



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

CONFESSIONS: Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral or by Appointment

WEDNESDAY: 11:00 AM Eucharistic Holy Hour followed by 12:00 noon Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

THURSDAY: 8:00 – 11:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Cathedral

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; Office hours: 10am – 12noon

Stay connected: Website: <https://stmarksuaf.org>

Email: stmark@cbna.org

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:

Aug 14: Catholic Schools Back to School Social 5-7pm

Aug 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Times: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 7:00 PM

Aug 16: First day of Instruction of Catholic Schools.

Aug 19: 1 PM Public recitation of the Rosary at ICC

Marian Grotto. 106th Anniversary of the 4th apparition of Our Lady in Fatima.

Aug 25-27: Summer Youth Fest at Camp Bingle

Aug 26: 6:00 PM Latin Mass at SHC

Aug 28: UAF First Day of Instruction

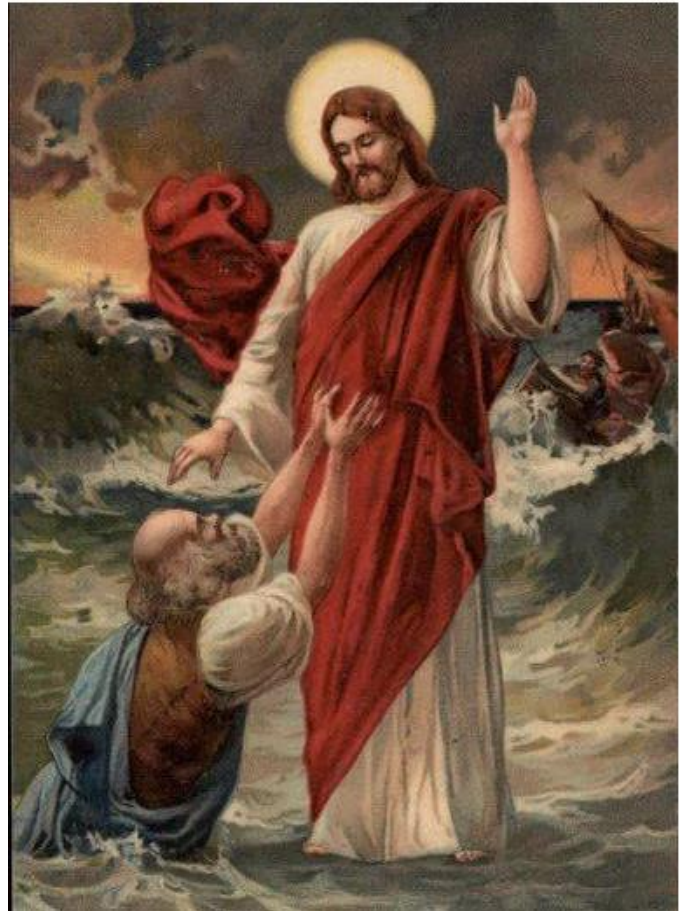
Oct 1: St. Mark Scholarship & Strom Awards for UAF students Application Deadline.

Oct 11: 7:00 PM Solemn Vespers at SHC

Oct 12: 10:00 AM Mass of Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Maekawa, OP.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2023



First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

The Lord appears to Elijah in a whisper.

Responsorial: Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

The Lord is the source of salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Paul speaks of the blessings that have come to the Israelites.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.



Aug 13- Mass Music: 302 Gather Us In; 332 Gift of Finest Wheat; 677 Be Still, My Soul; 676 Healing River of the Spirit; and 549 All Creatures of Our God and King.



Legion of Mary– 106th Anniversary of the 4th apparition of Our Lady in Fatima. Join others at the Marian Grotto at ICC at 1:00 PM, Saturday, Aug 19th to recite the rosary. Meet on Tuesdays at 6 PM @ ICC.

****Attn St. Mark Families with school age children:** St. Mark will cover costs of Oratory and Summer Youth Fest to encourage involvement in Religious Education. Contact Mary Pat Boger @ stmark@cbna.org when you register for classes.

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.

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

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. Go to <https://sacredheartak.org> to register. For more information contact servidoras@cbna.org.

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.

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.

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.

Catholic Student Association

The Catholic Student Association (CSA) is a community of faith and caring; interested in growing and practicing our Catholic faith.

2023-2024 UAF Important Dates for August:

Aug. 22: Residence halls open for first-year students

Aug 24: Residence halls open to all students

Aug 23-26: Orientation for students and families

Aug 25: Orientation for Veterans, Transfers, Graduates, & International Students -

Aug. 28 (Mon): First day of instruction

CSA Mass & Meeting times TBA

Oct 1st: St. Mark University Catholic Parish Application Deadlines for *St. Mark Catholic Leadership Scholarship & Strom Awards*



Justice Challenge: On August 14 we celebrate the feast day of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe. He gave up his life in a concentration camp during World War II, offering to take the place of a father who was selected for the gas chamber. He was canonized as a saint in 1982. Your challenge this week is to give up something on behalf of another person. It won't be your very life as it was for St. Maximilian, but it might be something you really like. Maybe you are called to give up television to help someone with their homework, or to sacrifice a meal in order to pray for a loved one suffering from cancer. It might be taking money tablet and donating it to people suffering from a hurricane or typhoon. What are you willing to give up for others?

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“He said, ‘Come.’ Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.”

-Matthew 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say “yes” to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

Questions of the Week:

For Adults:When have you doubted the loving care of God for you as the apostles did in the boat?

For Children: How do you know that Jesus is with you at all times? www.pastoralcenter.com

The world is set by your **example** not your opinion.

~ C.S. Lewis



How did a shopping basket influence St. Edith Stein's conversion?

The event was commonplace, yet had an eternal impact.

One day around 1917, a young Jewish woman, a student and teacher of philosophy, visited Frankfurt Cathedral. She noticed another woman going into the church with a shopping basket in her hands to say a quick prayer.

The Jewish woman, whose name was Edith Stein, was astounded. She said:

“This was something totally new to me. In the synagogues and Protestant churches I had visited people simply went to the services. Here, however, I saw someone coming straight from the busy marketplace into this empty church, as if she was going to have an intimate conversation. It was something I never forgot.”

Edith Stein was from a practicing Jewish family but had lost her faith in childhood. She was a brilliant mind who studied German, history, and her most beloved subject—philosophy. Her studies and providential encounters with people of faith pushed her continually towards the truth.

God built on the Frankfurt encounter with a second, more intimate one. She met with a recently widowed friend and was profoundly struck by her friend's great faith. Edith Stein said:



St. Edith Stein around 1920

“This was my first encounter with the Cross and the divine power it imparts to those who bear it... it was the moment when my unbelief collapsed, and Christ began to shine his light on me—Christ in the mystery of the Cross.”

This encounter would prepare her for her own cross which she would bear later in life.

The third remarkable, grace-filled event in Edith Stein's life came when she was visiting with Catholic friends who happened to have a copy of the biography of St. Teresa of Ávila. Stein became engrossed in the book and read it throughout the night. She later wrote of this evening, saying:

When I had finished the book, I said to myself: This is the truth.”

It was after this last event that Edith Stein converted to the Roman Catholic Church.

Edith Stein would later join a Carmelite convent and take the name Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Her life—characterized by a continual striving for the truth and the embrace of the mystery of the Cross—would culminate in her martyrdom at Auschwitz, where she was deported as a Jewish Christian. www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/

God and the Good Strong Wind



My only real memory of the Mackinac Island ferry was the physical sensation of the wind against my face. I remember, distinctly, that it hurt.

It surprised and confused me because the wind had never felt painful before. Looking back now, I realize that it wasn't just the wind but the spray from the waves that crashed against the side of the ferry — that was what produced the sharp, biting sensation on my skin. But I couldn't have known that then because my eyes were clamped shut. I refused to open them, even if I had, I would not have seen much, because my long hair was blown straight across my face.

I was four years old, and it was, in the immortal words of Winnie-the-Pooh, a very blustery day as my family made our way to Mackinac Island. I remember thinking I was going to die. I'm positive now that it wasn't really all that dramatic, but at four years old, you're awfully scared of a good strong wind.

Deep inside, aren't we all, really?

I think of the apostles who cannot recognize Christ — their friend — because he is doing something new. Something impossible. They are so sure he is a ghost, a sinister thing — children are always frightened of what they cannot understand.

And even when he reassures them, still Peter is not convinced. He demands, essentially, a miracle. He demands that Christ make him do what only Christ can do.

And even when the miracle takes place — he walks on water, he defies physics — still he is human.

Scared, doubtful, distractible. No match for a good strong wind.

“Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter...” Matthew 14:31

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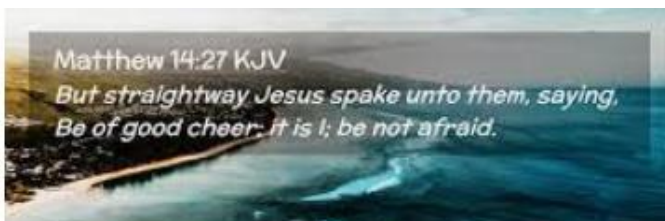
BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL

Monday, August 14, 2023
5PM-7PM

ICS STUDENTS
*COME MEET YOUR TEACHERS!
*FIND YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS HERE.

MONROE STUDENTS
*PICK UP SCHEDULE AND LOCKER ASSIGNMENT
**7TH GRADE & NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION BEGINS AT 5:30

FOOD TRUCK RALLY
*15% OF ALL SALES WILL BE DONATED TO THE PTO



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for August 6 - \$ 6,664.00

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 12,102.72

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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Prayer of the Faithful:

That we respond obediently to God's call and have the confidence to walk on water.

Pope Francis' August Prayer Intentions:

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.

Pray: For all suffering from natural disasters and armed conflict – *especially those who have lost their lives, homes, and businesses in Hawaii.*

Pray for: Families & students starting school this week; The continued presence of St. Mark on the UAF campus to support students.

Pray for: The homebound and sick. For caretakers and health care workers. Please pray for the deceased and their families.

Pray for Vocations:

"Take courage, it is I. Do not be afraid!" Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God's call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you, what is needed is trust. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office on (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

"Either God will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace then; put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations."
– St. Francis de Sales

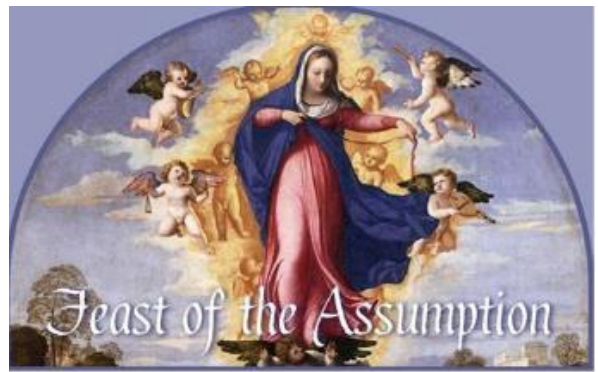
SAFE ENVIRONMENT Our diocese is committed to creating a safe environment for everyone. If you are aware of abuse, you are encouraged to report the abuse to local law enforcement agencies and to contact our Victim Assistance coordinator, Jenny Michaelson by calling (907) 374-9553 or emailing vac@cbna.org. For more information, access the Diocese safe environment link through <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse>

Let us make the best use of the fleeting moments. They will not return.

– St. Marianne Cope

Take a moment to appreciate where you are in life today, even if that's not where you originally expected to be.

Remember that God has a plan.



AUGUST 15, 2023
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass times at Sacred Heart Cathedral:
7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 7:00 PM

"Let us pray to God for one another, for by carrying each other's burden of charity in this way we will easily fulfill the law of Christ."

~ St. Clare

NOW HIRING!

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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 positions: **Fundraising Development Officer, Faith and Family Formation Director, Digital Content Coordinator, and Maintenance Technician**. For more information on these and other positions contact

humanresources@cbna.org. Listings are posted at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>

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



Our prayers are with all our families, teachers, students, and staff as they begin another school year this week!