



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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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 for more information.

Common Catholic Latin Phrases:

Absolutio ad cautelam – “Absolution due to doubt (Ecclesiastical term – Canon Law – When a priest is excommunicated and appeals, he needs to obtain an Ad cautelam to continue to celebrate mass).
Latin-phrases.dechile.net

“Lord, in your great love, answer me.”

Question of the Week:

Adults: When has your faith in Jesus been most seriously tested?

Children: What could you do to encourage someone who is feeling hurt? <https://pastoral.center/>

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 2023



First Reading: **Jeremiah 20:10-13**

Jeremiah expresses confidence that the Lord will protect him.

Responsorial: **Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35**

God responds to the prayers of those in need.

Second Reading: **Romans 5:12-15**

Sin came into the world through one person; so salvation came through one person for many.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 10:26-33**

Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Jul 4: Happy & Blessed 4th of July!

Jul 12: World Eskimo-Indian Olympics

July 15: Golden Days Parade

Jul 16-30: Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

Jul 28-Aug 6: Tanana Valley Fair

Aug 5-13: Alaska International Senior Games (Fairbanks)

Aug 16: First day of Instruction of Catholic Schools.

Aug 17: First day of Instruction for FNSBSD

Aug 25-27: Summer Youth Festival at Camp Bingle

Aug 28: First Day of Instruction for UAF

Forgot your Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle donation last week? Put it in an envelope addressed “KOC Baby Bottle” and drop it in a collection basket this weekend.



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 at SHC: 6:30pm on Jun 27 & 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.

Voice of Hope Prayer Group – Meets on Tuesday evenings downstairs at SHC 6-8:30PM. Meeting begins with light potluck, followed by contemplative prayer meeting.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SHC – In the church daily between 3:00 to 4:00 PM.

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: 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.

Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph – Contact Patty Walter at pattywalter@hotmail.com for more information. Meetings are currently quarterly. They have been active since 1987.

Little Flower Ministries – Radio KQHE 92.7 FM. For more information contact: Robin Barrett at 479-5283 or Cherie Kelly at 378-7047. KQHE Studio - 451-4868. 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! For more information or to help out, visit the webpage at <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> or you can call Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Nick Shamrell at 907-452-3533 ext. 1003, or at iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org. Prayers of support are appreciated during our serving times: 11am-1pm (Wed-Sun).

SUMMER YOUTH FEST

Ages 11-17
August 25th-27th
Overnight at Camp Bingle
(on Harding Lake)
\$25 per child
Ages 11-17

Look for registration packet in vestibule!
Contact: servidoras@cbna.org or 907-987-9598 with any questions.



Justice Challenge: There is much in our neighborhoods and communities that needs attention: parks and streets, homes, and businesses. Our bishops challenge us as Catholics to care for God's creation and to be good stewards of all we have been given. Make a list of things in your community that you are thankful for. Take time to volunteer with something on the list or to thank those who make it possible for you to enjoy the place you call home. Be a good steward to ensure that those who come after you have the same things to enjoy!

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Themes...

Perseverance in the face of opposition: The first reading from Jeremiah portrays the challenges and opposition that the prophet faced in fulfilling his calling. Despite the persecution, Jeremiah remained steadfast in his faith and trust in God. This theme encourages believers to persevere in their faith, even when confronted with adversity or opposition.

Trust in God's faithfulness: Jeremiah exemplifies unwavering trust in God's faithfulness and protection, recognizing God as a "dread warrior." This emphasizes reliance on God's strength during difficulties. The Gospel stresses trust in God's providential care, assuring disciples of His awareness and urging trust in His guidance, care, and protection.

Redemption and salvation: The second reading for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A delves into the concept of redemption and salvation. It discusses how sin entered the world through Adam, leading to death and separation from God. However, through the gift of Jesus Christ, redemption is offered, and believers can be reconciled with God. This theme emphasizes the transformative power of Christ's sacrifice and the opportunity for new life and salvation.

Fear and courage: The Gospel reading from Matthew addresses fear and courage in the context of proclaiming the message of Christ. Jesus reassures His disciples not to fear those who oppose them but to trust in God's providence and protection. This theme encourages believers to overcome fear and rely on the courage that comes from faith in God.

God's care for individuals: The Gospel reading further emphasizes the value that God places on each individual. Jesus affirms that God's care extends even to the smallest details of His creation. This theme reminds believers of their worth in God's eyes and reassures them of His intimate knowledge and care for them.

<https://young-catholics.com>

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love."

~ St. John Paul II, *Dominicae Cena*, Feb. 24, 1980



Why are Saints Peter and Paul celebrated on the same day?

Why not Peter and John? Or Paul and Barnabas?

Today (6/29) is the great Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul. In some places, such as Great Britain, this day is so revered that it is a Holy Day of Obligation!

But why do we celebrate these two apostles on the same day? After all, they didn't spend much time together. Peter focused on evangelizing the Jews, while Paul traveled all over the Mediterranean converting the Gentiles.

The answer: we celebrate these two together because they are, in different ways, the foundational pillars of the Church.

Peter was the first pope, the prince and head of the Apostles, the rock upon which Christ founded His Church.



Saint Peter and Saint Paul by El Greco

He was the first in an unbroken line of popes who have guided the Church ever since and will do so till the end of time.

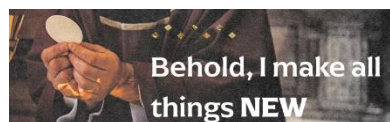
Paul was the great Apostle of the Gentiles, whose missionary labors were integral to the early spread of the Faith. He also wrote a huge chunk of the New Testament, authoring

fourteen Epistles that are critical sources for Catholic doctrine.

Both were martyred in Rome, the capital city of the Church, only a short time apart. Their blood consecrated the Eternal City as she began her new role as the center of Christendom. There, towering statues of each of them flank either side of the mighty St. Peter's Basilica, where the bones of Peter rest beneath the high altar.

So, it makes sense that we should have a joint celebration of these two lions of the Faith, doesn't it? The tradition of celebrating them together goes back, in fact, to the very early centuries of the Church.

www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/



Behold, I make all things NEW

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 Necklace



I have a necklace that originally belonged to my great-grandmother. I don't really know much about the man who gave it to her, most of those details have been lost to time. But I know that he wanted to marry her, and that she refused, and it had something to do with religion — ultimately, he did not share her faith. And while I've certainly seen many interfaith couples have loving and successful marriages, in this particular case, my great-grandmother discerned that this would not be one of those marriages.

Like I said, I don't have many details about this man, but I know that she felt she couldn't marry him because it might jeopardize the souls of her children, and therefore the souls of their children, and their children after them — me. She turned him down because of me.

My great-grandmother never sold that necklace, not even when the Great Depression further reduced her financial circumstances. She kept it, and she gave it to her daughter, who gave it to her daughter, who gave it to me. The necklace is always given with a warning: there is something worse than being poor, worse than being scared, worse even than being desperate. Worse than all of these things is separation from God.

When I wear this necklace, I think about my grandmother and this man she possibly loved a hundred years ago. I think of the many decisions we make every day — large and small, good, and bad — that reverberate down through the generations in ways we cannot, at the time, imagine. I think of the God who knows every hair on my head.

“And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” — Matt 10:28
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman Jun 23, 2023 ©Lpi

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.”
MATTHEW 10:32

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!



As we come to the end of the “Month of the Sacred Heart” we should storm heaven with our prayers and ask for the intercession of our beloved martyrs.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for June 18 - \$ 1,081.50

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/22 – 6/30/23: \$ 61,390.73

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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

Prayer of the Faithful:

That we have the strength and courage to be joyful witnesses of our Catholic faith in all circumstances.

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.

Please remember in your prayers all those who have passed away. Also, keep in your prayers all those in the parish who are suffering from illness or injury, those serving in the armed forces, and all who are asking to be remembered in our prayers.

Pray for our children, young adults, and their families who are enjoying a safe and adventurous/relaxing summer. May they come back refreshed and ready to learn.



Pray for Vocations:

“Be not afraid.” Do not fear how Jesus is calling you to build his Church. Pray for clarity in your discernment. If you need help 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!*

GET FREE CATHOLIC CONTENT ON FORMED.ORG

St. Mark's has access to a great online resource, FORMED through our connection with Sacred Heart Cathedral. This site gives parishioners the opportunity to watch quality Catholic full-length movies, lead small group faith formation and Scripture study in their home, download books and listen to CD's on our faith all in one location!

- (1) Log onto: formed.org/signup
- (2) Find our Parish by Typing in **Fairbanks** and selecting **Sacred Heart Cathedral**
- (3) Click Next, then fill in your name and email address.
- (4) Start accessing content!

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>

ATTENTION!

Looking for a way to help? Every church has general housekeeping during the week – vacuuming, dusting, mopping floors, cleaning windows and door facings of tiny Catholic fingerprints. There is also the downstairs social hall and kitchen in need of tidying up. Contact Mary Pat at 907-374-9564 or Deborah at SHC at 907-474-9032 if you can help SHC. It would be nice if St. Mark parishioners could volunteer once a month.

“The Eucharist is astonishing. God himself wants to nourish us. God himself wants to feed us spiritually. God wants to dwell in you.”

MATTHEW KELLY
Beautiful Eucharist

