



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

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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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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

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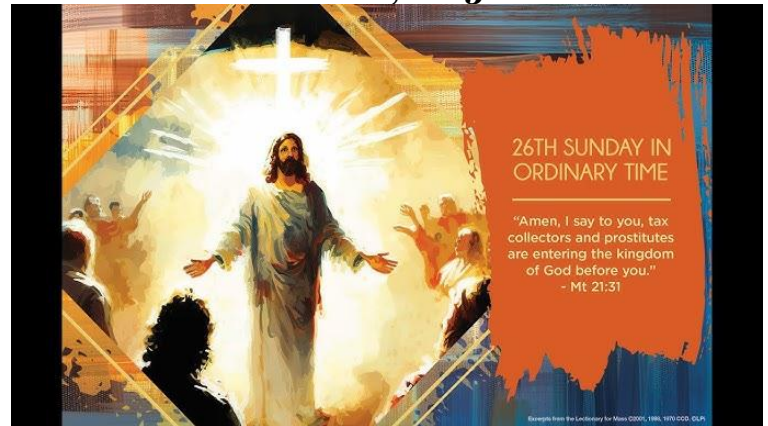
Pastoral Council

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

Finance Council

Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker, Fr. Ross Tozzi

October 1, 2023



First Reading: Isaiah 51:7

It is possible to turn from sin and preserve one's life.
Responsorial: Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20.

A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Be like Christ who humbled himself and was exalted by God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

Songs for 5:30pm Sunday Mass

515 Faith of Our Fathers

213 Holy, Holy, Holy

201 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

449 Amazing Grace

207 Praise to the Lord

MASS OF THANKSGIVING OCTOBER 2ND



Please join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving for the perpetual vows of M. Salvation.

5:30pm Mass of Thanksgiving

followed by a dinner downstairs at Sacred Heart Cathedral



COMING EVENTS:

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

9/29-10/1: 7th Annual Rosary Congress

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

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

10:2: 5:30 PM Mass of Thanksgiving at SHC for Vocations

10/3 & 5: 7-9:30 Beloved Marriage Prep at ICC

10/6: 5:30 PM FyndOut Fall Banquet Westmark Gold Room

10/6-14: Eucharistic Rosary Congress

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

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 – Support our Catholic School Education!



Oratory: Every Saturday starting September 23rd. 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 .

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 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. 1st 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 .

Women's Group – This year the group will meet on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:15pm at the sister's convent, starting Oct 3rd. Contact the sisters for more info: 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 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 – 6pm Tues Legion of Mary Meetings @ 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.

Sacrament 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 ST. MARK PARISH

We play a vital role in education by supporting students (UAF and local), educators, families, and parishioners through prayer. We can support the Servidoras by volunteering a helping hand in their religious programs for children and young adults. By providing updated information offered by other parishes in town, we hope you'll find something of interest to help you grow in your faith. We post as much as we can, but suggest you also check websites of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Immaculate Conception, St. Raphael, and St. Nicholas (North Pole) and take the opportunity to explore and grow in your faith.



BELOVED MARRIAGE PREP
Fall Session will be held at ICC:
7:00 – 9:30 pm
Tuesday Oct 3 & Thursday Oct 5

Ordination & Installation Mass



We are pleased to announce that Fr. Steven Maekawa, OP will be ordained as the 7th bishop of the Diocese of Fairbanks.

Please save the following dates and times:

Wednesday, Oct. 11 (7:00 pm):
Solemn Vespers at Sacred Heart

Mass of Ordination and Installation
at the Carlson Center.
A reception will follow the Mass.

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. 20-22** at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in North Pole.

Contact: Fr. Ross Tozzi at rtozzi@cbna.org to register or call 907-347-3005

To Volunteer - Contact: 907-322-0227 text or fairbanks@engagedencounter.com



Justice Challenge: Justice Challenge: This Sunday's gospel focuses on the difference between words and actions. Jesus teaches us that promising to do something is meaningless when it is not backed by action. Your challenge this week is to reflect on a time when you resolved to do more to help the poor and vulnerable, but then got busy with everyday life and never got around to serving. Or think of a time when you were specifically asked to do something to help others, but said no. Then choose one action you thought of doing or previously turned down and just do it! You may find it so uplifting that you make a commitment to do it on a weekly or even monthly basis. The important thing is to act.

Questions of the Week:

Adults: When have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?

Kids: Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?
www.pastoralcenter.com



October 13-21, 2023,
is **Respect Life Month**
Novena

<https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>



Why DO we call the Rosary a “weapon”?

It’s a dangerous world out there. Never leave home without your best defense.

It’s lightweight, maneuverable, and deadly accurate.

It fits in your pocket, purse, or glovebox.

It performs with pinpoint precision in the most inexperienced hands and is perfectly safe for all ages. It won’t ever misfire or jam. It only hurts bad guys. It comes in any color or style you want, and you can outfit it with all kinds of fun accessories.

Nope, it’s not a magical revolver. We’re talking about something much more effective against the *really* bad guys: demons!



And the weapon we’re talking about is **the Rosary**.

The Rosary has been the weapon of choice for saints, kings, queens, peasants, warrior poets, maidens, missionaries, and misfits for centuries. But why *do* we call this sacramental a “weapon”?

We call it that because it’s one of our best defenses against our mortal enemy, the devil. We are truly engaged in a spiritual war at all times, and Satan, as St. Peter says, “prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). The devil never sleeps and never tires. He is always plotting our downfall, and we’ve got to be on the offensive against him if we are to spiritually survive and make it to heaven.

If we’re going up against the devil, we’d best be fighting under the banner of Our Lady. The devil fears her like he fears no one else. She is like “an army set in battle array” (Song of Songs 6:10) against the forces of evil. She has given her warriors a special weapon for the fight, and they carry her Rosary like a sword at their side.

In fact, those in religious life carry their rosaries on the left side, hanging from their belt, because this is the traditional place for a sword!

“Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today.”
—St. Padre Pio

One guy who knows a thing or two about the power of the Rosary is Fr. Donald Calloway, who credits Our Lady with his incredible conversion. An ardent devotee of the Rosary, Fr. Calloway poured this devotion into his captivating book [Champions of the Rosary](https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed). Here he documents the history of this “spiritual weapon” and recounts the stories of some of the greatest Rosary warriors of all time.
<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

“God first, others second, me third.”

The Vinyard



The second son never showed up to the vineyard. Did he get lost? Did he get tired? Did he not know where to begin?

When it comes right down to it, good intentions amount to very little. We all know this, don’t we? “Show me, don’t tell me.” “I’ll believe it when I see it.” It’s as true in the workplace and in relationships as it is in the life of the Christian disciple.

It doesn’t matter if we *intend* to work in the vineyard. It doesn’t matter if we promise to, if we think about it a lot, or if we make grand plans for what we will accomplish there. None of that matters if we don’t show up. Before we show up, we have to find the way.

Showing up is the whole point. The work is the point, not the intention.

But all this begs the question: what does *the work* mean for us as baptized Catholics in the modern world? Spending our Saturdays in soup kitchens and homeless shelters? Standing on a street corner shouting out the words of the Gospel?

Our baptismal call is to the vineyard. Where is our vineyard? How do we show up? *We are ready, Lord, we say. We intend to work. But where do we go?*

My vineyard is not your vineyard, and so it’s not my place to tell you how to get there. I am glad you want to go, but you’ll have to find your own way, just like I will. But I can tell you this: only one voice will lead you there. If you listen to it, you will find your vineyard.

“Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way.” — Psalm 25:8

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves...”

~ **Philippians 2:3**

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.



Overthinking will steal your peace. Pray and leave it in God’s hands.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for August 24 - \$ 744.00

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 19,338.72

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 all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts!

Pope Francis' October Prayer Intentions:

For the Synod:

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



Please Pray for: Pope Francis; Bishop-elect Fr. Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and Dcn. Warren Lucero, Fr. Robert Fath.

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.

Pray for: Our Seniors & Homebound; those living in Care Homes; and their families and caretakers.

Pray for: Those serving in Public Service.

Pray for: For anyone who is sick among us.

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

Pray for Vocations:

“He humbled Himself and became obedient...” If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org



September 27th – November 9th

Join thousand across our nation to fast and pray, sacrifice and give silent peaceful witness to the gift of human life. www.40daysforlife.com



Help lend a hand to make the Ordination **AMAZING**. Volunteers are needed to move a large number of chairs and equipment on Oct. 11th. After the ordination (Oct. 12th) chairs need to be removed and stored, as well as other equipment. The more hands we have, the faster the work can be done. If you are interested in lending a hand, sign up by emailing David Schienle at dschienle@cbna.org

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Fascinating Things to Know About Angels

by Joseph Pronechen in National Catholic Register.

<https://www.ncregister.com>

9/29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael. 10/2 Guardian Angels



DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT

Sacred Heart Cathedral has hired **Deacon Ron Jones** as part-time **Outreach Coordinator**. Congratulations! **Thank You Ann Nickerson** for your years of service!

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. *If only Weekend hours are possible, that can be arranged.* 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 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 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: **Faith and Family Formation Director and Digital Content Coordinator**. 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.

Check out the newest edition at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/Inside>: Spotlight on Bishop-Elect Fr. Steven J. Maekawa, O.P.; Betty Johnson: A Life of Faith and Service; Profile: Fr. M. Arokiya Don Bosco, ALCP/OSS; Farewell to Fr. Joe Hemmer, O.F.M.

Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi – 4 October

Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

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>