



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

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Administration

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

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Bookkeeping: Marilis Bennett: Ph. 907-590-9291 (*Marilis is out during July. Contact Mary Pat or Fr. Ross if you have any questions.*)

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

St. Mark Parish News: Next meeting TBA

COMING EVENTS:

July 16: St. Nicholas Parish Picnic at 1pm

July 28-29: Catholic Schools Super Sale 9am-3pm

Aug 5: Latin Mass at 6pm – SHC

Aug 5-13: Alaska International Senior Games

Aug 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug 16: First day of Instruction of Catholic Schools.

Aug 25-27: Summer Youth Festival at Camp Bingle (ages 11-17)



SAVE THE DATES!!

Bishop-elect Steven Maekawa, O.P. will be ordained as the 7th bishop of Diocese of Fairbanks on **October 12th**. Preparations are currently being made for the liturgies and more detailed information will be provided at a later date, but *please save these dates and times:*

October 11th (Wed.): Solemn Vespers at SHC (**7pm**)

October 12th (Thu): Mass of Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Maekawa (**10am**) Place TBD. Reception following.

July 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Responsorial Psalm 65:10-14

A prayer of praise to God for his abundance.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

From Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, C.:



I am pleased to share with you that at noon today (*Tuesday*) in Rome, Pope Francis announced his appointment of Fr. Steven Maekawa, O.P., as the new Bishop of Fairbanks, Alaska. Fr. Steve (now "Bishop-elect Maekawa") is well known and greatly admired by all of us who have had the

privilege and pleasure to work with him as pastor of Holy Family Old Cathedral. He is a great pastor and administrator. As a Dominican Friar, he is committed to evangelization, education, and preaching. Bishop-elect Maekawa is a gentle, kind, compassionate priest with a zeal for the salvation of souls. He is well-qualified for his new ministry as Bishop of Fairbanks. Read more at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/bishop>



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."

Baptism Instruction: Three-session class at SHC: 6:30pm on **July 11th**. 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.

Oratory: Starting Saturday, September 24th at Sacred Heart Cathedral. 1:30 – 3:15 pm for ages 4-17. For all children in the Diocese. Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more info.

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group meets at 6pm on Fridays starting up in September.

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 – 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.

Women's Group every other Wednesday at 7:15 pm & **Men's Group** at 6:45 pm every other Thursday *starts again at ICC in September*.

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.

From the St. Mark Office – Campus Move

We received news on Tuesday that the University of Fairbanks would be prepping the lower four dorms to become residential dorms for students this coming school year. We vacated the room of our belongings and are working with campus departments to find new space for the upcoming school year. We will keep UAF students and parishioners apprised of our search results for a new "home." In the meantime, please keep St. Mark's Campus Ministry in your prayers as we strive to keep a presence on UAF to build connections with students to enhance their faith through Mass, Faith Formation, gatherings, and prayer. We support student led Catholic Student Association (CSA) as they build relationships and have fun during their time on and off campus as a college student!



Justice Challenge: Saint Camillus de Lellis, whom we honor on July 18th, is one of the patron saints of those who are sick. He himself was afflicted with illness, yet he reached out to care for those who were suffering—in hospitals, on plague-ridden ships, even on battlefields with injured military troops. He risked his own life to relieve the pain of others. Your challenge this week is to reach out to someone who is suffering—from physical pain, from depression or sadness, from alienation or bullying. Can you be the gentle hands and compassionate heart of Jesus for him or her? Who is it in your family, neighborhood or community who needs a healing touch?

Focusing the Gospel...

Key words and phrases: seed fell on rich soil, hundred or sixty or thirty-fold, understand with their hearts, be converted, I heal them, bears fruit.
To the point: Both in the parable itself and in Jesus' explanation of it, he indicates that seeds falling on rich soil do not all produce the same abundance— some thirty, some sixty-, some a hundredfold. God cares less about quantity produced and more about growth and Life coming to fruition. As we take in God's word with understanding hearts and come to conversion and receive healing, God actually gives us more than even a hundredfold. God gives us fullness of Life forever. <https://Liturgy.slu.edu>

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."

MATTHEW 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

"FREEDOM CONSISTS NOT IN DOING WHAT WE LIKE, BUT IN HAVING THE RIGHT TO DO WHAT WE OUGHT." POPE JOHN PAUL II



How was St. Paul's profession linked to his Apostolic ministry?

Tentmaking doesn't have anything to do with faith—or does it?

God doesn't leave anything to chance. It's not a coincidence that St. Peter and many of the other Apostles were fishermen. When Jesus called them to follow Him, He spoke to them in a manner they would immediately understand from their trade: "From henceforth thou shalt catch men."

The last Apostle—St. Paul—seems to have a random trade at first glance: making tents. Just plain, sturdy, simple tents that the nomadic Israelites used for homes. And that wasn't anything special; his whole town of Tarsus was known for its tentmakers.



Yet Paul's trade echoed his work as an Apostle. Paul himself became something of a nomad as he traveled the known world endlessly, spreading the Gospel's message and bringing souls to

Jesus Christ. He didn't always have a tent to shelter him, but the Church spread her protecting roof over him.

As the Apostle to the Gentiles, Paul must have reflected further on this parallel between his life as a tentmaker and his life as an Apostle. Formerly, he had made tents for Jews to live in and take shelter under; he had made movable, temporary homes to shield human frailty from weather.

Now, as a follower of Jesus Christ, he offered shelter to Gentiles as well as Jews—shelter that would be with them wherever they went; shelter that warded off evil from their vulnerable souls. That shelter was the Church, the one "tent" under which Jesus desires all souls to be gathered.

St. Paul continues to form and help us through his prolific writings, inspiring life, and continual prayers for us. His great legacy to the Church has been explored by Pope Benedict XVI in [Saint Paul](#), the book that brings to life this great saint and reminds us of his importance in our lives today. www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/

Pray as if everything depended on God and work as if everything depended on you.

The Catholic Church

SOIL CONDITIONS



I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that it's all about the soil.

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." — Isaiah 55:11

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Prayer of the Faithful:

That the seeds God sows in our lives may take root and lead to greater prayers, participation and generosity.

Pope Francis' July Prayer Intentions:

~For a Eucharistic Life~

"We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters."

Pray For: Pope Francis; Bishop-elect Fr. Steven Maekawa, O.P.; Fr. Ross Tozzi & Fr. Piotr Oprych; Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Deacons, Religious, and Laity working to support Catholic churches and education throughout our Diocese.

Special Prayers For: those in the parish who are suffering from illness or injury, members in the armed forces, and all who are asking to be remembered in our prayers. That St. Mark will find space on campus for our students to gather for mass, meetings, and spiritual growth.

Remember the souls of the deceased who have gone before us.

Pray for Vocations:

Whoever has ears ought to hear." Is the Lord inviting you to know, love and serve Him more closely in the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office on (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

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>



Regional Soup Kitchen News:

The past week we served 676 meals with volunteers giving 48 hours of their time. Thank you for your donations of time, food, and funds! We need volunteers and prayers of support. If you can help, contact iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org or call 907-452-3533 ext. 1003. Safe Environment Training

for "Serving Vulnerable Populations for Volunteers" must be taken online and can be at the address below. You will need to create an account if you haven't been on before.

<https://fairbanks.safeenvironment.org/login/index.php>

Food needed this week: Applesauce or fruit cups.

Clothing needed: gloves and winter socks.

Drop off at the side entrance during serving hours 11am-1pm Wed-Sun or call and arrange a drop off time.

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Know someone who would be a good fit, then please pass on the following information.

NOW HIRING!

Sacred Heart Cathedral is hiring a **part time Outreach Coordinator**. Responsibilities include:

- Stephen Ministry
- Outreach
- Safe Environment
- Emergency contact for citywide callout of priests to respond to people in danger of death or in special need of pastoral visits.

Please submit a letter of interest, a resume, and 3 references along with any questions to Rev Ross Tozzi, Sacred Heart Cathedral, rector@cbna.org.

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is hiring for the following position: **Director of Schools – Catholic Schools of Fairbank, Fundraising Development Officer, and Maintenance Technician**. For more information on these and other positions contact humanresources@cbna.org. Listings are posted at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>

The Diocese of Fairbanks has filled the position of Construction Project Manager. Ryan Wood started work this past week. He will be coordinating the planning and construction for facility changes, major repairs, and new construction within the diocese.

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,** and **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



LATIN MASS SCHEDULE

6pm at SHC

August 5 & 26

September 9 & 30

October 7 & 21

**Dates subject to change if necessary for travel.*

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