



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: Warren Lucero

ST. MARK MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 PM @ Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)

Confessions: Saturdays 3-4 PM at SHC or by appointment

Sunday: 5:30 PM @ 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.

All Saints & All Souls Day Masses at SHC

7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, & 7:00 PM

All Soul's Day 7:00 PM Mass in Spanish

Catholic Student Association

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

LATIN MASS SCHEDULE:

Held at 6:00pm at SHC- 10/21, 11/4

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours: 10am – 12noon

Parish Admin: Mary Pat Boger – Ph. 907-374-9564

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

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

CSA Advisor: Devan Larson: 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:

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

11/1: All Saints' Day

11/2: All Souls' Day

11/4: 10AM Meeting at ICC for preparations to make consecration to Our Lady on Dec. 8.

11/4: St. Nicholas Holiday Bazaar in NP. 9 AM-3 PM

11/5: Daylight Saving Time ends!

11/5-11: National Vocations Awareness Week

11/7: 2023 Christmas Concert Rehearsals at SHC 6:00-7:00 PM ~ All Ages Welcome!

October 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26.

The Lord teaches that compassion ought to be shown to the alien and to the poor.

Responsorial: Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51.

The Lord is our strength.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul tells the Thessalonians that their conversion to the Lord has been an example to all believers.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

Songs for 5:30pm Sunday Mass

479 Love One Another

492 Where Charity and Love Prevail

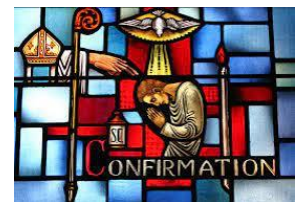
486 Christians, Let Us Love One Another

468 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

490 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

Congratulations to Emily Tucker

as she is Confirmed today, Oct 29, at our St. Mark University Parish Mass! Confirmation is a sacrament designed to strengthen the graces received at Baptism. The saint she has chosen to learn more about and to conform her life to is St. Joan of Arc. We wish her God's blessings on this special day. *Please join us downstairs in the Social Hall to help celebrate this special occasion with Emily and her family!*





OPEN TO ALL IN THE DIOCESE:

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 . 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. 1st Fridays at ICC; All other Fridays – at the sister’s convent. For more info contact : servidoras@cbna.org .

Voice of Hope Prayer Group – 6PM Tues evenings at SHC .

2023 Christmas Concert –Rehearsals begin Nov. 7th at SHC from 6:00-7:00 PM. *All Ages Welcome!*

Women’s Group – 7:00 pm - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 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.

30-day preparation to make a consecration to Our Lady at ICC. Daily videos will be sent out by email and will meet once a week on Saturdays at 10AM at ICC. Saturday, Nov 4th is the first meeting.

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 to register or call (907) 347-3005 to register or talk.

SHC Book Club –12:30 pm 1st Monday of the month. Contact: Janet Fortune – 43janett@gmail.com .

ICC Our Lady of Fatima: For more information, contact Shannon Christensen at (907) 388-1825.

Knights of Columbus –6:30 pm 2nd 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 1st Thursday each month at St. Raphael Church. For information contact Gloria Slagle stclare4@gmail.com

Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph – Contact Patty Walter at 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 or Ph. 907-374-9504.

Funerals – Contact Parish Office at SHC – 907-474-9032.



Census Weekend: October 29

If you haven’t already done so, take a moment to check the list at the entrance for accuracy and fill out a new form if we don’t have you on the list.

Looking to join the parish? Fill out the parishioner registration form. Talk to Mary Pat Boger or Marilis Bennett if you have questions. 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.

Thank you for helping us complete the update of records. We will be contacting you during the upcoming month to make sure we have recorded information correctly.

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

ORATORY

ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY

31 OCTOBER

AT SACRED HEART

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT!

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

DOWNSTAIRS IN PARKING LOT



HALLOWEEN

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Is Halloween an evil holiday? Nope! The word itself means “All Hallow’s Eve” (“hallow” is an old-fashioned word for holy) because it’s the night before the feast of All Saints. Have a safe, fun evening!



Justice Challenge: The Sunday readings challenge us to care for the most vulnerable in our midst. The First Reading focuses on immigrants, orphans, widows, and the poor. The Gospel has Jesus linking the great commandment of loving God with the command to also love our neighbor. Jesus made them inseparable. Your challenge this week is to explore your definition of neighbor. Whom does it include? Can you identify the people whom is God calling you to love as you love yourself? Stretch yourself as an individual and as a family by expanding your circle of neighbors to include those beyond your comfort zone and beyond your own parish or neighborhood. Have a conversation, meet for coffee, sit in the school cafeteria, or share a ride with someone with whom you haven’t connected. Make a new neighbor!

ALL SAINTS DAY
November 1

ALL SOULS DAY
November 2



Do you have to be canonized to be a saint?

Today (Nov 1), we celebrate the glorious Feast of All Saints. Come to think of it: are we celebrating only *canonized* saints?

No, we aren't!

While we can and do use the word "saint" to refer to canonized saints, the definition of a saint is actually *anyone* who is in Heaven, both canonized and uncanonized.

November 1st is a celebration of all the denizens of Heaven, including Our Lady, the angels, the canonized saints, and all those other holy men and women who have made it into their company, known and unknown. Many holy men and women have lived and died without anyone knowing they were saints, and others needed purification in Purgatory before entering Heaven. But all who become citizens of Heaven are now sanctified—they are "saints."

All Saint's Day is a celebration of the *Church Triumphant*.



What do we mean by that?

The Church has three *states*, that is, three categories into which its members fall: The Church Militant, the Church Suffering, and the Church Triumphant.

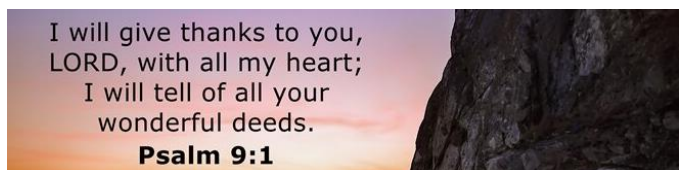
The Church Militant is us—the members of the Church who are still running the race, fighting for our souls, and working out our salvation here on earth.

The Church Suffering refers to the souls in Purgatory, who will indeed go to Heaven but must undergo purification before they can enter into the Beatific Vision.

The Church Triumphant encompasses all the saints (canonized and uncanonized) and angels in Heaven, united to God forever.

Together, all three groups constitute the *Communion of Saints*. Through this communion, we can exchange *spiritual goods* with those in other states: we can pray for each other and for souls in Purgatory. We can pray to the saints and the saints can pray for us.

Of course, we members of the Church Militant can't rest on saintly laurels. We aren't saints yet, and the devil will strive till the moment of our deaths—and *especially* at that critical moment—to turn us away from God and drag us down to Hell. Get inspired with the help of saints by learning about their lives. <https://www.catholiccompany.com>



27 Words That Matter



One of the quickest things you learn as a parent is how dangerous it is to explain too much, especially when your kid is teetering on the brink of a rebellion. The fewer words you use, the more power they have. A kid who is about to be carried away by their feelings needs to be brought back to earth with a tether made of short, succinct directions.

There are a lot of similarities between the Pharisees of Scripture and a toddler on the edge of a meltdown. Stay with me — this will make sense, I promise. Think about it: both toddlers and Pharisees have lots of feelings and lots of opinions. Both toddlers and Pharisees think you're out to get them. Both toddlers and Pharisees keep trying to trick you to get what they *think* they want.

A thorough Google search informs me that there are about 80,000 words in the Torah. Eighty-thousand words, and Jesus can boil it all down to 27: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

It doesn't make the excess words untrue; it doesn't even make them unnecessary. Sometimes I need the long explanation, the full and complete picture.

Because sometimes, as much as I hate to admit it, I act like both a toddler and a Pharisee. I am carried away by my feelings. I don't trust God. I am about to bolt.

When that happens, I need to be told in short and simple terms what my salvation means. I need a tether made of short, succinct directions.

"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." — *Matthew 22:40*

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

- Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort, or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are, is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

Questions of the Week:

"All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted." ~ *Luke 18:14*

Adults: In a practical sense, what is one thing that would change in your life if you loved your neighbor as yourself?

Kids: Why is it hard sometimes to love your neighbor?

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for Oct 22: \$1,093.00

Total Sunday Collection for Fiscal Year

7/1/23-6/30/24 \$ 24,138.72

Visit WeShare for online giving at: www.stmarksuaf.org

Thank you for your continued support to St. Mark Parish ! Please remember that 3% of our October Collection will go towards World Mission Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

Stewardship Prayer for 2023:

Dear Lord, thank You for being generous with me. Thank you for showing me that all I am and have are gifts from You and that these gifts are meant to be shared. Show me the joys of generosity. Help me to understand that others, perhaps unknown to me, depend on me for help. Remind me that my world, my parish, needs "Good Samaritans" to heal the wounds of our times. Make me a gift to others in Your name. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful:

That we recognize everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God.



Pope Francis' November Prayer Intentions:

For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Please Pray for: Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych. Dcn. Warren Lucero; and all serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks.



Pray for: Peace in areas of the world involved in armed conflict.

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

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

Pray for: The safety of all participating in Halloween events this week.

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: "Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Rehearsals for the 2023 Concert
will begin Nov. 7th

Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm
at Sacred Heart

contact Sr. New Eve
iccsecretary@cbna.org

Gail Riedman is in Hawaii with family as she recuperates and is receiving medical care. You can send her well wishes to: 440 N Judd Str., Honolulu, HI 96817.

Prayer Chain: Do you need someone to pray for you? Would you like to pray for others? Email St. Mark's office at stmark@cbna.org or call the office at 907-374-9564.



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 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 humanresources@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.

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and with all your mind." Mt 22:37

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>