



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.

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ST. MARK MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday – 5:30 PM @ Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 PM @ SHC

Weekday Adoration @ SHC:

Wednesday Holy Hour 11AM followed by Mass at 12N.
Thursday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament from 8-11 AM.
Confessions held on Saturdays 3-4 PM at SHC
or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE

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Pastoral Council

Marilis Bennett, Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick,
Jen & Sean Tucker.

Finance Council

Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker

Monthly Parish meetings will be held on UAF Campus on Tuesdays beginning in September. Time & Place yet to be determined.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2023



First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

The Lord reveals his salvation to all.

Responsorial: Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

All nations will praise God.

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15 29-32

God's favor to Israel is irrevocable.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.

COMING EVENTS:

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

Sept 4: Labor Day—No School

Sept 9 & 30: 6:00 PM Latin Mass at SHC

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.

Oct 14: HIPOW Auction & Dinner - Ph. (907) 313-3291

NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MASSES !!!

- ❖ Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- ❖ Readers
- ❖ Donation Basket Collectors
- ❖ Singers &/Instrumentalists

Altar server training is available for those who are eligible (must have received First Communion) in the event our reliable members of the Yew family are unavailable.

Prayerfully consider becoming a liturgical minister. Training can be done at your convenience. Contact Mary Pat Boger after Mass or at stmark@cbna.org . See George Stefan after Mass or at 907-687-0077 regarding joining our music ministry . **THANK YOU !!**

Please Help Us by Signing Up a Week In Advance.



August 20th Mass Hymns for 5:30 PM

490 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

341 One Bread, One Body

387 The Summons

439 You Are Near

481 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Oratory: Starts 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. St. Mark's covers the cost of Oratory and related Religious Ed (Summer Youth Fest) for our families – contact Mary Pat Boger @ smark@cbna.org.

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.

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

Low Gluten Hosts – If you can't receive normal hosts, please see the priest or sacristan (Jennifer Chown) before Mass.

“Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair.” G.K. Chesterton

Twelve Modern Apostles and Their Creeds, 1926

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.

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: Sunday's Gospel is a tough one. Jesus seems to be calling the Canaanite woman a dog. But she persists, challenging Jesus to see her human need. Jesus is persuaded to cure her daughter because of the woman's enduring faith. This Gospel event illustrates that Jesus' mission was not just to the Chosen People, but to the whole world. Your challenge this week is to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Reach out to someone of a different faith, defend a Muslim who is persecuted for his/her religion, learn something about Judaism, or invite someone who struggles with faith to join you for Sunday worship. How can you model our Catholic belief that Jesus is a universal Savior—for everyone, everywhere, all the time?

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.”

-Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people. (*Isaiah 56:7*)

Questions of the Week:

For Adults: The woman in this story was persistent in prayer. For what do you pray insistently?

For Children: For what do you ask God to give you most often? www.pastoralcenter.com



What is the origin of the St. Michael prayer?

You might already pray it daily—but do you now where this powerful prayer comes from?

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle...

The prayer to St. Michael is part of the Leonine Prayers, which were once said at the end of Mass. They are called Leonine because Pope Leo XIII ordered them to be said after Low (simple) Mass for the liberty of the Church during an era when the temporal authorities were attempting to suppress the Church's rights.

But the St. Michael prayer was not originally included in the Leonine Prayers. It was added a couple years after Pope Leo's original instruction, following a mysterious and powerful vision that he is said to have experienced after celebrating Mass one day at the Vatican.

Though it is not certain exactly what happened that day, accounts say that—appearing pale and fearful as he stood near the altar—the Holy Father beheld a harrowing vision of demons gathering on Rome. He quickly went and composed the St. Michael prayer and added it to the Leonine Prayers.

Although it is no longer obligatory after Mass, pontiffs—especially John Paul II—and bishops have promoted the St. Michael prayer as a powerful defense against Satan's forces. Many parishes recite it together after Mass, some even continuing the tradition of the whole set of Leonine Prayers.

Pray the St. Michael prayer! Pray it for the protection of the Church, for our country, for your family, for yourself. Pray it! Do it now! Here it is!

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Keep this prayer handy and increase your devotion to St. Michael. www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/

SERVICE MINISTRIES FOR CATHOLICS

- Altar Servers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Choirs/Musicians
- Lectors
- Pastoral Council
- Deacons
- Campus Ministry
- Knights of Columbus
- Stephen Ministries
- Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph
- Our Lady of Fatima
- Voice of Hope Prayer Group
- Saint Zelig Martin Women's Group
- Saint Louis Martin Men's Group
- Youth Ministry
- Catholic Schools Ministry – Volunteer Support
- Outreach
- Cleaning & Maintenance
- Regional Soup Kitchen

The Prayers God Always Answers



I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother's book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like "Forgive me" and "Help me." I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, "No, it cannot be done for you as you wish," she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he's not the genie from "Aladdin." Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

"Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith!'" — Matthew 15:28

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi.

SAVE THE DATES:

Solemn Vespers for Bishop-elect Steven Maekawa, OP at **Sacred Heart Cathedral** Wednesday, October 11 at 7 PM.



Mass of Ordination and Installation will be held at the **Carlson Center** on Thursday, October 12th at 10:00 AM. Reception will follow the Mass.



Please arrive and be seated before the start of these rites.

**Pictures are from Bishop Zielinski's Solemn Vespers and Ordination and Installation on Dec 14th & 15th, 2014.*

*Prayer is not about **doing** something. It's about **being** with Someone — **God Himself**.*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for August 13 - \$ 777.00

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 12,879.72

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Prayer of the Faithful:

That we may show our gratitude for God's great gifts through our active participation in the ministry of God's Church.

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.



For World Youth Day - "We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Pray for: Pope Francis; Bishop-elect Fr. Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, Dcn. Warren Lucero; priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons serving in Alaska.

Pray: For all suffering from natural disasters – *especially those who have lost their lives, homes, and businesses in Hawaii*. Soldiers, their families, and all in areas of political unrest.

Pray for: College students preparing to return to the UAF campus this week; Youth that will be attending Summer Youth Fest this coming weekend. St. Mark Parishioners.

Pray for: The homebound and sick; caretakers and health care workers; and their families. Grant eternal rest to the deceased.

Pray for Vocations:

"Woman, you have great faith." It takes faith to hear God's call in our lives. And His call takes us on unexpected paths of deeper trust and love. Is God calling you to life as sister, brother, deacon, or priest? Contact the Vocation Office on (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

Virtues are formed by prayer. **Prayer preserves temperance.** Prayer suppresses anger. **Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy.** Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Ghost and raises man to Heaven.

-St. Ephrem



HIPOW's 54th Annual Dinner & Auction

Italian Night in Boileau Hall

Saturday, **October 14, 2023**

Tickets available

<https://mfhipow.ejoinme.org/hipowauktion>

Still taking donations: 907-313-3291 for more information.

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>

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.

St. Nicholas Catholic Church is hiring a **part-time Youth Minister**. Qualified individual who will work with middle and high school students and their parents.

- Prefer: -experience in youth ministry; education or an equivalent degree
- A minimum of 3 years' experience
- A Catholic in good standing
- Responsibilities include Retreat Planning, Edge Program, High School Program, Recruiting Volunteers, and assisting in Confirmation.

Non-benefited, hourly, seasonal position August-to May up to 15 hours per week. Salary DOE. Please submit a letter of interest, a resume, and 3 references along with any questions to Fr. Welcome Chipiro, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, wchipiro@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

REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN

You can help by donating food or time. For more information visit their webpage at <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>

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