



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.

PASTOR

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DEACON

Deacon Warren Lucero

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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Parish Administrator: Mary Pat Boger

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

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Pastoral Council

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

Finance Council

Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker, Fr. Ross Tozzi
*Monthly Parish meetings will be held on UAF Campus
Tuesdays beginning in September.
Time & Place yet to be determined.*

COMING EVENTS:

8/28: UAF First Day of Instruction

9/1-2: First Friday at Immaculate Conception 5:30pm Mass
6am-6pm All Night Adoration
6am Patriotic Rosary & Confessions (Sat)
7am First Saturday Mass (Sat)

9/4: Labor Day—No School

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

9/9: 10AM-12PM Altar Server Training at SHC

9/15-17: Catholic Men's Retreat in Wasilla KOFC

10/1: St. Mark Scholarship & Strom Awards for UAF students Application Deadline.

10/7 & 21: 6:00 PM Latin Mass at SHC

10/11: 7:00 PM Solemn Vespers at SHC

10/12: 10:00 AM Mass of Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Maekawa, OP at the Carlson Center

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 2023



First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial: Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8

God's kindness is forever.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given he key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

August 27th Mass Hymns for 5:30 PM

311 Table of Plenty

395 Here I Am, Lord

365 Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist

445 Seek Ye First

424 One Spirit, One Church

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



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 for our families – contact Mary Pat Boger @ stmark@cbna.org.

Altar Serving Training – Open to anyone, male or female, who has made his or her First Communion – both children and adults. **Training Sept. 9 from 10am-12pm at SHC.**

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.

The following groups will meet again starting in September: **Voces Verbi Young Adult Group** meets at 6pm on Fridays for young adults 18-35.

Women's Group - Wednesdays at 7:15 pm @ ICC

Men's Group -Thursdays at 6:45 pm @ ICC

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 –Sept 11th - Summer novel: The Quiet Light: A Novel about St. Thomas Aquinas by Louis de Wohl c. 1950. Contact: Janet Fortune – 43janetf@gmail.com.

Regional Soup Kitchen –Will be served only on Saturday and Sunday between 1:00-3:00 PM. Help by donating food or time. For more information visit the Immaculate Conception Church webpage at <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>

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.

Little Flower Ministries – **Radio KQHE 92.7 FM.** For more information contact: Robin Barrett at 479-5283, Cherie Kelly at 378-7047, or 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.

*“Be gracious to us, O Lord,
for we are in distress.” ~Psalm 31:9
God, bring consolation and relief to Maui.*

Dear St. Mark Parishioners,

Catechism classes for the 2023-2024 year will begin soon for children ages 4-17. Please take time to register them in advance. Paperwork is available at the entrance of Sacred Heart Cathedral on a table by the office door as well as their website. As part of our way of supporting our youth St. Mark will pay the fee. Contact me (Mary Pat Boger) with the name of your children at stmark@cbna.org.

Pre-Communion Age 5-6

First Communion Age 7-8 (2nd grade)

Perseverance 1 & 2 for kids who have received First Communion, but younger than 13

RCIC for kids older than 9 who need Baptism and/or First Communion

Pre-Confirmation, Confirmation, & Youth Group

Age 13-17 ~ *Thursdays 5pm – 7:30pm.* Class followed by dinner and Youth Group.

Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more information. We have been blessed to have the Servidoras take the lead in the catechetical and fellowship activities and assist in te religious religious education classes and sacramental prep.

Remember that as a community we play a vital role in their education by supporting families. Pray that parents and guardians have the wisdom to support their childrens spiritual and academic growth.

We can support the Servidoras and families through prayers and participating in activities throughout the year.

God Bless ~ St. Mark Community Parish Office



Justice Challenge: Saint Rose of Lima (8/23) and Saint Monica (8/27) are both known for the power of their prayer. Saint Rose is believed to have prevented a devastating earthquake from destroying Lima by praying for the safety of the city. Saint Monica's persistent prayer helped in the conversion of her son, Augustine, who turned from his hedonistic life and became a Father and Doctor of our Church. Your challenge this week is to tap into the power of prayer. Prayerfully choose an injustice which you see—in your local community, in our country, or in the world. Then pray every day this week for an end to the injustice. Open your heart and listen to what God wants you to do to help end the injustice.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” ~ Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

Questions of the Week:

For Adults:? If you were asked, how would you explain Jesus to a person who had not hear of him?

For Children: Who do you tell people Jesus to ?

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What are the traditional intentions of the Holy Father?

We pray for them often—but what exactly are the intentions of the Holy Father?

You probably pray for the “intentions of the Holy Father” often—at the end of the Rosary, while praying the Morning Offering, even during Mass. Praying for these intentions is one of the requirements for gaining a plenary indulgence. But what are these intentions? Are they something specific?



Pope Francis (photo credit: Jean Han/CC BY-SA 3.0)

The “intentions of the Holy Father” that we pray for as a part of various devotions are not only his personal or monthly intentions— though we include these too. But we also pray for specific, objective intentions directly related to the well-being of the Church and her faithful. In fact, the Church has established six traditional intentions of the Holy Father (some sources you may read list four or five):

1. The Exaltation of the Church
2. The Propagation of the Faith
3. The Extirpation of Heresy
4. The Conversion of Sinners
5. The Concord between Christian Princes
6. The Further Welfare of the Christian People

The Church is under attack, both from external and internal forces, and it is of the utmost importance that we continue to steadfastly pray for her and our Church leaders. Since the Pope is our leader here on earth, his intentions are intertwined with the intentions of the whole Church. Let us not abandon our Church! May we be renewed in our urgency to pray for our Holy Father and his intentions!

A powerful resource for praying for the Church and the Holy Father is the traditional compilation of prayers, [the Raccolta](#), which beautifully articulates the Pope’s six intentions. Revised under Pope Pius XII, this official collection (or “raccolta” in Italian) of the Church’s prayers and devotions was published in English in 1957. The 800+ prayers of the Raccolta touch practically every spiritual and physical need, and every personal and societal hope. Perfect for every Catholic household, this book will unite your family with the entire Church through time and space! <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/>

NEEDED FOR SUNDAY ST. MARK MASS !!!

- ❖ Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (EM)
- ❖ Readers (Lectors)
- ❖ Donation Basket Collectors
- ❖ Singers &/Instrumentalists

Altar server training Sept. 9 at SHC 10am-12noon for those who are eligible (must have received First Communion) in the event our dependable members of the Yew family are unavailable.

Lectors and EM’s training can be done at your convenience. Contact Mary Pat Boger after Mass or at stmark@cbna.org.

Contact George Stefan after Mass or at 907-687-0077 if interested in joining our music ministry.

Please Help Us by signing up a week in advance.

Who Do You Say That I Am?



I once knew a very devout woman whose adult godchild had fallen away from the practice of the faith. This godchild still believed in God, and even felt a sense of belonging in the Church. He was a good and kind person. But poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice, without an appreciation of the sacraments. He was making choices that threatened his soul.

His godmother wanted more for him. She planned to speak with him about his life, hoping to encourage him to return to the practice of the faith. She knew that, when she brought this up, he would reply that it wasn’t important to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist, that was all just “extra.”

She told me that she was going to begin their conversation by asking him the question Jesus poses to Peter in Matthew 16:15 — the critical question in all our lives, the question whose answer will define what we become in this world and the next.

Her godson knew the answer. She was confident, unshakably, that he did. He may have forgotten it or ignored it. He may have tried to convince himself he wasn’t entirely sure. He may have refused to give an answer. But he knew it. He knew the answer.

There is a reason that, after Peter’s response, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

“Who do you say that I am?”

Let our whole lives be our answer.

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

— Matthew 16:16

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“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

~ Matthew 16:19



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for August 13 - \$ 1,509.00

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 14,268.72

Thank you for your Faithful Living , Grateful Giving!

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

Prayer of the Faithful:

That in gratitude for our gifts, we may grow them and give back with increase.

Pope Francis' September Prayer Intentions:

For people living in the margins:

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



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

Please Pray for: Alex & Harlee Harvey Family; All suffering from natural disasters – *especially those who have lost their lives, homes, and businesses in Hawaii.*

Pray for: A successful start to a new year at UAF, UAF Community and Technical College, and students in trade schools and apprenticeships. For our military and their families. St. Mark Parishioners.

Please Pray for the sick: Fr. Joe Hemmer, Gail Riedmann, Jim Fox, Ben Orr, and others not mentioned; Family, caretakers and health care workers working with the elderly and sick.

Please Pray for the repose of the souls of the faithfully departed: Billy – foster child of Harlee & Alex Harvey. Grant eternal rest to the deceased.

Pray for Vocations:

“Who has known the mind of the Lord?” Through prayer our minds become better aligned with the mind of Christ and His will for us. If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.



Chancery Staff Changes:

Ben Colwell is departing the position of Faith and Family Formation in order to return to college in Colorado. His last day was Friday, August 25th.

Dorothy Hebert is retiring at the end of the month from her full-time work as Controller after ten years of service. St. Mark Parish would like to thank them for their work. We wish Dorothy a happy transition to full retirement. Thank you for your work!

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” ~ C.S. Lewis

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>



With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God the **Diocese of Winona-Rochester** joyfully

announces the **Ordination of Joshua Gregory Miller to the Sacred Order of Deacon**



through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by The Most Reverend Robert Baron, Bishop of Winona-Rochester on Friday, September 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church 111 Fourth Street NW, Waseca, Minnesota. Deacon Joshua will serve and preach as Deacon for the first time on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 5:15 PM at Sacred Heart Church.

ORDINATION MASS for Bishop-elect Fr. Steven

SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 PM

Solemn Vespers

at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Thursday, October 12 at 10:00 AM

Mass of Ordination and Installation

at the Carlson Center



A reception will follow the Mass. ****Please arrive early to be seated before the start of these rites.**

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, 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