



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
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

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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 for more information.

Common Catholic Latin Phrases:

Absit – “God save me”:

(Ecclesiastical term)

Latin-phrases.dechile.net

“We are his people: The sheep of his flock.”
Psalm 100:3

“The closer we are to the Shepherd, the safer we are from the wolves.”

Question of the Week:

Adults: What responsibility do you have to the less fortunate, and how actively are you meeting it?

Children: In what ways can you be generous to others this week? <https://pastoral.center/>

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 18, 2023



First Reading: **Exodus 19:2-6a**

God tells Moses that the Israelites will be his special people.

Responsorial: **Psalm 100:1-3, 5.**

We are the people of God.

Second Reading: **Romans 5:6-11**

Christ died for us while we were still sinners and reconciled us to God.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 9:36-10:8**

Jesus sends the twelve apostles to proclaim the kingdom of heaven.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Jun 18: **Happy Father's Day** ~ Celebrate his love

Jun 20: World Refugee Day

Jun 24: Latin Mass 6PM @ SHC

Jun 22-29: Religious Freedom Week

Jun 23-24: SHC Hospitality Garage Sale

Jul 4: Happy & Blessed 4th of July!

Remember to turn in your **Knights of Columbus**

Baby Bottle at one of SHC weekend masses or St. Mark's 5:30pm Sunday Mass. Proceeds benefit FYNDout Free Pregnancy Center. A check can be written to “Knights of Columbus” with a notation on the check “Baby Bottle Campaign.” Thank you for supporting this campaign.



Sacred Heart Hospitality Garage Sale – The ladies are looking for sellable items that you no longer need that they can put in their garage sale June 23rd & 24th at 1109 Coppet Street from 9AM-3PM both Friday and Saturday. Drop off donations at 1109 Coppet St on Jun 21st (1pm-6pm) and Jun 22nd (10am-6pm). Questions? Call, text, or email Ann at 907-388-2501 or ahagestead@gmail.com.

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: Three-session class coming up at SHC: 6:30pm on Jun 20, 27, and Jul 11. Contact SHC at 907-474-9032 if interested.

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: 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.

ICC Our Lady of Fatima: Meet on Saturday nearest to the 13th 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 17th (Saturday). For more information, contact Shannon Christensen at (907) 388-1825.

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.

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 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. Prayers of support are always appreciated during our serving times: 11am-1pm Wed-Sun.

ATTENTION!

It's Father's Day! After our 5:30PM Mass, we will have ice cream treat bars/cones outdoors (weather permitting). Have you thought of a Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet? Remember their work by having a mass said or 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 30th. If you can lend a helping hand, let Mary Pat Boger know at stmark@cbna.org or sign up after mass on Sunday and leave a contact number.



Justice Challenge: Father's Day is a great celebration of the special men in our lives who have been a source of strength, encouragement, protection, and guidance as well as providing, teaching, and admonishing. Being a dad is complex. It isn't something one can plan out and schedule... it evolves and grows as their children do. One cannot study all the right ways to be a great dad. There is something organic and ever-changing in the role of a dad. All people need someone in their life who will love them unconditionally, but many have not had that gift. Today there are children and teens in your community, parish and school that need guidance, love, and security. Your challenge this week is to reflect on how you can be an advocate for these things where you live. Can you mentor after school or volunteer at a Boys and Girls Club? Could you offer to chaperone an event for youth or children at your parish? Could you pray each day for your eyes and heart to be open to the needs of children and youth where you live and work? You may not be a father or a dad... but you have the capacity to love and make a difference.

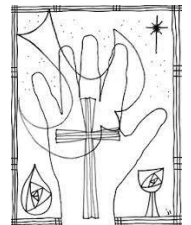
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Themes...

God's Love and compassion for humanity: In the first reading the Israelites are reminded that God led them out of Egypt.

The importance of obedience to God's commands and covenant: The psalm tells us that God cares for us.

The value of serving others with love and generosity: In the second reading, Paul tells us that God proves His love for us because Christ died for us.

The importance of proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of heaven: In the gospel, we hear how Jesus cared for the people and sent his disciples to do the same. <https://young-catholics.com>



"The heart of a father is a masterpiece of nature." ~Antoine Francois Prevost

"The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him."
~Proverbs 20:7

"Spend time with those you love."



Why do we call priests “Father”?

Today, we honor our fathers and all they have done for us. But have you ever wondered why we also refer to Catholic priests as “Father”?

Catholics are unique because our dads aren’t the only men we call father. We also address each of our priests in the same way.

The Church has used this title for clergy since its earliest days. In the beginning, the title “Father” was reserved for the pope, but it eventually widened in use until all bishops and priests were also addressed in the same way.

While our priests are not our biological fathers, they *are* our **spiritual fathers**. Just as a father leads his family and protects them from harm, so do our priests guide and defend us, the people God has entrusted to their care. They also provide us with the spiritual nourishment we need to grow in holiness and ultimately reach Heaven: in particular, the nourishment of the Eucharist and the healing power of Confession.

A virtuous father takes responsibility for himself, as well as for the welfare of his wife and children. Likewise, a good priest cares for his spiritual family and holds himself accountable for their spiritual wellbeing. While we see them most frequently saying Mass, they also hear confessions, provide spiritual direction, visit, and anoint the sick, help couples prepare for marriage, baptize, and much more.

During their daily prayer and Liturgy of the Hours, they are praying and interceding for us and our intentions, placing our needs and petitions at the feet of the Father, God.

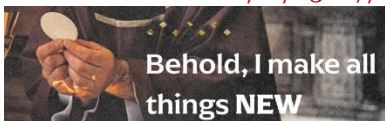
Priests are called to sacrifice so much in order to serve us. A man whom God calls to the Roman Catholic priesthood gives up having his own earthly marriage and physical family in order to be fully and wholehearted available to whomever God places on his path. Priests dedicate every day of their lives to serving their flocks sacramentally and practically and sacrifice biological fatherhood in order to live out God’s gift of spiritual fatherhood.

We call priests “father” because of their spiritual leadership in that great family which makes up the Body of Christ. Today, we certainly encourage you to honor your dad’s love and sacrifice over the years—however, don’t forget about your priest, who also gave his life to serve you and help lead your soul to heaven!

Say “Thank you” to your priests with a special prayer or gift meant just for him.

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 Toy



What does it mean to be God’s “special possession”? Our world is dominated by *things*, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being “possessed” by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like *they* possess *me*.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be “possessed” by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld.

It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

“Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine.” – Exodus 19:5

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” MATTHEW 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to “repent.” Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second – invite the Lord into your heart.

There is no greater force against evil in the world than the love of a man and a woman in marriage. ~ Cardinal Burke

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for June 11 - \$ 782.00

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/22 – 6/30/23: \$ 60,309.23

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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

Prayer of the Faithful:

That we grow in friendship with God and live our discipleship out of love for Him.



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; strengthen the 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:

“And as you go, preach, saying the “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” How has Jesus called you to help Him build his Church? If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office on (907) 374-9504 or email: 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 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 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 or Camille Connelly-Terhune via email secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org

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



St. Joseph is the most common saint when we think of fatherhood. He is the patron saint of fathers and is the foster father of our savior Jesus! St. Joseph quietly and humbly took care of his family by working hard and keeping his family safe. He also followed God's will and allowed Jesus to be the man he was meant to be. Fathers, ask for St. Joseph to intercede on your behalf! Other Saints to inspire fathers are: St. Isidore the Farmer, St. Louis Martin, St. Thomas More, St. Pope John Paul II, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and St. Jerome Emiliani. We ask all holy saints for fathers, pray for us. Check out www.Lovandmessines.com



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>