



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

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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:

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

10/8: Deacon Sunday

10/10: Ordination Choir Practice 6-7pm @ SHC

10/11: 12 Noon Carlson Center Set-up...help needed!

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

10/12: 8 AM Ordination Choir meets at Carlson Center
9 AM Carlson Center doors open for Ordination
10 AM Mass of Ordination and Installation

10/13-21: Respect Life Month Novena

10/14: HIPOW 54th Auction & Dinner –

5 PM doors open – Dinner at 6 PM – Auction at 7 PM!

10/14-16: HIPOW On-Line Bidding.

<https://www.catholic-schools.org/hipow.html>

10/20-22: Engaged Encounter at St Nicholas in North Pole

October 8, 2023 DEACON SUNDAY



First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

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.

Ordination Mass

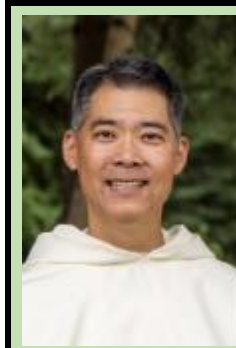
Solemn Vespers at Sacred Heart
Wednesday, Oct. 11 (7:00 pm):

Mass of Ordination and Installation
10:00 AM at the Carlson Center.

Doors are open at 9:00 AM.

Please arrive early so that you can pray before the start of the Service. Handicap seating will be available.

A reception will follow the Mass.



Livestream of Solemn Vespers and Ordination

Solemn Vespers and the ordination will be livestreamed to the diocesan Facebook page and the front page of the diocesan website. For the diocesan Facebook page go to: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Catholic-Diocese-of-Fairbanks/100064382484690/>



Oratory: Every 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. 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.

Ordination of Bishop Card

“God has chosen you as a true witness to Christ, the Good Shepherd. May He endow you with wisdom and ever deepening holiness as you guide the flock entrusted to your loving care. Congratulations as you begin your service to the holy people of God.”

Chancery Hours for Ordination Week

Please note that the Chancery's hours of operations will be as follows this week (10/9-13) due to the ordination:
Monday & Tuesday (Oct 9-10) – 8 a.m. 5 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday (Oct 11) – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday & Friday (Oct 12-13) – Closed.

Volunteers are NEEDED for the Ordination - Please help us make the ordination amazing by lending a hand. The church seeks volunteers to help **set up** the Carlson Center for the ordination and **take down the setup** afterward. The day before the ordination, October 11th at noon, we need assistance moving a large number of chairs and equipment. After the ordination on October 12th, we need to store chairs and remove equipment. If you are interested in volunteering, sign up by emailing David Schienle at dschienle@cbna.org.



Please join us today in celebrating Deacon Sunday by praying for our deacon –Deacon Warren Lucero. Deacons provide the gift of their service and charity to the churches they serve by keeping them in your prayers this week. Say a prayer for all our deacons in the Diocese who assist in rural areas when priests aren't available.

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: On October 11 we honor Blessed John XXIII. This is the pope who shepherded the Second Vatican Council. He also wrote several encyclicals, one in his last year of life in which he focused on war and peace. In *Pacem in*

Terris (or Peace on Earth), Pope John wrote that the root cause of war is people not getting the resources they need to live a life of dignity. We know that there are enough resources in the world to support all of God's people. But some have too much while others don't have the barest necessities of life. Your challenge this week is to ask yourselves (as individuals and households) if you have too much, if you over-use resources while people around the globe are starving or living in despair. If you answer yes to this question, choose one thing you have which you can donate to someone in need. Drop it off at the St. Vincent de Paul Society or a local shelter to take one step toward ensuring lasting peace in our world.

Questions of the Week:

Adults: How have you used your talents and abilities well for the Reign of God?

Kids: What can you do in your week to help the love of God grow in the world?
www.pastoralcenter.com



Who was the very first martyr?

Stephen, a fearless and eloquent deacon, was the very first martyr of the Catholic Church.

Nothing is known of Stephen's life before his introduction in Sacred Scripture, but his appearance, though brief, is powerful.

Stephen was one of the first deacons ordained in the history of the Church. He seems to have outshone the other seven, because Acts says he was "full of grace and power" and "did many great wonders and signs among the people" (Acts 6:8).

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.



Martyrdom of St. Stephen by Bernardo Cavallino

The Holy Spirit filled him with such eloquence that people who were hostile to the Faith couldn't overcome him in a theological argument. This made some of the Jews so angry that

they charged him with blasphemy and brought false witnesses to accuse him.

Stephen's lengthy defense is recorded in the Book of Acts, in which he reminds the high priest and other Jews how they have persecuted every prophet and finally killed the long-awaited Christ. Upon finishing his defense, he received a vision of Our Lord enthroned in heaven, and cried out to those around him about what he was seeing.

Upon hearing this, some of the Jews rushed at him, dragged him outside the city, and stoned him.

As he was dying, Stephen prayed for his killers to be forgiven. Then, says Acts, he "fell asleep," a beautiful way of describing someone who dies in the peace of Christ.

Fear was unknown to Stephen the Martyr. Nothing stopped him from speaking the Truth and praising Jesus Christ. We need Stephen's courage more than ever as we witness to Christ in this world. Check out The Catholic Company for items that help inspire you spiritually.

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



The bishops will govern the Church, the priests will do all the work and the deacons will have all the fun.

— Richard Cushing —

AZ QUOTES

The Gift that Gives Back



It never ceases to amaze me how often I fall into the trap and end up grumbling about the greatest gifts in my life. A husband, children, a life that is full almost to bursting: these are things for which I once begged God. These are the jewels in the crown of my life.

Oh, but the children need care. Constant care. And a husband — a real flesh-and-blood creation of God, entrusted to me by God, to help me be holy and relying on me for holiness in turn — well, that relationship is a lot of work, isn't it? And a "full life" — I laugh to think of it, and then I blush with shame, because I admit sometimes, I do yearn for a life that is a little less ... full. A full life can leave you awfully tired at the end of the day.

I would imagine it's the same for everyone, no matter your life circumstances or vocation. Your greatest blessings are also those things that require much of you, more than you imagined you would ever be asked to give. The biggest jewels make the crown heavy.

But if we had any of these gifts without the effort it takes to maintain them, would they be half as sweet?

In this same way, the work of the vineyard is opened to us through baptism; we are given the chance to produce fruit for the kingdom. It's a chance we never dared to dream would be given to us.

It's a gift. But just like with any gift worth having, it requires effort. Upkeep. Work.

It requires that we give in return. And it's the giving that somehow, mystically, transforms us. It's the giving that turns into the gift itself.

"...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." — Mt 21:43

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

St. Stephen - Patron of Deacons and Altar Servers

St. Lawrence - Patron of Deacons

St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows - Patron of Clergy

The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today.

~ St. Francis of Assisi

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for October 1 - \$ 1,966.00

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 21,289.72

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 are not afraid of living our Faith because of fear of being "rejected" by others.

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 travelers attending the Ordination of Bishop-elect Steven Maekawa, O.P. this week.

Pray for: The success of Monroe Foundation Annual HIPOW fundraiser and for all the individuals donating their time behind the scenes to make it possible.

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: For anyone who is sick among us.

Pray for: The repose of the souls of our faithfully departed: Grant eternal rest to the deceased. In sympathy we remember all who have experienced the loss of a family member or close friend.

Pray for Vocations:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Do not be anxious about discerning your vocation. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org



Loving Savior, continue to help Your Church affirm our deacons in their service. Together as one family of faith, may all that we say and do give honor and glory to You and draw others ever closer to Your Sacred Heart. Amen.

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



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

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. 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.

2023 Respect Life Month Novena October 13-21, 2023



The Respect Life Month, pray for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life intention, accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

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

Welcome Fr. Thinh Van Tran to the Diocese of Fairbanks. Fr. Thinh is a Franciscan from the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in St. Louis, MO. Fr. Thinh is coming to us from the Chicago area where he served as a Parochial Vicar. Fr. Thinh will be based in Galena with Brother Justin. Fr. Thinh brings our priest count up to 20 now in the Diocese of Fairbanks!!!! *Welcome Fr. Thinh!*

