



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 12 Noon Mass.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament at SHC on Thursday 8 -11 AM .

CLERGY

Fr. Ross Tozzi: rtozzi@cbna.org Ph:907-347-3005

Fr. Piotr Oprych: poprych@cbna.org

Deacon Warren Lucero

Administration

Parish Admin: Mary Pat Boger

Ph.907-374-9564; stmark@cbna.org

Office hours: 10am – 12noon

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

Music: George Stefan: Ph. 907-687-0077

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

Interested in serving in a ministry?

Liturgical Ministry-If you feel called to serve as an Extra-Ordinary Minister or Lector for our Sunday liturgy, please contact Mary Pat Boger to learn more about training. mboger@cbna.org

Music Ministry -We could use more members in our choir to help fill out our numbers. Please see George Stefan after Mass or text him at 907-687-0077.

COMING EVENTS:

July 28-Aug 6: Tanana Valley State Fair

Aug 4-5: First Friday Adoration

Aug 9: 12:10pm Mass Celebration for Fr. Joe Hemmer, OFM on his retirement.

Aug 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug 16: First day of Instruction of Catholic Schools.

Aug 25-27: Summer Youth Fest at Camp Bingle

Aug 28: UAF First Day of Instruction

Oct 11: 7pm Solemn Vespers at SHC

Oct 12: 10am Mass of Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Maekawa, OP. at [Carlson Center](#).

A reception will be held afterwards.

July 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Responsorial Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Questions of the Week:

For Adults: What would you be willing to “sell,” or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

For Children: What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?

www.pastoralcenter.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.

Volunteers Needed to Support Pro-Life Fair Booth – July 28-August 6 during the Tanana Valley State Fair. Sign up online <https://signup.com/go/dwxOuUN> – 2 persons per time slot please. If you have questions call/text Jodi Stack 907-322-0227.

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.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



First Friday Adoration

August 4th-5th

August 4th - First Friday Mass
5:30PM

All Night Adoration 6PM – 6AM
Volunteers needed to take ½ to 1 hr – two persons/hr

August 5th – 6AM Patriotic Rosary & Confessions
First Saturday Mass 7AM

EVERY HOLY HOUR WE MAKE SO PLEASURES
THE HEART OF JESUS THAT IT IS RECORDED IN HEAVEN

AND RETOLD FOR ALL ETERNITY!

- ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA



Justice Challenge: Family reunions happen a lot during the summer months. You may have seen signs or notices in parks where families have reserved space to come together to catch up on news, share family stories and food and to celebrate their heritage. When we take time to nurture relationships and to support and celebrate our families, it is a blessing. Our families are the first places we learn about faith and what it means to be a part of God's family. There are some things we know about being a part of God's family: we must feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to those who thirst and visit those in prison. Our families help us do this good work. How has your family been a witness to you of being Christ in the world?

Connecting the Gospel...

... **to the First Reading:** The wisdom that Solomon requested and for which he is famous is one of the most valued virtues of the Old Testament tradition. Like Solomon, we must ask for wisdom so that we can recognize the great treasure of the kingdom of God when it appears.

... **to experience:** People spend hundreds of dollars taking a chance on winning a mega lottery, even though the odds are many millions to one. On the contrary, there is no chance involved in our spending our lives to receive the extreme good God offers us. We have already been given the greatest prize possible: the kingdom of heaven.

<https://Liturgy.slu.edu>



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"We know that all things work for god for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

- ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.



Why is St. John Vianney the patron saint of parish priests?

Amidst the vicious anti-Catholic persecutions of the French Revolution, a young man attended Mass in secret...

John Vianney was born three years before the French Revolution would tear Catholic France apart and send her clergy into hiding. His family traveled long distances to hear clandestine Masses and he received his sacramental formation unbeknownst to the secular authorities.



By 1802, with Napoleon's rise to power, Catholics were once again allowed to practice their faith. The young Vianney, deeply desiring to be a priest, was able to recommence his education. But he struggled mightily with the academics, and more challenges came when he was drafted into Napoleon's army. Providence ensured he never made it to his unit. By twists and turns he instead ended up with a group of deserters hiding in the mountains, and lived there for over a year, regularly hiding from the gendarmes who came searching for deserters.

He was finally able to continue his studies in 1810 and was ordained in 1815. In 1818, he was assigned as the parish priest to the small town of Ars, where he would show himself to be a priest after the Heart of Christ.

Ars was not a pious town. Indifference to the Faith was the sour fruit of the Revolution's persecutions, and Abbé Vianney found that many of the people spent Sundays working, dancing, and drinking in the taverns rather than honoring God.

Just as he had with all his other difficulties, Vianney was undeterred. He preached homilies to rekindle the practice of the Faith and became known for the spiritual direction he gave to souls, who began to travel long distances to hear his advice. People of all ages, stations, and spiritual levels—some of them even coming from other countries—came to see him. The numbers eventually reached tens of thousands per year. He spent hours and hours in the confessional—as many as 16 to 18 per day towards the end of his life—and was gifted with supernatural knowledge of souls and events he could not have known about without God's aid. He imposed intense penances upon himself constantly, never eating or sleeping enough for an average person, and was subjected to frequent attacks from the devil.

After a life fully dedicated to his mission as a priest, the holy Curé (that is, "parish priest") of Ars died in 1859 at the age of 73 and was declared *venerable* just 15 years later. Pope St. Pius X beatified him in 1905 and put him forward as a model for the parochial clergy. He was canonized in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, who in 1929 declared him the patron saint of parish priests.

St. John Vianney's mission was simple and not particularly glorious, but his immense virtue and total dedication to his calling elevated him to the ranks of the heroic. We, too, might be called to a simple life, but we, too, are called to heroic virtue in that simplicity. Growth in virtue is possible with God's grace.

www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/

Apps Are A Resource To Help Prayer Life -



The Premier Catholic Streaming Service. Brings Catholic content via inspiring audio content, movies, e-books, and family friendly kid's programming. Led by the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press, and in collaboration with over 100 content providers, this site reaches more than one million subscribers. Go to www.formed.org and signup by selecting Sacred Heart Cathedral to register with your name and email address to begin. Being associated with Sacred Heart Cathedral allows us to have this free access.

Hallow: Catholic Prayer and Meditation – An app designed to help people build up a life of prayer. Some paid content. The app helps users learn about Letcio Divina, listen to guided reflections, and experience the practice of the Examen. Get daily reminders to pray, document reflections, and see how many days in a row you can do with praying.

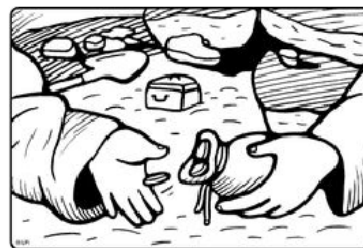
Pray – Sends reminders to help you pray a Novena (a prayer that you say each day for 9 days, usually leading up to a saint's feast day).

iBreviary – The Church has a beautiful tradition of daily prayers called the Liturgy of the Hours. Morning, noon, evening, and night, Catholics from all over the world pray the same prayer. To stay on track, they use a book called Breviary. It holds collections of prayers. iBreviary is a pocket version of it. Actually, it's like a Swiss Army Knife: it has the breviary, daily Mass readings, the Missal, prayers, and event rites for about everything.



International WFC celebration is taking place in Lisbon, Portugal from August 1st (Tues) to Aug 6th (Sun). This is an international Catholic festival for pilgrims from around the world that come together from every continent to pray, worship, and celebrate the Catholic faith. Pray for all who are traveling overseas to attend this event, including Therese Yew of St. Marks Parish.

The Holy Father's Intentions: "We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives."



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

~ Matthew 13:44

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for July 23 - \$ 1,295.00

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 4,716.72

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Visit WeShare for donating online at: www.stmarksuaf.org

Prayer of the Faithful:

That we learn to put our trust in God in everything we do.

Pope Francis' August Prayer Intentions:



For World Youth Day

For Political Leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good,

especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Pray for: Pope Francis; Bishop-elect Fr. Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, Dcn. Warren Lucero, and all priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons serving in our diocese. An increase in Holy Vocations.

Pray for: All who are preparing to return to school. For the continued presence of St. Mark on the UAF campus. Visitors to our state. All attending the Tanana Valley State Fair. Those who suffer from long term illness or injury. For health care workers. Military troops and their families – especially those who are deployed to areas of conflict. All our elected officials.

Pray for: The deceased and the families they leave behind; the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Prayer for Vocations:

“Whatever you ask I shall give you.” Ask in prayer to know your vocation! Seek and find ways to serve! Knock on the doors of those who can help guide you! If you think God may be offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office on (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

From the St. Mark Office – Campus Move

Please keep St. Mark's Campus Ministry in your prayers as we strive to keep a presence on campus 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!

**“WHEN WE PRAY, THE VOICE OF THE HEART MUST BE HEARD,
MORE THAN THAT PROCEEDING FROM THE MOUTH.”**

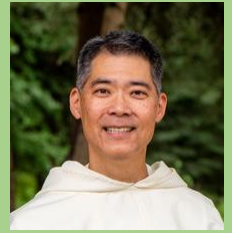
ST. BONAVENTURE

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>

Please save these dates and times.

Oct. 11th: 7pm Solemn Vespers at SHC.

Oct. 12th: 10am Mass of Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Maekawa, OP will be held at the Carlson Center. Reception following.



Prayer for Our New Bishop

God, eternal shepherd,

You tend your Church in many ways,
And rule us with love.

You have chosen your servant, Fr. Steven,
To be a shepherd of your flock.

Give him a spirit of courage and right judgement,
A spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care.

May he build your Church

As a sign of salvation for the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Catholic Schools of Fairbanks is hiring full-time teachers for grades 7-12, Substitute Teachers, After Care Specialist, and Part-time high school after school attendant. <https://www.catholic-schools.org/employment.html>

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

