



# 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

Office Hours: 10am – 12noon

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**Parish Administrator:** Mary Pat Boger

**Bookkeeping:** Marilis Bennett: Ph. 907-590-9291

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

**CSA Advisor:** Devan Larson: [UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu](mailto:UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu)

### Pastoral Council

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

### Finance Council

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

## COMING EVENTS:

**9/4:** Chancery & SHC Offices are closed for Labor Day

**9/8:** Diocese of Winona-Rochester Ordination of Joshua Miller to Deacon

**9/11:** SHC Book Club 12:30-2:30pm downstairs at SHC.

**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

**9/17 & 18:** 7pm at Regal Cinema

### **Route 60: The Biblical Highway**

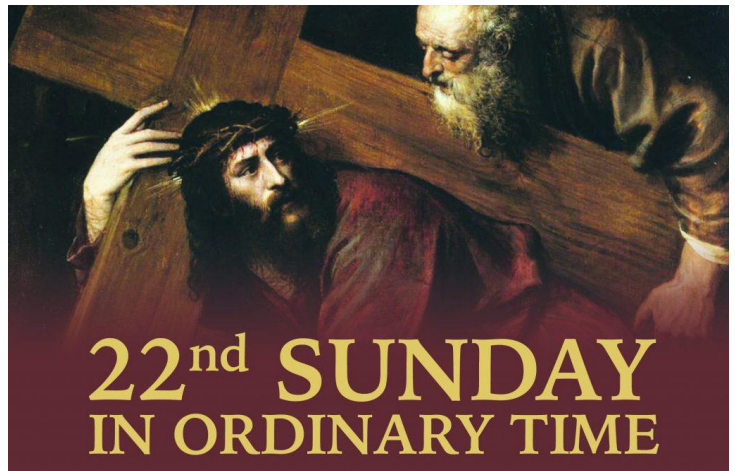
**9/21-22:** Catechism & Religious Education begins.

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

**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.

## September 3, 2023



### **First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9**

Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God's name.

### **Responsorial: Psalm 63:2-6,8-9**

Our souls yearn for God.

### **Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2**

Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God.

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27**

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

*Music is well said to be the speech of angels." ~ Thomas Carlyle*

### **September 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 PM Mass Hymns**

**601** Christ, Be Our Light

**587** We Are Many Parts

**157** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**619** Come to the Water

**739** lead Me, Lord



On this **Labor Day** weekend we would like to acknowledge and **thank** all who work. Our society benefits from the contributions of each worker - so thank you!

We also **remember** the unemployed or under-employed. We **recognize** your willingness to work and are appreciative of all your job-seeking efforts. And to those who are young and seeking to enter the work force - We hope you will find a means of employment that both **serves the community** and **brings you joy!**

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Mt 28-30)*



**Oratory:** Starts Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org). St. Mark's covers the cost of Oratory for our families – contact Mary Pat Boger @ [stmark@cbna.org](mailto: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.**

**Latin Mass Schedule:** 9/9 & 30, 10/7 & 21 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> - Summer novel: The Quiet Light: A Novel about St. Thomas Aquinas by Louis de Wohl c. 1950. Contact: Janet Fortune – [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com).

**Regional Soup Kitchen** –Served only on Saturday and Sunday between 1:00-3:00 PM. Help by donating food or time. Visit the webpage for more information at <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>

**ICC Our Lady of Fatima:** For more information, contact Shannon Christensen at (907) 388-1825.

**Knights of Columbus** –**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of the month 6:30 – 8:00 PM downstairs @ SHC.

**Franciscan Community** – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at St. Raphael Church at 6:30-8:00 pm. For information please contact Gloria Slagle [stclare4@gmail.com](mailto:stclare4@gmail.com)

**Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph** – Contact Patty Walter at [pattywalter@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 arrive to mass early and see the priest or sacristan (Jennifer Chown) before Mass

*"Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others." ~ Pope Francis*

**Catechism classes for the 2023-2024 year begin this month!** Please register 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](mailto:stmark@cbna.org).

**Pre-Communion** Age 5-6

**First Communion** Age 7-8 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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 children's spiritual and academic growth. We can support the Servidoras and families through prayers and participating in activities throughout the year.



**Justice Challenge:** The Gospel for Sunday reminds us that discipleship isn't easy. It will often require us to share in the Cross of Jesus. We are called to deny ourselves, to lose our lives for the sake of the Gospel. Your challenge this week is to take up your cross and walk in solidarity with someone who suffers on a daily basis. Can you journey with someone who is poor or homeless, someone who is a victim of prejudice or discrimination, an undocumented immigrant, or someone in prison? Reflect on someone who is in deep physical or emotional or spiritual pain and offer up your own suffering this week for that person.

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life."* ~Matthew 16:26**

St. Francis of Assisi said, *"Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else."* We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent, and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

#### Questions of the Week:

**Adults:** In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus?

**Kids:** When has it been difficult to be a follower of Jesus?  
[www.pastoralcenter.com](http://www.pastoralcenter.com)

*"God doesn't call you to be **successful**, He calls you to be **faithful**". ~ Blessed Mother Teresa*



## How to keep Sundays holy—besides going to Mass!

*Are your Sundays being over by the res of the week?*

The modern, technology-driven life is so busy. The week is barely long enough for all the mundane activities that must be done.

Sometimes, the work week even encroaches upon Sunday's rights: a morning slot is set aside for Mass while the rest of Sunday whirls past with the other days in the week.

How can we stop the busyness and truly focus on Sunday—the Lord's Day? How can we extend our God-oriented frame of mind beyond Sunday Mass? How can we "keep holy the Sabbath"?

Well, there are many ways of observing the Lord's Day in a fitting manner. We know what we *shouldn't* do; let's look at what we *should*.



Some family time is a great thing to add to your Sunday!

The Catechism says:

*On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body. —Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2185*

Now, this looks like a "don't"—but look closer. You'll see that this passage tells what we *can* (and ought to) do on Sundays: worship God, be joyful, perform works of mercy, and rest both mind and body.

[.catholiccompany.com/getfed/](http://catholiccompany.com/getfed/)

## SUPPORT OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

### Donate an item for HIPOW!

- \* Donate a gift card from a local business
- \* We always need new items, including toys, electronics, home improvement items, wine, and clothing (coats, purses, shoes, and boots are great!)
- \* We also welcome artwork, jewelry, gold and silver, furs, collectibles, vehicles, and antique furniture.



Check out our [donation page](#) for more info!

The HIPOW office can accept **auction donations from 9:00am-3:00pm M-TR**. We're located at 718 Betty Street.

### Volunteer!

HIPOW is only possible with the help of our volunteers. We need help with a variety of tasks, from [table setting](#), [building tables](#), [baking](#), [waitstaff](#), [parking](#), [dessert prep](#), [dinner prep](#), [runners and spotters](#), [dishwashing](#), [cleanup crew](#)...you name it, we need you!

Sign up [today](https://www.catholic-schools.org/volunteer.html) at <https://www.catholic-schools.org/volunteer.html>



September's devotional is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial is celebrated on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Choosing the Cross

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi



I've been called a lot of things in my life, but I've never been called "Satan," at least not to my face.

It seems to me the worst name you could call a person, and today we hear it straight from the lips of Jesus. It's just one of the many small reminders strewn throughout Scripture that Jesus preaches meekness, but he is not mild — not when mildness serves no purpose, anyway.

And here, when Peter is trying to deter Jesus from making the right choice, mildness serves no purpose at all.

Can we blame Peter? I certainly can't. I'm sure I would have said the same thing to my own dear friend. He is, in today's Gospel, wholly unwilling to embrace the cross — he's afraid of it, even — but aren't we all, in the end, afraid of our cross? I am. It's no sin, it's only human. Fear is natural. Self-preservation is a reflex.

What Christ speaks of today is a choice, one we are all faced with, again and again, just as Peter is. We will not always respond perfectly; Peter does not respond well today. He does not respond well on Holy Thursday.

But on his last day, on the day of the ultimate choice? On that day, he chooses the cross.

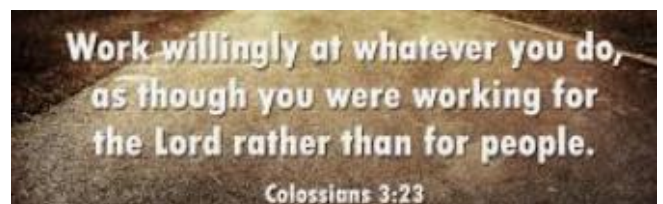
We marvel at first responders who put themselves in harm's way for the sake of others, because to do so is not human, it is divine. I have to believe that if even a firefighter's loved one threw themselves in his way, he would still charge toward the flames, crying, "Get behind me."

Christ runs into the burning building for us, shaking off not only his own fear (and he had it, I promise you — he was human, too) but the fear of everyone who loved him.

*"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God..." — Romans 12:1*

"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament! Are you in trouble? Come and throw yourself at his feet."

~ St. John Vianney



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for August 13 - \$ 934.00

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 15,322.72

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Visit WeShare for online giving at: [www.stmarksuaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaf.org)

## Prayer of the Faithful:

That each of us may have the strength and courage to put Jesus first above worldly ways and material gains.

## 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 -- extreme weather and fires.

**Pray for:** A safe celebration of Labor Day weekend. St. Mark Parishioners and UAF students.

**Pray for:** all the people who are ill. May they be strengthened and healed.

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

\*Fr. Joe Hemmer's surgery was successful, and he is feeling better. He is recovering at his sister's home. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

## Pray for Vocations:

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother, or sister? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org).

## St. Mark Parish needs your help

...We are looking for help in the following areas....

- ~ Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (EM)
  - ~ Readers (Lectors)
  - ~ Donation Basket Collectors
  - ~ Singers &/Instrumentalists to fill our current group.
- Training can be done by contacting Mary Pat Boger after Mass or at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org). Contact George Stefan after Mass or at 907-687-0077 if interested in joining our music ministry.

**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](mailto:vac@cbna.org). For more information, access the Diocese safe environment link through <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse>

"I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament. There you will find romance, glory, honor, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves on earth."

~ J.R.R. Tolkien ~



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.

## DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Sacred Heart Cathedral** is hiring a **part time Outreach Coordinator**. Responsibilities include Stephen Ministry, Outreach, Safe Environment, and 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](mailto: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. In good 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sjingbe@cbna.org) or Camille Connelly-Terhune via email: [secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org](mailto:secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org)



**Bishop-Elect Fr. Steven Maekawa, O.P.** will be ordained as the 7<sup>th</sup> bishop of the Diocese of Fairbanks. Please save the

following dates and times: Wednesday, Oct 11 (7:00pm): Solemn Vespers at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Thursday, Oct 12 (10:00am): Mass of Ordination and Installation at the Carlson Center. A reception will follow Mass. Please RSVP by September 6<sup>th</sup>. You can do so by going to our website: <https://stmarksuaf.org> or scan the code below to RSVP. *If you miss the deadline but still plan to attend, PLEASE RSVP. The committee arranging the event needs the numbers for planning.*

Please scan to RSVP



Scan the digital image to the left with a smartphone camera to connect to the online RSVP form for the upcoming Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Rev. Steven Maekawa, O.P. as the 7<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Fairbanks.