



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.

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 Ph: 907-347-3005

Fr. Piotr Oprych: 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 – February 3 & 17.

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

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS:

1/20: 6pm Latin Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

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

1/25: CSA Weekday Mass and Meeting in Lola Tilly Rm 301.

2/3: 6pm Latin Mass at SHC

2/3 - 3/16: Marriage Class-Winter Session (Sat mornings)

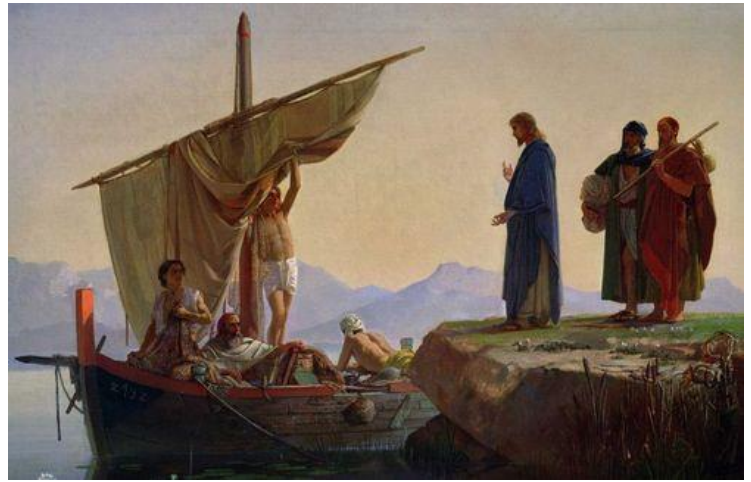
2/6: Women's Group for all parishes at 6:30 pm at Convent

2/23 - 25: Engaged Encounter Weekend

4/7: Divine Mercy Sunday

4/7: Easter Concert @ 4pm-contact iccsecretary@cbna.org

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B January 21, 2024



First Reading: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

God spared the people of Nineveh because they heeded the message God sent through Jonah.

Responsorial: *Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9*

The Lord teaches us his ways.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

Paul warns the Corinthians that they must act differently because the world in its present form is passing away.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:14-20*

Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples



St. Mark 5:30 pm Music of the Mass

597 I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

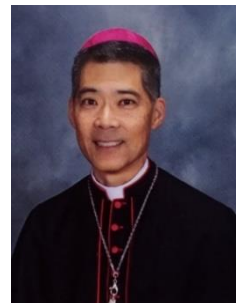
392 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

214 Soul of My Savior

Anima Christi

382 Celtic Alleluia

Bishop Steve J. Maekawa, O.P. will celebrate Mass at 5:30pm with the St. Mark Parish this weekend. We are happy to have the chance to meet him as his schedule has been full. Bishop Steve has been busy visiting every parish in the Diocese getting to know the people and communities. He became the sixth bishop of our Diocese when he was ordained on October 12, 2023.



Take this opportunity to arrive early to join Fr. Piotr Oprych for Vespers at 4:45pm and greet Bishop Steve before/after Mass.



Religious Education: Oratory from 1:15-3:15PM; Religious Education Classes 3-4:15PM. For more information contact servidoras@cbna.org

Confirmation/Youth Group: Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more information.

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group: 1st Friday at ICC. Meet for 5:30PM Latin Mass.

Catholic Student Association – Weekly Mass on Campus. Contact UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu for information.

Marriage Preparations – Contact Fr. Ross *six (6) months prior to wedding*. Contact 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 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: 6:30PM every Tuesday at the Sister's convent for Women over 18. Contact the sisters for more info: servidoras@cbna.org

Men's Group at ICC: Every Thursday at 7:30PM starting with Adoration, the fellowship downstairs.

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

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

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

Knights of Columbus: 6:30PM **2nd 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: 6:30PM on **1st Thursday of the 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. Quarterly meetings. 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.

REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN Contact the Soup Kitchen for more information on how you can contribute to their success (*Time/Talent/Prayer*): <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> or call (907) 452-3533 to speak with someone in the ICC Office.

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.oy/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: Sunday's Gospel has Jesus calling together a motley group of people to be his apostles. They drop whatever they are doing—fishing, mending their nets, whatever—and begin a life of discipleship.

What trust they demonstrate in Jesus! Your challenge this week is to drop the “nets” in your life which keep you from contributing to the building of God's Kingdom as Jesus described it—a Kingdom in which everyone gets the chance to live with dignity and hope. Reflect on how willing you are to drop the mundane in order to follow Jesus.

<https://pastoral.center>

Focusing the Gospel...

Key words and phrases: This is the time of fulfillment; Repent and believe after me; followed him

To the point: At the very beginning of his public ministry, Jesus reveals his mission to call others to repent and believe in the Good News, for “the time of fulfillment is at hand.” At the same time he calls followers to cooperate with him in his mission. This call is made not just to Simon, Andrew, James, and John, however, but also to us. Jesus' pronouncement and call, his mission, and our discipleship, are not time-bound. Today remains the time of fulfillment: now we are the persons called to collaborate with Jesus to complete his mission.



<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Make a corporal work of mercy by helping feed the hungry.



How was St. Paul's profession linked to his Apostolic ministry?

Tentmaking doesn't have anything to do with faith—or does it?

God doesn't leave anything to chance. It's not a coincidence that St. Peter and many of the other Apostles were fishermen. When Jesus called them to follow Him, He spoke to them in a manner they would immediately understand from their trade: "From henceforth thou shalt catch men."

The last Apostle—St. Paul—seems to have a random trade at first glance: making tents. Just plain, sturdy, simple tents that the nomadic Israelites used for homes. And that wasn't anything special; his whole town of Tarsus was known for its tentmakers.

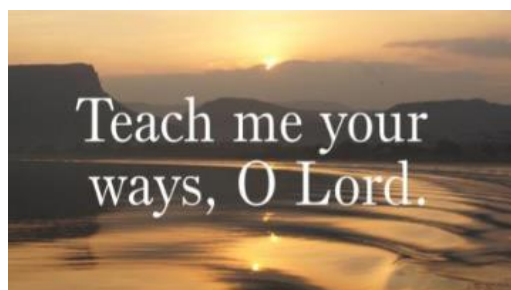


Yet Paul's trade echoed his work as an Apostle. Paul himself became something of a nomad as he traveled the known world endlessly, spreading the Gospel's message and bringing souls to Jesus Christ. He didn't always have a tent to shelter him, but the Church spread her protecting roof over him.

As the Apostle to the Gentiles, Paul must have reflected further on this parallel between his life as a tentmaker and his life as an Apostle. Formerly, he had made tents for Jews to live in and take shelter under; he had made movable, temporary homes to shield human frailty from weather.

Now, as a follower of Jesus Christ, he offered shelter to Gentiles as well as Jews—shelter that would be with them wherever they went; shelter that warded off evil from their vulnerable souls. That shelter was the Church, the one "tent" under which Jesus desires all souls to be gathered.

St. Paul continues to form and help us through his prolific writings, inspiring life, and continual prayers for us. His great legacy to the Church has been explored by Pope Benedict XVI in [Saint Paul](#), the book that brings to life this great saint and reminds us of his importance in our lives today. www.catholiccompany.com



A Good Time for Fulfillment



There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I didn't have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment." — Mark 1:14
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – Jan 18, 2024@Lpi

Sacred Heart Club Reading Group meets downstairs in the Community Room at 12:30 on the 1st Monday. Anyone is welcome to read and participate in these monthly gatherings. Following are February & March titles:
February: *The Life of Saint Joseph As Seen By the Mystics* compiled by Paul Thigpen c. 2022
March: *What Jesus Suffered: A Doctor's Journey Through the Passion* by Thomas W. McGovern, MD c. 2021
**Check <https://stmarksuaaf.org> Ordinary Time tab for complete list.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

January 14, 2024: \$ 777.00

Actual Collection YTD 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 39,803.43

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

2023 Donations: 2023 Tax Contribution Statements are done. Contact our Parish Office by phone at 907-374-9564 or email stmark@cbna.org if you have any questions. Thank you all for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”

– Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to “follow me” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better planning store for each of us.

Prayer of the Faithful:

That we may hear Jesus' personal invitation to “Follow Him” and respond by generously sharing all our gifts.



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 the unborn babies and their expectant mothers.

Pray for the success of the work of the Catholic Student Association that they become a strong influence in attracting students on campus to keep practicing their Catholic faith.

Pray for those living in nursing/care homes; for the sick.

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

Pray for Vocations:

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ's Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Robert Fath, the Vocations Director at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@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, Jocelyn Niedziela 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>

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.

EASTER CONCERT

THE FAIRBANKS DIOCESAN CHOIR



2024

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 7TH

4:00PM

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

THE DIOCESAN CHOIR NEEDS SINGERS FOR THE 2024 EASTER CONCERT!

Rehearsals Saturdays at 11:30am starting February 3rd

PLEASE CONTACT SR. NEW EVE TO SIGN UP

ICCSecretary@cbna.org

ADORATION TIMES ~ Fairbanks & North Pole

**Notice ICS Adoration time change for Tuesday.

Sacred Heart Cathedral

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

Immaculate Conception Church

Tues: 6:30 PM – 7:30 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



SAFE ENVIRONMENT/VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR POSITION HAS BEEN FILLED: Jocelyn Niedziela 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.

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 or Ph: (907) 347-3005 with questions.