



# 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.

## ST. MARK MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday Vespers:** 4:45 PM @ Sacred Heart Cathedral

**Confessions Offered:** Saturdays 3-4 PM at SHC and ICC.

**Sunday:** 5:30 PM @ SHC

Unable to receive normal hosts? Please arrive before mass and see the priest or sacristan (Jennifer Chown) about the availability of low gluten.

## PASTOR

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

Fr. Piotr Oprych: [poprych@cbna.org](mailto:poprych@cbna.org) Ph: 907-347-9805

## DEACON

Warren Lucero

## Catholic Student Association

6:30 pm CSA Mass – Thursday (1/18) at Lola Tilly.

5:15 pm Religion Education for students. Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi if you have questions.

## LATIN MASS SCHEDULE:

Held at 6:00pm at SHC

## 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](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

## CALENDAR of EVENTS:

**1/16-24:** Nine Days for Life

**1/18:** CSA Meets at 5:15 pm for Religious Instructions; 6:30pm Mass; followed by Meeting in Lola Tilly Rm 301.

**1/18-25:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**1/19:** Retrouvaille Marriage Healing Program in Anchorage.

**1/20:** National March for Life – Washington D.C.

**1/22:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**2/3 - 3/16:** Marriage Class-Winter Session

**2/23 - 25:** Engaged Encounter Weekend

**National Prayer Vigil for Life 2024** will take place Jan 18 & 19 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Check out EWTN to see the opening Mass on Thursday at 5pm and closing Mass on Friday at 8am which will be televised.

<https://www.usccb.org/prolife/national-prayer-vigil-life-schedule>.

## Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B January 14, 2024



### First Reading: **1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19**

The Lord calls Samuel.

### Responsorial: **Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10**

A prayer of commitment to follow the will of the Lord.

### Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20**

Paul reminds the Corinthians that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

### Gospel Reading: **John 1:35-42**

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.



### St. Mark 5:30 pm Music of the Mass

**387** The Summons

**464** I Heard the Voice of Jesus

**389** Here I Am, Lord

**393** Servant Song

**213** God, We Praise You

**“When we encounter Christ**, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.”  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life “How to Build a Culture of Life”  
(<https://respectlife.org/culture-of-life> )

Without faith, our children will never be rich,  
with faith, they will never be poor.

~ Blessed Giuseppe Tovini OFS (1841-1897)



**Religious Education:** Oratory from 1:15-3:15pm; Religious Education Classes 3-4:15pm. For more information contact [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org)

**Confirmation/Youth Group:** Contact [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org) for more information.

**Voces Verbi Young Adult Group:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at ICC. Meet for 5:30 PM Latin Mass.

**Marriage Preparations** – 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.

**Winter Marriage Preparation Classes:** Feb 3, 10, 17 and March 2, 9, and 16. Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi at [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) or call (907) 347-3005.

**Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend:** February 23-25. Please register for when registering for Marriage Preparation Classes.

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

**Women's Group** – 7:00 pm - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 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 Fridays at ICC. Contact Joe Malen 388-2550 or Annie Dobbs 479-8567.

**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. Become an active part in the civic lives of our country, states, and local communities.

**Legion of Mary:** 6pm Tuesday Legion of Mary Meetings ~ ICC.

**Franciscan Community** – 6:30 pm on **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the 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. Quarterly meetings. 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.

#### REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN Needs:

**Food items**—Granola bars Fresh Fruit (Bananas, apples, oranges etc.), jelly, Desserts, Eggs. **Clothing items needed:** Hats, Wool Socks, Gloves. Warm sleeping bags. For more information about the soup Kitchen or to help, go to: <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> or call (907) 452-3533 to speak with someone in the office at Immaculate Conception Church.



**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** encourages Catholics to 'Pray To Protect Human Life' during the 9 Days For Life January 16-24 Novena. The **Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks** asks us to participate in the nationwide vigil to pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. Join and get daily prayers, reflections, and more by email or text messages. Sign up at <https://ow.ov/ptvw50QoVnk> .



#### Marriage Class – Winter Session 2024 Sacred Heart Cathedral February 3 – March 16 2024

The Cathedral is offering a city-wide marriage preparation course using the Beloved Series on six Saturday Mornings this winter. We invite all those interested – engaged or thinking about marriage – to learn the ABC's of how to have a healthy, happy, and holy relationship. Sessions will take place in the Cathedral Social Hall on **Feb 3, 10, 17, and March 2, 9, and 16.** Please register for the [Catholic Engaged Encounter Feb 23-25.](#)



**Justice Challenge:** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on January 18. So often in our world, we emphasize our differences with others instead of the things we share in common. Yet our God is everyone's God, and

Jesus came as a universal Savior—for everyone, everywhere, all the time. If those of us who believe in Jesus can't get along, how will we ever bring peace to our world? Your challenge this week is to participate in this special time by praying for unity among all Christians. Then let your prayer lead you to action. What is one thing you can do as a family or household to be more connected—with the Lutheran community down the block, or the Methodist family that lives next door? How can you celebrate with them our common belief in Jesus? <https://pastoral.center>

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” – John 1:38**

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK ~ Time Come and See**  
**They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.**  
**(John 1:38b-39)**

**Adults:** What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognize you as a disciple of Jesus?

**Kids:** What does it take to be a follower of Jesus?  
[www.pastoralcenter.com](http://www.pastoralcenter.com)

The next Retrouvaille Marriage Healing Program in Alaska begins **Jan. 19, 2024.** Phone **907-863-8000**, or go to: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)





## Tip for picking a patron saint for 2024?

It's time to select a heavenly helper for the year!

Each year, January comes with a flood of resolutions and self-help guides. While some of these things are good and can be very beneficial, they can sometimes lead us to individualism, pressure, and pride.

Part of what makes our Faith so beautiful is that it reminds us that we can do nothing alone. We need God to heal us and act in us.

Beyond that, Our Lord has given us hosts of heavenly helpers: our friends, the saints!

Rather than insisting on a regimen of self-improvement this year, rely on the saints, those closest to Christ. Having a patron saint for the year can be a powerful way to invite heavenly friendship and intercession into your year.

However, because the Church has many wonderful saints, choosing one can be difficult! But with some guidance and prayer, it doesn't have to be overwhelming to find a great patron saint this year!



**1. Think of specific virtues you hope to develop this year.** Find saints that exemplified or spoke on those virtues. For patience, think of St. Monica and St. Bernadette. For honesty, consider Sts. Peter and Paul. If you want to be more disciplined, consider St. John Vianney and St. Josemaría Escrivá.

**2. Look for saints who faced similar circumstances as you.** Some wonderful married saints are Sts. Zélie and Louis Martin, St. Gianna Beretta Molla, and Sts. Ann and Joachim. If you're looking for a patron saint for single people, consider St. Andrew, St. Christopher, St. Agnes, and St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

**3. Pray!** Our Lord longs for us to join His saints in heaven! Through prayer and discernment, He will help us come to know saints who will powerfully intercede for us.

**4. Ask a priest or spiritual mentor.** Many people have had powerful and unique experiences with saints and can provide personal insights into finding a patron saint!  
<https://www.catholiccompany.com>

“May we never risk the life of our souls by being resentful or by bearing grudges.”

– Saint Gregory of Nyssa

## Those Who Seek the Truth



In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike – I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: “You don't want to talk to me. There's nothing special about me.”

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope, and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: *There it is. We finally found it.*

Isn't that the best we can all hope for?

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” – John 1:38

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – Jan 11, 2024©Lpi

## National Eucharistic Congress - “Will You Join Us?”

God has something in store for YOU, and he invites you to receive it at the historic 10th National Eucharistic Congress. There in Indianapolis, the Catholic Church from across the United States will gather at the feet of Jesus, boldly anticipating a new Pentecost. Your life—and our Church— will never be the same. Get your pass at <https://eucharisticcongress.org>

I REALLY APPRECIATE HEARING THIS FROM PAUL. IT ENCOURAGES ME TO KEEP MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TO LIVES OF SERVICE. EVEN OUR IMPERFECT ACTIONS CAN BE EPIPHANIES OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION FOR OTHERS.

I'M JUST HOPING TO LOSE A FEW POUNDS. I DON'T THINK THAT'S ANYONE ELSE'S BUSINESS.



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

January 7, 2024: \$ 1,393.00

Actual Collection YTD 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 38,608.43

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Visit WeShare for online giving at: [www.stmarksuaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaf.org).

**2023 Donations:** 2023 Tax Contribution Statements are available after Mass this Sunday (1/14) for those who donated more than \$250 by check or WeShare. We will mail out those that haven't been picked up on Monday (1/15). Contact our Parish Office by phone at 907-374-9564 or email [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) if you have any questions. Thank you all for your generosity!

### Prayer of the Faithful:

That we take time, every day, talking to God - praising Him, thanking Him, and asking for His guidance.



**Pope Francis' January Prayer Intentions:**  
**For the Gift of Diversity in the Church**  
Pope Francis call for prayers to the Holy Spirit "to help us recognize the gift of different charisms within Christian communities and to discover the richness of various ritual traditions within the Catholic Church.

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

**Pray for** peace in areas of conflict and violence; and for all impacted by the political upheaval.

**Pray for** those serving in the Armed Forces.

**Pray for** those living in nursing/care homes.

**Pray for** the unborn babies and their expectant mothers.

**Pray for** all students returning this week for UAF Spring Semester.

**Pray for** the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

### Pray for Vocations:

"You will see and be radiant, and your heart will thrill and rejoice." Your heart will be full of joy when you answer His call. Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, sister or brother? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Robert Fath, the Vocations Director at (907) 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org).

### Vocation Intercession

That every Catholic will actively seek out their calling in Christ and work to strengthen his kingdom, especially those chosen to lead as priests or consecrated brothers or sisters.

### Sacramental Guidelines

Anointing of the Sick, Homebound: Please keep Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, or the Parish Office of Sacred Heart Cathedral or St. Mark's informed of anyone who is homebound, hospitalized, seriously ill or wishes to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Contact parish offices at 907-374-9564 (St. Mark) or (Sacred Heart) - 907-474-9032

### SCAM ALERT!

No one from the Parish Office or the Clergy will send you text or email asking for a favor. **Do Not Reply to either.** Block the number and delete the text.

"If you can't feed a hundred people,  
then feed just one."  
-- Mother Teresa

### ADORATION TIMES ~ Fairbanks & North Pole

#### Sacred Heart Cathedral

Wed: 11 AM to 12 PM ~ Thurs: 8 AM - 12 PM ~ Sat: 3 PM -4PM

#### Immaculate Conception Church

Tues: 7 PM - 8 PM ~ Wed: 6 - 7 PM ~ Sat: 3 - 4 PM

#### St. Raphael Catholic Church

Tues. & Thurs 8:30 - 9:30 AM ~ Wed. 4:30 AM - 5:30 PM  
2nd Thurs 4 - 8 PM ~ Fri. 7 AM - 6 PM

#### St. Nicholas Catholic Church

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8:00 AM

# JANUARY

POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH



**SAFE ENVIRONMENT/VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR POSITION HAS BEEN FILLED:** Jocelyn Niedziela first day is 9 January 2024. She will work part-time (3:30-6:30 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays) through May 2024 and transition to full-time employment on 17 June 2024. Congratulations!

### DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Fairbanks is still looking to fill 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](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org).

### SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Sacred Heart Cathedral is hiring a part time Outreach Coordinator. Responsibilities include:

**Stephen Ministry** – train and supervise lay volunteers to function as Stephen Ministers for home visits and services at the Denali Center, the Pioneer Home, and the Correctional Center.

**Outreach** - train and support volunteers to help with the Loving Families program in conjunction with Love Inc. and food box distribution through the Food Bank.

**Safe Environment** – ensures all volunteers are vetted and trained to work with children and/or vulnerable adults.

**Emergency contact** for citywide callout of priests to respond to people in danger of death or in special need of pastoral visits.

Please submit a letter of interest, a resume, and three references to Rev. Ross Tozzi, Sacred Heart Cathedral. [rector@cbna.org](mailto:rector@cbna.org) or Ph: (907) 347-3005 with questions.

**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, Jocelyn Niedziela 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>

