



# 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 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- 10/21, 11/4

### 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

**Music Director:** George Stefan - Ph. 907-687-0077

**CSA Advisor:** Devan Larson: [UAF-catholic-Club@alasks.edu](mailto: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

## COMING EVENTS:

**10/22: World Mission Sunday**

**10/31: Oratory All Saints Day Party** at SHC starting with 4 PM Mass followed by Games, Bingo & Pinata, Trunk/Treat.

**11/1: All Souls' Day\*** Masses 7:30 AM, 12:10 & 7 PM

**11/2: All Saints' Day\*** Masses 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM & 7:00 PM Spanish Mass \*SHC Masses

Check out area bulletins:

ICC: <https://www.iccfairbanks.org/bulletins>

St. Nicholas: <https://www.stnicholsnp.org/bulletins>

St. Raphael: <https://straphaelfairbanks.org/bulletins>

## MISSION SUNDAY

October 22, 2023

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### **First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6.**

The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

### **Responsorial: Psalm 96:1, 3-10.**

Sing praise to the Lord.

### **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b**

Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:15-21**

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a questions about taxes.

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

**601** Christ, Be Our Light

**205** Blessed By Your Sacrifice

**660** Turn To Me

**212** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

**556** Sing A New Song



We are still in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors at Masses. If you are interested and able to help, please contact Mary Pat Boger (email: [stmarks@cbna.org](mailto:stmarks@cbna.org)) and training will be provided at your convenience.



**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.

**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 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).

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

**OPEN TO ALL IN THE DIOCESE:**

**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.

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**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.



**Census Weekend: October 22 & 29**

The purpose of this is to collect current data on existing and new parishioners.

Please take a minute to fill out parishioner registration cards located at the entrance and turn them in to volunteers as you exit the church after Mass. This helps us keep files updated with current addresses and telephone numbers. If you have not made any changes, please check with a volunteer, and initial your listing if it is correct or make necessary changes.

If you are a new parishioner and would like to join the parish, please use this weekend to fill out the parishioner registration card. The benefit of updating or registering is that it enables Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and the St. Mark Office to better get to know and serve you better.



**“Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move”**

This weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world’s most vulnerable communities. Pope Francis echoes the universal call of our Baptism – to be Christ’s witnesses to the world. Contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith bolster the Pope’s missions, enabling the following and more:

- Over 844,000 catechists to share the faith.
- 258,540 Religious Sisters to tend to families and children.
- 38, 140 seminarians to journey towards the priesthood.
- Education for 26 million children.
- Medical assistance in 12,000 clinics.

Please keep the Pope’s mission in your prayers and be generous in collections this month for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. St. Mark donates 3% of October’s collections to this cause.



**Justice Challenge:** This Sunday’s Gospel has

Jesus reminding us to give to God what is God’s. As Catholics, we are called to practice stewardship—to use our time, our resources, and our gifts and talents to build God’s kingdom here on earth. Your challenge this week is to examine your efforts to tithe financially. How much of your money goes toward those most in need? In addition to your support of the local parish and the universal Church, to which charities do you contribute? If you don’t have a favorite charity, consider making a Catholic organization your charity of choice. Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development are a few of the many great Catholic organizations which exist to serve the most vulnerable in our world. Make them part of your practice of stewardship and give to God what is God’s.

ORATORY

# ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY

**31**  
**OCTOBER**

AT SACRED HEART

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT!

4:00PM HOLY MASS  
5:00PM GAMES  
DOWNSTAIRS  
6:00PM BINGO & PINATA  
7:00PM TRUNK OR TREAT  
IN PARKINGLOT



## Tips For An Examination of Conscience.

How can I make a good examination of conscience?

A regular examination of conscience is essential to growing in our faith and strengthening our relationship with Christ.

In their book *The How-To Book of Catholic Devotions: Everything You Need to Know but No One Ever Taught You*, Mike Aquilina and Regis J. Flaherty explain the importance of making an examination of conscience regularly. They discuss how there are many types of examination of conscience, including one said before the sacrament of Reconciliation, and an examination of conscience said every day.

St. Paul emphasized the importance of regular daily examination of conscience, especially 1 Corinthians. St. Ignatius Loyola crafted two types of examination of conscience to be said each day: **the general examination** and **the particular examination**. When you do a general examination, you review your day and reflect on what went right and what went wrong. In a particular examination, you can focus on one specific fault of that day and brainstorm how to avoid it in the future.

You can make these examinations of consciences in the morning or evening, or both.

Before Confession, we follow an examination of conscience in preparation to confess our recent sins and seek repentance. Before you make your confession, ask the Holy Spirit to help you feel sorry for your sins. You then spend some time reflecting on the sins you have committed since you last went to Confession. A good way to identify your sins is to follow a guide with questions to ask yourself about sins you may have committed, then writing your sins down before you enter the confessional. *The Daily Roman Missal* provides an in-depth list of questions to ask yourself before confession.

For further guidance on making an examination of conscience either before confession or on a daily basis, <https://www.catholiccompany.com>



Regal Goldstream showing of **“Journey to Bethlehem”** Opens November 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. Check out preview at <https://themoviescreener.com/journeytobethlehem/eblasts/antipater/>

## The Tax of Caesar



Too often, I confuse this world with the next.

Every day has its set of problems that need dealing with. Some are very easily discernible as problems of this world: I am tired, and I need a nap and a latte. Some are very obviously problems of eternity: I need to ask for forgiveness, but I'm not ready to admit it.

Most problems are a subtle, maddening mix of the two: my body feels tired, obscuring how tired my soul also feels, while making me very cranky, which is keeping me from asking for the forgiveness I need.

It's not that the nap and the latte aren't solutions. Heaven forbid! I would never propose such a thing. Sleep and coffee, I am confident, can fix almost any problem in this world. This world.

Too often, I slap a one-size-fits-all earthly band-aid on all my problems and rush on to the next thing. But if the problem is an issue of my soul, I may as well pay for a parking ticket in Monopoly money.

I render unto Caesar, and I forget about what is owed to God. I apply solutions meant for the here and now to problems that have eternal consequences. The spiritual problems are dismissed, shoved to the back of my mind. For when I have time, I tell myself. For when I am ready.

But the only time we have is now. God is no king of this earth, and he does not ask for a tax offering. He asks for our heart. He doesn't want us for minions but for children.

*“I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not.” — Isaiah 45:4*  
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### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.”**  
- **Matthew 22:21**

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

### Questions of the Week:

**At that [Jesus] said to them “Give therefore to the emperor the things are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”**  
~ **Matthew 22:21**

**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 Oct 8: \$ 695.00; Oct 15: \$ 851.00.

Total Sunday Collection for Fiscal Year

7/1/23-6/30/24 \$ 22,805.72

Visit WeShare for online giving at: [www.stmarksuaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaf.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 realize we aren't "owners" of anything but merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us.

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



**Pray for:** Peace in all areas of conflict in the world. All in leadership roles that have the best interest of those they represent.

**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:** Fr. Robert Fath; all who are sick among us.

**Pray for:** The repose of the souls of our faithfully departed and those they leave behind. 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** "...for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction." You belong to Christ and Christ is God's! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or 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)

**FORMED**  
FAITH AT HOME

## Want to sign up for FORMED?

Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)

\*Select your parish (using zip code is easiest). We can sign in using SHC.

\* Register with your name and email address.

\*Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

To check out their content bringing beautiful and faithful Catholic content. Award-winning studies and parish programs, audio content, moves, e-books, and family-friendly kid's programming, go to: <https://formed.org/> Led by the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press and in collaboration with over 100 content providers, you'll find new content every day. Enjoy & Learn!



## 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](mailto: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](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: **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).

**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>



"Even the smallest person can change the course of the future."

J.R.R. Tolkien