



# 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](mailto:stmark@cbna.org)

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**Parish Administrator:** Mary Pat Boger

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

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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

## COMING EVENTS:

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

**TUESDAYS:** Choir Practice of Ordination 6-7pm @ SHC

**9/28:** Catholic Student Association -**CSA Mass & Meeting** at 6:30 pm in the Wood Center 205 Conference Room EF.

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

**9/29-10/1:** **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rosary Congress**

**9/30:** 5:30 PM Latin Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

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

**10/7 & 21:** 5:30 PM Latin Mass at Sacred Heart

**10/6-14:** Eucharistic Rosary Congress

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

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

**10/14:** **HIPOW 54<sup>th</sup> Auction & Dinner**

**September 24, 2023**

## **PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A**



### **First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9**

God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings.

### **Responsorial: Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18**

God is near to those who call upon him.

### **Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16a**

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

### **Songs for 5:30pm Sunday Mass**

**306** Come to the Feast (bilingual refrain)

**419** Earthen Vessels

**353** One Love Released

**333** Seed, Scattered and Sown

**544** Sing to the Mountains



**CAN YOU  
LEND A  
HELPING  
HAND?**

### **HELP NEEDED FOR ORDINATION MASS SET UP**

Please help us make the Ordination **AMAZING** by lending a hand. Seeking volunteers to help set up the Carlson Center and taking down setup afterwards. Assistance is needed in moving a large number of chairs and equipment on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> and after the ordination (Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>) help is needed to store chairs and remove equipment. If you are interested in lending a hand, sign up by emailing David Schienle at [dschienle@cbna.org](mailto:dschienle@cbna.org)



**Oratory:** Every Saturday starting September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Held at SHC from 1:30 – 2:45 pm for ages 5-17 for all children in the Diocese. For more info contact [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org) .

**Ordination Choir** – Practices are Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

**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. Fall Beloved Marriage Prep is at ICC

**Voces Verbi Young Adult Pizza nights:** Every Friday at 6pm. Adoration, formation, and Pizza! For young adults 18-35. 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays at ICC (First Friday Mass at 5:30pm, Adoration 6-7, then meet downstairs.) All other Fridays at the Sisters convent (Adoration, 6-7pm, then Pizza and talk. Contact the sisters for more info: [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org) .

**Women's Group** – This year the group will meet on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:15pm at the sister's convent, starting Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact the sisters for more info: [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org) .

**Men's Group at ICC** – Every Thursday at 7:30 pm starting with Adoration, the fellowship downstairs.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month from 12:30-2:00 pm. Contact: Janet Fortune – [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com) .

**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. Contact ICC for KoC meetings there.

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

**Franciscan Community** – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month at St. Raphael Church - 6:30-8:00 pm. For information 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.

**Sacrament 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.

The Sisters are in need of helpers for religious education classes. If you would like to help on one or more occasion, please contact Mother, Way of Salvation at [shc-re@cbna.org](mailto:shc-re@cbna.org).

“Teachers who love teaching, teach children to love learning.”  
~Unknown

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

St. Mark Community plays a vital role in education by supporting students and families. We can support the Servidoras and families through prayers and participating in activities throughout the year.

The information in the left hand column has been updated. We are a small community and are invited to join neighboring parishes to participate in activities of interest. Use contact information listed to find out more. We try and post as much information as space allows to make students and parishioners aware of what the Fairbanks Catholic Community has to offer. Take the opportunity to explore and grow in your faith.

### St. Raphael Feast Day and Fall Festival

Join us to celebrate our Parish Feast Day Friday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 26 and Oct 3  
Thursday Sept 28 and Oct 5

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

Comprehensive Marriage Preparation Weekend For couples interested in or preparing for marriage the next Engaged Encounter weekend will be Oct. 10-22 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in North Pole.

Contact: Fr. Ross Tozzi at [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) to register or call 907-347-3005

To Volunteer - Contact: 907-322-0227 text or [fairbanks@engagedencounter.com](mailto:fairbanks@engagedencounter.com)



**Justice Challenge:** This Sunday's Gospel challenges us to treat others as we want to be treated. The example which Jesus uses to illustrate this teaching is the one of debtors and forgiveness of debt. Throughout the Scriptures, we hear God challenging us to forgive debt and give people a second chance. Your challenge this week is to focus personally or globally on debt forgiveness. If you go the local route, ask yourself who most needs a second chance in your life. Whose “debt” can you forgive? If you want to meet the global challenge, ask who most needs a second chance, or a chance to start over, in the world. Is it victims of a natural disaster? Could it be those who have suffered from political persecution? Pay attention to what is happening in the world, then choose a group or individual in need of a second chance. How can you help them get it?



## Where are the archangels mentioned in the Bible?

Today we celebrate the feast of the great Archangels: St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael. All three are in the Bible. Do you know where?

We really ought to be devoted to the angels. They guide us with their inspirations, guard us from physical and especially spiritual harm, and remind us of the primacy of heavenly things.

God has particularly given us — as our heavenly companions —our guardian angels. He also introduced the three archangels to us through Sacred Scripture: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Let’s delve into the Biblical episodes in which these archangels appear.



**St. Michael** - A warrior who is usually portrayed with a sword in his hand and Satan writhing under his feet, Michael is the leader of the good angels in the war against Satan and the fallen angels, as recounted in the book of Revelation, chapter 12. We also hear of him in the book of Daniel, chapter 10, where another angelic being—St. Gabriel—speaks of how Michael came to assist him in doing battle with the Prince of Persia.

St. Michael is mentioned again in Daniel, chapter 12, and in verse 9 of the single-chapter letter of St. Jude.

**St. Gabriel** - Gabriel’s most exalted task was announcing the coming of the Savior to Our Lady in Luke, chapter 1. His first words to her are words that the Church joyfully re-echoes in every Rosary: *Hail Mary, full of grace*. Particularly known as a messenger angel, he also announced the coming of St. John the Baptist to John’s father Zechariah in Luke 1, and conversed with the prophet Daniel (Daniel, chapters 8-9, possibly 10-12 as referenced above) about the future of Israel.



**St. Raphael** - We meet Raphael in the Book of Tobit. Tobit, suffering from blindness, poverty, and other trials, sends his son Tobias on a journey to collect money from a debtor. The angel, disguised in human form, accompanies Tobias. He helps him accomplish his errand, gives him medicine to cure his father’s blindness, and unites him with his future wife Sarah, whom the angel frees from demons. St. Raphael gives a memorable address to Tobit and his son in chapter 12 and reveals his identity: “For I am the angel Raphael, one of the seven, who stand before the Lord.”

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To be a CHRISTIAN means to forgive the INEXCUSABLE because God has FORGIVEN the INEXCUSABLE in you. C.S. Lewis

## The Invitation to the Vinyard



I have been working since I was 17, and in that time, I’ve encountered my fair share of bosses who don’t like being, well, fair.

There was the retail gig that paid me less than the official minimum wage because I was a minor and scheduled me for long shifts because it meant cheaper labor. There was the restaurant manager who tried to convince me to leave seventh period early so I could waitress on a busy dinner shift (totally illegal, by the way). There was the unpaid internship with the editor who had no sense of work/life balance.

Our resumes are all full of these experiences — it’s capitalism, after all. It conditions us to look out for ourselves because we know no one else will. And it breeds an attitude of suspicion that often blooms into jealousy when we encounter the reckless mercy of God.

Most of us work hard for what we have in this life, and so we make the mistake of thinking we deserve the good things that come our way. That’s all right and good when we’re talking about a just wage. But sometimes we get our lines blurred and we begin to think we deserve, or have done something to earn, the salvation offered by Christ.

I am not the laborer who has borne the heat of long hours in the sun. I am the straggler, the lost one, the idler at the marketplace as the day draws to a close.

*“As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts.” — Isaiah 55:9*

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### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**“Thus, the last will be first and the first will be last.”**  
~ Matthew 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

### Questions of the Week:

**Adults:** What lessons do you draw from today’s Gospel? How has God been generous to you in this way?

**Kids:** Who is generous to you, even when you do not always deserve it?

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IF YOU LEARN EVERYTHING, EXCEPT CHRIST,  
YOU LEARN NOTHING.  
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YOU LEARN EVERYTHING.

St. Bonaventure. (1221-1274)

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for August 10 - \$ 1,319.00

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 18,609.72

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

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

## Prayer of the Faithful:

That we realize we are not only responsible for our lives, but for the lives of others.

## 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:** All suffering from natural disasters; All in areas of armed conflict around the world.

**Pray for:** The religious education of our children and young adults, and those coming into the church.

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

**Remember and Pray** for Our Seniors & Homebound; those living in Care Homes.

**Pray for:** Those in the Armed Forces.

**Pray for:** The healing in Mind, Body, and Spirit.

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

## Pray for Vocations:

“Seek the Lord while He may be found...” While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org)

You thought that he would be a cardiologist  
Now he spends his time mending hearts.

Or an engineer  
Now he spends his time building the Kingdom of God on earth.

Or a great dad  
Now thousands of people call him Father.

VOCATION 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>



## 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).

**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](mailto:ghauweri@cbna.org) to apply.

**St. Nicholas Catholic Church** has hired a **part-time Youth Minister**. Welcome aboard Beth Sauer!

**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)

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](mailto:humanresouces@cbna.org).



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Go to The Eucharistic Rosary Congress is held in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration, and prayer.