



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 & Confession Schedules

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 PM @ Sacred Heart Cathedral

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

Sunday Mass: 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@alaska.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:

2/2: The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

Candlemas marks the return of light, a symbol of protection and prosperity.

2/2: World Day for Consecrated Life

2/3: (Sat) 11:30am Diocesan Easter Choir Rehearsals

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

2/5-9: Catholic Schools Week. K-12 Mass for Catholic Schools Week at Catholic Schools. Join us at 8:15 am.

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B January 28, 2024



First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses tells the people that God will raise up for them a new prophet.

Responsorial: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

A song of praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul expresses his concern that those who are married are more likely to face the distractions of earthly life than those who are celibate.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.



St. Mark 5:30 pm Music of the Mass

732 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

407 Be Thou My Vision

671 Be Still, My Soul

547 All Creatures of Our God and King

First Friday/Saturday Adoration

At Immaculate Conception Church

5:30pm First Friday Latin Mass

6:00pm-6:00am Nocturnal Adoration

6:00am Patriotic Rosary

7:00am First Saturday Latin Mass

Please sign up to cover an hour of adoration at iccsecretary@cbna.org or call 907-452-3533.





Religious Education: Oratory held at Sacred Heart Cathedral 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** in the Community Rm. 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.

“Make frequent visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the devil will be powerless against you.”

~ St. John Bosco

In memory of **St. Blaise**, the traditional **blessing of the throats** will be given to the faithful after the 5:30pm Mass next Sunday (Feb 4). All are welcome to receive this healing blessing.



White candles will be blessed at SHC Candlemas at 7:30am (2/2) and be available for interested households.



Marriage Class – Winter Session 2024 @ SHC 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 (9-10:30am) 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: Very early on in his public career people were spellbound by Jesus' teachings and recognized that there was something unusually powerful about what he was teaching and how he was teaching. The

listeners in the synagogue in Capernaum noticed that Jesus was using his power and authority only for good, in this case, to cast out a demon. They noted the contrast with the way the scribes taught and threw around their authority. This week, think about who in your life wields authority and/or speaks persuasively and moves people to action. Now, consider, are those charismatic people using their power for good, or are they using harmful or hateful words or moving people to do harm to others? Identify those voices in your life whom you trust are speaking with the love, compassion, and mercy of Jesus, and listen to them. <https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... to the First Reading: Moses was a prophet who spoke God's word with authority; now Jesus is the One God raises up with authority—not just a prophet, but as the Holy One of God.

...to experience: Thinking of evil in terms of demons and devils keeps us at arm's length. The evil in our world that we must confront is more personal and immediate:



violence, poverty, discrimination, etc. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

SHARING GOOD NEWS

“They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.” Mark 1:22

Adults: What can you tell others about Jesus with the most assurance?

Kids: What is the most important thing you would like others to know about Jesus? How will you show or tell them?



What saint was nicknamed the “Dumb Ox”?

We'll give you a hint—he was **not** dumb.

The other students at the University of Paris had given this unflattering nickname to one of their fellow-pupils, because he was shy, slow to speak, and rather heavysset.

And yet: he was anything but dumb. He was actually really smart. Few indeed have contributed so much to the mind of the Church. Few were so incredibly brilliant, insightful, and prolific in their teachings and writings.

In fact, the “Dumb Ox” became one of the most important Catholic thinkers of all time.

He is, of course, the one and only Thomas Aquinas, theologian and philosopher extraordinaire.

It's an understatement to say that Thomas' body of writings is *important*. His work so shaped the theological world that his system is now known as Thomism—a word always associated with rock-solid ideas. He possessed an illuminated understanding of the complementarity of divine faith and natural reason, his philosophical and theological ideas flowing together perfectly.



His preeminent work, the *Summa Theologiae*—a veritable britannica of Catholic theology—is staggering in its depth, scope, and significance. The *Summa Contra Gentiles* is another of his masterpieces. He also wrote various prayers and hymns that are now part of our liturgical life such as the *Tantum Ergo*, sung at every Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

You can't help but wonder if Thomas's teacher, St. Albert the Great, knew just how true his words would prove to be when he said:

“We call this young man a dumb ox, but his bellowing in doctrine will one day resound throughout the world!”

His voice certainly continues to be heard loud and clear. And we don't call him the Dumb Ox anymore—we call him the “Angelic Doctor,” so clear and elevated was the understanding of God that he passed down to us, his most fortunate pupils. www.catholiccompany.com



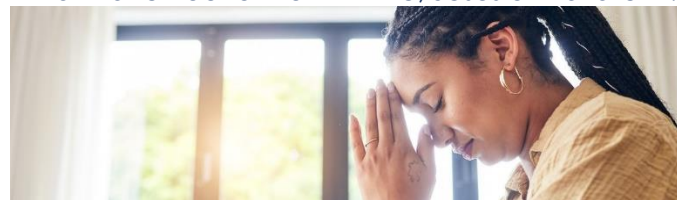
World Day for Consecrated Life

will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2023, and in parishes over the weekend of February 4-5, 2023. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. If you can't make it to mass

“We must **LOVE** them **BOTH**, those whose opinions we **SHARE** and those whose opinions we **REJECT**, for both have **LABORED** in the **SEARCH FOR TRUTH**, and both have helped us in **FINDING** it.”

~ St. Thomas Aquinas

What Have You to Do with Me, Jesus of Nazareth?



Inevitably, when we read the story of the Garden of Eden, my children try to imagine what life would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned against God.

*“Would we have to go to school?” they asked me.
“Would we get sick? Could we eat whatever we want?
Would we get older?”*

I tell them the only thing I know for sure about a world without sin is that we would be happier. I can see confusion in their faces—*Why? How?*—but I have none of the concrete answers they want. I don't know how to describe a happiness untouched by sin.

The moment sin entered the world, a chasm erupted between God and mankind. There is now a space between humanity and the divine, a cavernous and seemingly impassable void into which God calls for us, unendingly. And because we are lost in the dark, and miserable, instead of following his voice when we hear it, instead we reply: “What do you want?”

“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazaareth?”

Did the unclean spirit know, when he cried out all those thousands of years ago in Capernaum, that he was giving voice to a question which defined the human condition? They are the words of a demon, yes, but they are also my words. Far, far more often than I care to admit, when God is reaching for me. I look upon His hand with contempt and confusion. When I am grappling with a problem or a sin which overwhelms me, again and again I forget that I already know the solution.

The tragedy of original sin is not that we live in a world where we cannot eat what we want, where we age, and where we become sick and die. The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy. We look at happiness and we think: “What do you want with me?”

“It today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – Jan 25, 2024©Lpi



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

January 14, 2024: \$ 1,134.00

Actual Collection YTD 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 40,922.43

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

2023 Donations: Tax letters were mailed out January 23rd. Contact our Parish Office by phone at 907-374-9564 or email stmark@cbna.org if you have any questions. God bless you for your signs of faith and love in action of 2023!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Brothers and sisters: I should like to be free of anxieties.”
— *Mark 1:17*

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

Prayer of the Faithful:

That we may open our hearts to receive more fully all of God's simple and abundant blessings.



Pope Francis' February Prayer Intentions:
For the terminally ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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 that peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

Pray for political leaders and the Armed Forces of our country.

Pray for those who made commitments in the consecrated life.

Pray for our students' physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health.

Pray for our families and friends of St. Mark Community.

Pray for the protection of the unborn.

Pray for those living in nursing/care homes & hospice care.

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

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS~ World Day for Consecrated Life.

“I will raise up for them a prophet like you.” If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated 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.

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.

“Wonder is the desire for knowledge.”

Thomas Aquinas

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. or text messages. Sign up at <https://ow.oy/ptvw50QoVnk>.

EASTER CONCERT

2024

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 7TH

4:00PM

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

THE FAIRBANKS DIOCESAN CHOIR



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

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Fairbanks is still looking to fill the following positions: **Maintenance Technician** (full-time w/benefits) and **Director of Faith and Family Formation** (full-time w/benefits). For more information about open positions visit their website at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>. To request a formal job description or to submit a cover letter and resume please email humanresouces@cbna.org.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Sacred Heart Cathedral is hiring an **Outreach Coordinator** (parti-time). 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.

COMING SOON:

Lent is the 40 weekdays from **Ash Wednesday** until Easter.

It is a period observed as preparation for Easter, involving fasting and penitence. Lent runs until the Thursday before

Easter (Holy Thursday).

4/14: Ash Wednesday – the first day of Lent

4/14 – 3/28: Lent 2024