



# 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

Fr. Ross Tozzi: [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) Ph: 907-347-3005  
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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.

### Thursday Catholic Student Association

Mass & Meeting – 6:30 PM at UAF Upper Lola Tilly

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:

**10/13-21:** Respect Life Month Novena

**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

"To go to Mass means going to Calvary to meet him, our Redeemer. He comes to us in Holy Communion and remains present in the tabernacles of our churches, for he is our friend." ~ Saint Pope John Paul II

October 15, 2023



**First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a.**

*The Lord will provide richly for his people.*

**Responsorial: Psalm 23:1-6.**

The Lord is our shepherd.

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20**

Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14**

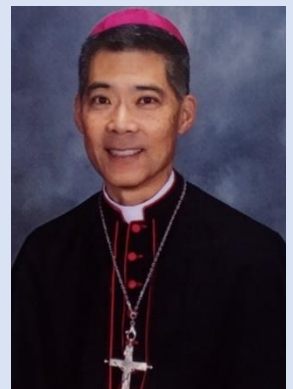
Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

**To the Diocese of Fairbanks Catholic Community ~**

We prayed for a new bishop and our prayers were heard. We came together with his brethren and family, to welcome him as he was ordained this past week. Let us continue to pray that God will protect him and help him in his work.

### PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

God, eternal shepherd, you tend your Church in many ways and rule us with love. You have chosen your servant, Fr. Steven, to be a shepherd of your flock. Give him a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he build your Church as a sign of salvation for this world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





**Oratory: Every 1:30 – 2:45 pm Saturdays at SHC.** Open for ages 5-17 for all children in the Diocese. For more info contact [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org). Catechism Class at 3:00 PM.

**Confirmation/Youth Group-** Thurs Oct 19 at ICC, Thurs Oct 26 at SHC

**Voces Verbi Young Adult Group – 6:00pm Friday Adoration, Pizza, and formation!** For young adults 18-35. 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays at ICC; All other Fridays – at the sister's convent. For more info contact : [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org).

**Fairbanks Engaged Encounter – Oct 20-22 at St. Nicholas Church in North Pole.** Contact [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) to register or call (907) 347-3005 to register or talk.

**Voice of Hope Prayer Group – 6:00 pm Tues evenings at SHC (downstairs).**

**Women's Group – 7:00 pm - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at the sister's convent.** 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.**

**Voices in the Wilderness: 6:30 pm Friday at ICC.** Contact Joe Malen 388-2550 or Annie Dobbs 479-8567.

**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 – 1:00 pm on Sat. and Sun.** Help by donating food or time. Visit <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>.

**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.

**SHC Book Club – 12:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.** 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 – 6:30 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month downstairs @ SHC.** Contact ICC for KoC meetings there.

**Legion of Mary – 6pm Tues Legion of Mary Meetings @ ICC**

**Franciscan Community – 6:30 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month at St. Raphael Church.** 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 info.** 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.**

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith? Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi at [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) or call SHC Parish Office at (907) 474-9032 to see formation classes you can enroll in or get answers to your questions.

**October 22 & 29, St. Mark University Parish will be conducting a Census.** The purpose of this is to collect current data on our existing parishioners and those who attend regularly but have not registered with us or another parish. Please take a minute to fill out the parishioner registration cards that can be found at the entrance and turn them in as you exit the church after Mass. This will help keep our files updated with current address, emails, and telephone numbers. If nothing has changed, there is no need to fill out a card. Please check the list found on the table at the entrance and put your initials on the line where your information is listed.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – October 22, 2023



Pope Pius XI instituted World Mission Sunday in 1926, and the first worldwide collection occurred the following year. Held each year on the penultimate Sunday in October,

World Mission Sunday is an effort of the entire Church to help over 1,100 dioceses that cannot sustain themselves because they are too poor, young, or actively persecuted.

Until 1908, the Church in the United States was a mission territory. We relied on this fund to build our churches and seminaries and support our clergy and religious. Today many foreign missions rely on our generosity to sustain the Church, which is an instrument of God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

With our daily prayer and our generous donation on World Mission Sunday, we all bear witness to the compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ, making Him present in every continent, country, city, family, and heart.

### FAIRBANKS CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER



**“A Wedding is a Day, a Marriage is a Lifetime”**

Comprehensive Marriage Preparation Weekend  
**20-22** 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:** The Sunday Gospel describes the wedding banquet to which the groom's father invited his family and friends. But the invited guests chose not to come. In frustration, the father welcomed people beyond

his immediate circle, even reaching out to people on the fringes of society. And they came! Jesus' message is clear: through him, God has given us a new understanding of who the Chosen People are. They are not only people born into the Jewish community. The chosen people include anyone who says yes to God's call. Your challenge this week is to look at someone who is not Catholic, a person you don't know very well. It might be someone you pass on the street or in the grocery store, perhaps a person whom you consider different or wrong, scary, or mean. Can you view the person through God's eyes, seeing them as part of God's chosen people? Can you name one way in which the person has said yes to God? In the coming week, commit yourself to a change of attitude or heart about this person.



## What do a lion, ox, eagle, and angel have in common? They're all symbols of the Gospel writers!

The four Evangelists are often portrayed alongside a particular creature. What are these creatures, and what do they symbolize?

When you see the four Evangelists—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—depicted in art, one quick way to know who is who is to look at their symbols, which are frequently depicted with them. You'll see a man (usually portrayed as an angel), a lion, an ox, or an eagle. Sometimes artists utilize the symbols as stand-ins for the actual saints, so you'd need to know your symbology to figure out who is represented.

Let's start by matching the right symbol with the right Evangelist:

**Matthew: Man/Angel**

**Mark: Lion**

**Luke: Ox**

**John: Eagle**

The great Church Father St. Jerome, who lived in the 4th and 5th centuries, gave us the pairings as we now know them. St. Gregory the Great corroborated his interpretation.



The symbols themselves come from the book of Ezekiel, who had a vision of God in the midst of these four creatures. The Church Fathers interpreted this as a foreshadowing of the four Gospels.

We meet the four creatures again in the 4th chapter of St. John's Apocalypse:

*"...the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle..."*

Matthew's symbol is a man because he begins his Gospel with Christ's human genealogy, focusing on Christ the Man.

Mark is represented by a lion because his Gospel starts off with a roar. Right away in the first chapter, we are confronted with the fiery words of St. John the Baptist, the "voice of one crying in the wilderness."

Luke is accompanied by an ox, an animal of sacrifice. This is because the first event he recounts is the apparition of the Angel Gabriel to Zechariah, the father of St. John the Baptist. Zechariah, a priest, is offering sacrifice to God in the temple when St. Gabriel appears to announce the impending birth of St. John.

An eagle is the companion of St. John, because in his Gospel, St. John "soars" above earthly events to contemplate the Divinity of Christ. His narrative begins with these sublime words: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

The Gospels, given to us by God Himself through His Evangelists, are an endless spring for our thirsty souls. Each Gospel should be familiar reading to every Catholic.

[Catholiccompany.com](http://Catholiccompany.com)

Regal Goldstream showing of "[Journey to Bethlehem](https://themoviescreener.com/journeytobethlehem/eblasts/antipater/)" Opens November 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. Check out preview at <https://themoviescreener.com/journeytobethlehem/eblasts/antipater/>

## The Wedding Garment



I like to think that any self-respecting doomsday prepper would find something to admire in my van's stores of extra clothes, snacks, boredom-busting toys, sunscreen, and seasonal outerwear. You never know when you're going to pass a free splash pad or a particularly amazing sledding hill. And you never know when one of the kids is going to find the world's most irresistible mud pile or fall into a river.

All this pre-planning for fun and disaster, and still, I usually devote a fraction of that effort to spiritual preparedness.

I swap out my traveling first-aid kit every season, imagining hypothetical emergencies — and I push confession off another week. "I haven't committed any mortal sins," I tell myself, "And I'm just so busy."

I shove extra outfits into my car's trunk on the off-chance my son decides to paint himself in Go-Gurt — and I shrug off the daily examinations of conscience that could help me overcome a persistent sin.

I stock my purse with bags of Cheerios to ward off sneaky attacks of kid hunger — and I fall asleep without saying the Rosary, murmuring to myself: "I'm so tired. Mary understands."

I am overwhelmed by the here-and-now, consumed by the minutiae of earthly life, that I forget there is only one eventuality I — or any of us — can expect with any certainty. We will all be invited to the feast.

Is my van stocked for that?

*"The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?'" — Matthew 22:12*  
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### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**"My God will fully supply whatever you need..."**

**-Philippians 4:19**

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month — be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

### Questions of the Week:

**Jesus said, "Many are invited, but few are chosen."**

**Matthew 22:14**

**Adults:** How do you translate your faith into the work of the Reign of God?

**Kids:** What three things can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus? [www.pastoralcenter.com](http://www.pastoralcenter.com)

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**Collection for October 8** – Sorry...due to the busy week we will have this information in next week's bulletin. Visit WeShare for online giving at: [www.stmarksuaaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaaf.org) Thank you for your continued support to St. Mark Parish ! 3% of our October Collection will go towards World Mission Sunday. Please give generously!

## Prayer of the Faithful:

That we learn to depend on God to supply for our all needs.



## 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 Fr. Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych. Den. Warren Lucero; Fr. Robert Fath, and all serving around the Diocese of Fairbanks.

**Pray for:** All who helped make the Ordination of Bishop Steven a success and welcomed visitors from out of town this week.

**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:** "Many are called, but few are chosen." Consider following Christ more closely as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org)



September 27<sup>th</sup> – November 9<sup>th</sup>

Join thousand across our nation to fast and pray, sacrifice and give silent peaceful witness to the gift of human life. [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)



## 37<sup>th</sup> annual Fairbanks International Friendship Day

Saturday, October 21, 2023 ~ 12noon – 5pm

Pioneer Park Centennial Center ~ Free Admission

Come together with others at Pioneer Park Centennial Center, Sat from 12noon – 5 PM. Cultural Display Booths ; Food Booths ~ Thai, Filipino, Chinese, and Mexican , and stage performances and music.

**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

**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 [gauweri@cbna.org](mailto:gauweri@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 [jingbe@cbna.org](mailto:jingbe@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: **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](mailto: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!*



*You are invited but few are chosen.  
Matthew 22:14*