



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)

If you can't receive normal hosts, please arrive to mass early and see the priest or sacristan (Jennifer Chown) before Mass to ask to have low gluten hosts available.

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 PM @ SHC

Adoration @ SHC:

Wednesday Holy Hour 11AM followed by 12noon Mass.
Thursday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament from 8-Noon & Saturdays 3-4PM.

Confessions held on Saturdays 3-4 PM at SHC or by appointment.

LATIN MASS SCHEDULE:

Held at 6:00pm at SHC- 9/30, 10/7 & 21,

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours: 10am – 12noon

Phone: 907-374-9564 Email: stmark@cbna.org

Website: <https://stmarksuaf.org>

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@alasks.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 held on UAF Campus once a month on Tuesdays beginning in September.

COMING EVENTS:

9/17: Catechetical Sunday

9/17 & 18: 7pm at Regal Cinema

Route 60: The Biblical Highway

9/18: 6:15-7:15pm SHC Hospitality Meeting

9/19: Marriage Prep at ICC 7:00-9:30 pm

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

9/23: Oratory 1:30-3:15pm (ages 4-17)

9/29: St. Raphael Feast Day and Fall Festival 6:00 PM

10/1: Respect Life Sunday (*Oct is Respect Life Month*)

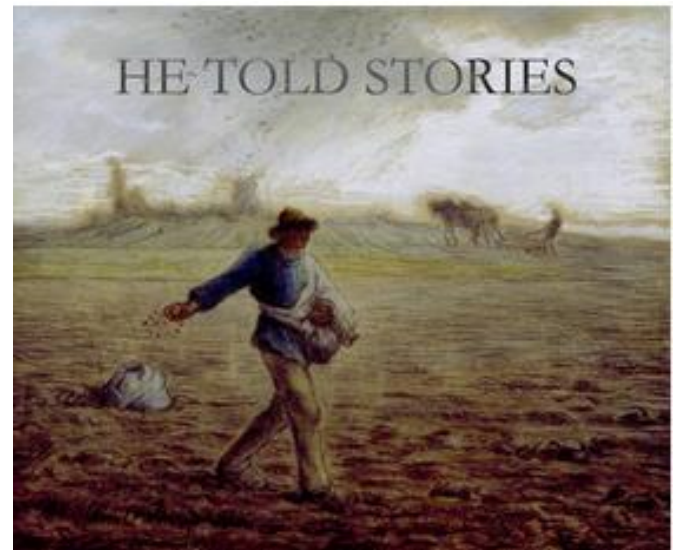
10/11: 7:00 PM Solemn Vespers at SHC

10/12: 10:00 AM Mass of Ordination and Installation

10/14: HIPOW 54th Auction & Dinner

September 17, 2023

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A



First Reading: Ezekiel 27:30-28:7

Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

Responsorial: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 11-12

A song of praise to God who is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

We belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

Songs for 5:30pm Sunday Mass

555 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

534 Prayer of St. Francis

Anima Christi

449 Amazing Grace

563 Oh Bless the Lord, My Soul



CHOIR FOR ORDINATION MASS

Rehearsals have started for anyone interested in joining the choir for Fr. Steven's **Ordination and Installation Mass**. All are welcome to participate! Practices are held Tuesdays 6-7 PM @ Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Contact Sr. New Eve to sign up @ iccsecretary@cbna.org



Oratory: Begins Sat., Sept. 24th at SHC from 1:30 – 3:15 pm for ages 5-17 for all children in the Diocese. For more info contact servidoras@cbna.org . St. Mark's covers the cost of Oratory for our families – contact Mary Pat Boger smark@cbna.org.

Altar Serving Training – Open to all who have had their First Communion – both children and adults. *Training moved to Sept. 16 from 10am-12pm at SHC.*

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. Fall Beloved Marriage Prep is at ICC

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group meets on Fridays at 6pm for Adoration, Pizza, and formation! For young adults 18-35, it is held at the sister's convent.

Women's Group – 7:15pm every other Tues. at the Convent.
Men's Group - 6:45 pm every Thursdays at ICC.

Voice of Hope Prayer Group – Tuesday evenings downstairs at SHC 6-8:30PM. Meeting begins with light potluck, followed by contemplative prayer meeting.

Voices in the Wilderness – 6:30pm Every Friday at ICC . Charismatic Prayer Group. Contact Joe Malen 388-2550 or Annie Dobbs 479-8567.

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

SHC Book Club –meets 1st Monday of the month from 12:30-2:00 pm. 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. Contact ICC for KoC meetings there.

Legion of Mary – 6:00 Legion of Mary Meetings – Tues @ ICC

Franciscan Community – 1st Thursday each month at St. Raphael Church - 6:30-8:00 pm. For information contact Gloria Slagle stclare4@gmail.com

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. Catholic programming - check out their schedule and other information 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.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

St. Mark Community plays a vital role in education by supporting students and 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.

The information to the left lists activities that are available to parishioners wanting to participate in activities not offered by our small community. Use contact information listed to find out more. We try and post as much information our space can hold to help make students and parishioners aware of what the Fairbanks Catholic parishes have to offer that may be of interest. Take the opportunity to explore and grow in your faith. Check out St. Nicholas Catholic Church website in North Pole - <https://www.stnicholasnp.org/>



SHC Hospitality Meeting
Mon - 9/ 18: 6:15-7:15 PM
in the Social Hall

Please join us for the upcoming Hospitality meeting! Besides putting on events for SHC community, this group is responsible for receptions for the following Diocesan events: Chrism Mass, Ordinations, Confirmation – to name a few. If you feel you are called to help and join this group of self sacrificing hands for Jesus, contact Katerina Dosch at k_placha@yahoo.com or just show up.

All are invited and welcome!

St. Raphael Feast Day and Fall Festival

Join us to celebrate our Parish Feast Day Friday, Sept. 29th starting with 6:00 PM Mass.

Dinner and Silent Auction to follow.

Homemade Lasagna Dinner ~ Dinner Tickets for Sale \$10/person, \$30/for a family.

Please buy your tickets on our website at straphaelfairbanks.org . Also available at the door. Pre-purchase will help us ensure we have enough food.

Silent Auction ~ A selection of quilted items and fall harvest foods. Salmon, jams, baked goods, berries.

Kids Activities

St. Raphael Parish 1125 Old Steese Hwy. N

All proceeds to support the parish. Questions? Call Marie Martin at 907-458-8960.



BELOVED MARRIAGE PREP
Fall Session will be held at ICC:

7:00 – 9:30 pm

Tuesday Sept 19 & 26 and Oct 3
Thursday Sept 21 & 28 and Oct 5

FAIRBANKS CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
“A Wedding is a Day, a Marriage is a Lifetime”

Comprehensive Marriage Preparation Weekend
To Register or Volunteer - Contact: 907-322-0227 text or fairbanks@engagedencounter.com



Justice Challenge: Sunday's first reading from Ezekiel has the prophet challenging us to confront those who do wrong. Jesus follows in the Gospel with a similar message. Often when we hear or see racism, greed, or other actions which deny people their human dignity, we remain silent. We don't want to rock the boat or draw attention to ourselves. Your challenge this week is to be prophetic. When you hear someone putting down a person, a cultural or ethnic community, or whomever, speak the Gospel truth and challenge the offender to remember Jesus' example of treating everyone with dignity because we are all created in God's own image and likeness.



How did St. Matthew go from being a tax collector to an apostle?

The call of Christ is powerful. But we still have to respond.

Being a tax collector meant that you were quite unpopular among the Jewish people of Jesus' time. Those who collected taxes from their *own* people on behalf of the occupying Romans were considered traitors and enemy-collaborators. These tax collectors also tended to be rich, usually pocketing extra in addition to the Roman requirements—hence they were seen as profiting off the subjugation of their own brethren. They were classified among the sinners with whom any practicing Jew would not associate.

Matthew, son of Alphaeus, was from Galilee. We don't know a lot about him, but we do know that he was a tax collector, and we can only imagine how his fellow Jews regarded him. It was against this backdrop that a fellow Galilean came to Matthew's tax booth one day.

"Follow Me," was all the Galilean Rabbi said.

Matthew didn't need to make any calculations. He didn't stop and count the cost. He just got up and followed Him.



The Calling of Saint Matthew by Caravaggio

The rest, as they say, is history. The simple, direct call of Christ—and Matthew's unquestioning response to it—echoed through the rest of the Apostle's earthly life. He followed Our Lord faithfully, wrote a Gospel, preached the Faith, and died a martyr. He put his hand to the plough and never looked back.

St. Matthew is a perennial reminder of the power of God's grace—and a challenge to us to get up and follow Christ just as he did. Our conversion might not be so dramatic. It might be a quiet resolution from day to day, a continual return to His way when we find ourselves wandering.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE LITURGY?

AS CATHOLICS, WE CELEBRATE MASS TO WORSHIP GOD AND TO RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE, TO UNIFY WITH HIM AND WITH OTHER WORSHIPERS THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST.



Anima Christi: A Mystical Prayer

Check out Franciscan Media Spirit Blog to read the line-by-line reflection of this sacred prayer by Jack Wintz, OFM.

<https://www.franiscanmedia.org/franciscan--spirit-blog>

This prayer appears at the beginning of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. <https://www.IgnatianSpirituality.com>

The Hateful The Things We Hug Tight



At the end of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin's effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." — **Sirach 27:30**

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." -- **Romans 14:8**

This is the essence of stewardship — everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to the live the life that He intended for you.

Questions of the Week:

Adults: When someone hurts you, how do you forgive them?

Kids: When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

www.pastoralcenter.com

"Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done."

C.S. Lewis

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for August 10 - \$ 588.00

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 17,305.72

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

Thank you for your continued support to St. Mark Parish !

Prayer of the Faithful:

That we recognize everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God, including our very own lives.

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, and Dcn. Warren Lucero.

Pray for: Alex Harvey family; All suffering from natural disasters; All in areas of armed conflict around the world.

Pray for: Community and Political leaders.

Pray for: The Education of our children and young adults; teachers, professors, staff, and administration of the schools.

Pray for: Members of St. Mark & CSA community.

Pray for: The sick - may they find comfort in our prayers.

Pray for: The repose of the souls of our faithfully departed: Grant eternal rest to the deceased.

Pray for Vocations:

"...therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Are you called to bring faith in Christ and eternal life to others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

Congratulations to Deacon Joshua Gregory Miller!

He made his Diaconal Ordination last week and preached as a Deacon for the first time on Sept 9 at Sacred Heart Church in Waseca, MN. "If you are able to travel, please come for the Presbyteral Ordination and my First Mass next spring - May or June 2024. I plan to come to Fairbanks, AK to offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at a later date." He adds - "Know that you are in my prayers."

Are you interested in joining one or more of the following ministries?

Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Altar Server, choir (singers/musicians), or help passing collection baskets at our Sunday evening Mass? We need more people to call on when needed. *We have dependable servers and members in the choir, but what happens when they are sick?* Contact Mary Pat Boger after Mass or at stmark@cbna.org and training will be arranged. For the Music Ministry contact George Stefan at 907-687-0077. We thank you in advance for considering your call to become an active participant at Mass.

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, 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.

Immaculate Conception Church has an opening for **Soup Kitchen Manager**. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to planning, preparing, and coordinating the weekend meals; training schedule, and managing volunteers. Adhering to all state and federal regulations and guidelines for food handling; processing donations; running the kitchen; managing incidents with patrons and getting help when needed. This position typically has 10-12 hours per week over three days, including Sat. and Sun from 12-4pm. Some flexibility is possible in coordination with volunteers. Salary DOE. Qualifications: Safe Serve Certificate. Contact: Fr. Gerardus Hauwert at ghauweri@cbna.org to apply.

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 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

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

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is hiring for the following position: **Safe Environment/Victim Assistance Coordinator**; responsible for the administration of the diocesan Safe Environment Program; compiling data and documents for the annual USCCB audit based on the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People; working closely with diocesan groups to ensure compliance with all diocesan Child and Youth Protection policies; providing assistance, pastoral care, and support to victims and their families; and coordinating the quarterly Diocesan Review Board meetings. Part-time, hourly position. Qualifications: bachelor's degree in social work, counseling psychology, or related field; and five years' experience working with individuals affected by trauma.

Applications are still being accepted by the **Diocese of Fairbanks** for the following positions: **Fundraising Development Officer, Faith and Family Formation Director, and Maintenance Technician**. For more information about open positions visit <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>. To request a formal job description, or to submit a cover letter and resume please email humanresouces@cbna.org.

"Pray, hope, and don't worry; worry is useless. God is merciful. He will hear your prayer." ~ Padre Pio