:** We take in food for the sake of nourishment and pleasure—we receive sustenance and delight. The food Jesus gives us, however, is for more than sustenance and delight—it is an invitation to receive so that we might give as he does. Facebook Twitter <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

“Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you- for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart... don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love.



~ Therese of Lisieux



## Why do we celebrate Corpus Christi?

Today, we remind ourselves and the world just Who the Eucharist is.

The year 1264 saw the proclamation of a new feast for the Church.

Years before, a holy nun had received a dream indicating the need for this feast. Various delays slowed its institution, until a Eucharistic miracle in 1263 finalized the Church's decision to declare the feast. Its lovely Office—admired to this day by Protestants as well as Catholics—was written by St. Thomas Aquinas.

This feast is what we all know as Corpus Christi—the Feast of the Body of Christ.



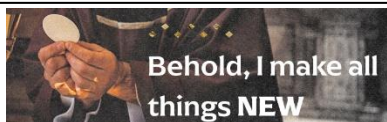
Like the three previous feasts of Easter, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi solemnly celebrates one of the fundamental mysteries of the Church.

In the celebration of this feast, we honor Jesus as He is among us in the Holy Eucharist. The feast focuses specifically on “transubstantiation,” the miracle of the “change of substance” which the bread and wine undergo at Consecration.

The Church chose to set the feast on a Thursday because that is the day on which the first Mass was sacrificed. Just as every Sunday is a mini celebration of the Resurrection, so every Thursday reflects the first Consecration.

Today, we adore Jesus—truly Emmanuel, *God with us*, through the Eucharist—telling Him with jubilation and solemnity how much we love Him.

On several occasions, the bread and wine have miraculously manifested themselves as what they are after Consecration—real flesh and real blood. A *Cardiologist Examines Jesus* takes five of these Eucharistic miracles and presents the scientific data backing them up. Fascinating and factual, this riveting book shows how all Eucharistic miracles are linked in one crucial way. [Get your copy today at The Catholic Company!](http://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/)



**Year of Parish Revival**  
6/11/23 – 7/17/24

The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit. <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/synod-on-synodality>. Sign up for newsletter at <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>

## The Priesthood and the Eucharist



“These two Sacraments were born together,” wrote St. John Paul II of the priesthood and the Eucharist, “and their destiny is indissolubly linked until the end of the world.”

The Eucharist is such a beautiful example of how God, conscious of our limitations, bends to meet us. He once came to us cloaked in the flesh, that we might recognize Him. Now He comes as the very means by which we nourish ourselves: food and drink, the most familiar and comforting thing in the world to us. How easy He makes it to fulfill his command that we become one with Him. How generous He is to make such a sacred thing also accessible.

We can say the same of the priesthood, and of the men He calls to its number. How generous of Him to make such an accessible thing — our sons, our brothers, our uncles, our cousins — sacred. How generous of Him to allow these human creations — who share in our own faults — to be the means through which He comes to us in the Eucharist.

Without the Eucharist, we would have no eternal life. Without priests, we would have no Eucharist. On this, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let's give thanks for our priests, and redouble our prayers that God will send us good and holy ones — manna from Heaven in our wandering exile.

*“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.”*

— John 6:54

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*“I throw myself at the foot of the Tabernacle like a dog at the foot of his Master.”*  
~ St. John Vianney

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***“Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are on body, for we all partake of the one bread.”***

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:17**

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. We are called to be fed and to feed others. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our roadmap to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

*“If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion.”*

~St. Maximilian Kolbe

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**Collection for June 4** - \$ 2,534.00

**Total for Fiscal Year:** 7/1/22 – 6/30/23: \$ 59,527.23

*Thank you for your continued prayers and support!*

For giving online, visit our website: [www.stmarksuaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaf.org)

## Prayer of the Faithful:

That we answer God's call to build his kingdom on earth and help each other get to Heaven!



### Pope Francis' June Intentions:

#### For the abolition of torture:

*We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.*

**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:** Individuals who are homebound, sick, or hospitalized; remember their families and caregivers; and for strengthening in faith of all who are afflicted in body, mind, and spirit.

**Remember** all our dearly departed. Especially Deacon Louie Andrew (retired) of Bethel who lost both his wife and daughter this month.

## Pray for Vocations:

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards Heaven. All are called in Christ, but some are chosen to nourish His body as priests and in the consecrated life. Could you be among them? Contact the Vocation Office on (907) 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org).

## DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### NOW HIRING!

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is hiring for the following position: **Director of Schools – Catholic Schools of Fairbanks, Director of Mission Engagement, and Construction Project Manager.** For more information on these and other positions contact [humanresources@cbna.org](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org) for more information. Listings at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>

**Catholic Schools of Fairbanks is hiring teachers** for the following positions: Full-time Religion Teacher (grades 7-12); Chemistry; Math-Computer Science; English; and Substitute Teachers. Looking for High School After School Attendant. For more information, contact Patrick Riggs at [priggscsf@catholic-schools.org](mailto:priggscsf@catholic-schools.org) or call the school office at (907)-313-3062.

**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](mailto:sjingbe@cbna.org) or Camille Connelly-Terhune via email [secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org](mailto:secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org)

*Know someone who might be a good fit for these jobs?  
Please pass the information on. Thank You!*

## 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.

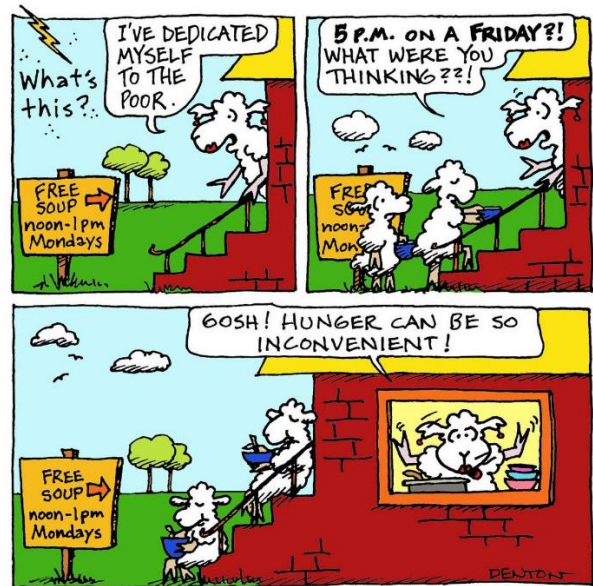
## PRAY FOR US



## World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

is a Special Moment to pray for Priests and the Gift of their Vocation on June 16. Established by Saint John Paul II in 2002, this celebration occurs annually on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

On this day, the Church encourages priests to prayerfully reflect upon the gift of their vocation. The faithful are also invited to mark this celebration by praying for all priests that they may live lives of holiness and fidelity to Christ and his Church.



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"The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?"

## Sheepish Question:

When and with whom can I share the bread of life this week?

**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](mailto:vac@cbna.org). For more information, access the Diocese safe environment link through <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse>