



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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

February 14, 2024

Sacred Heart Cathedral: 7:30 am, 12:10 pm, & 7 pm

CSA at 7pm in UAF Upper Lola Tilly Room

ICC: 12:10pm & 5:30pm

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

7:00pm Wednesday Mass – in UAF Upper Lola Tilly.

Religion Education for students – Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi if you have questions rtozzi@cbna.org or Ph: 907-347-3005.

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS:

2/3: 6pm Latin Mass at SHC

2/3 - 3/16: 9-10:30am **Marriage Classes** (Sat mornings)

2/5: 12:30pm **SHC Book Club Discussion** meets.

2/5-2/9: **Catholic Schools Week**

2/6: 6:30pm **Women's Group** (all parishes) - at Convent

2/7: 8:15am **Catholic Schools Week K-12 Mass** in

Holy Family Chapel at 615 Monroe St.

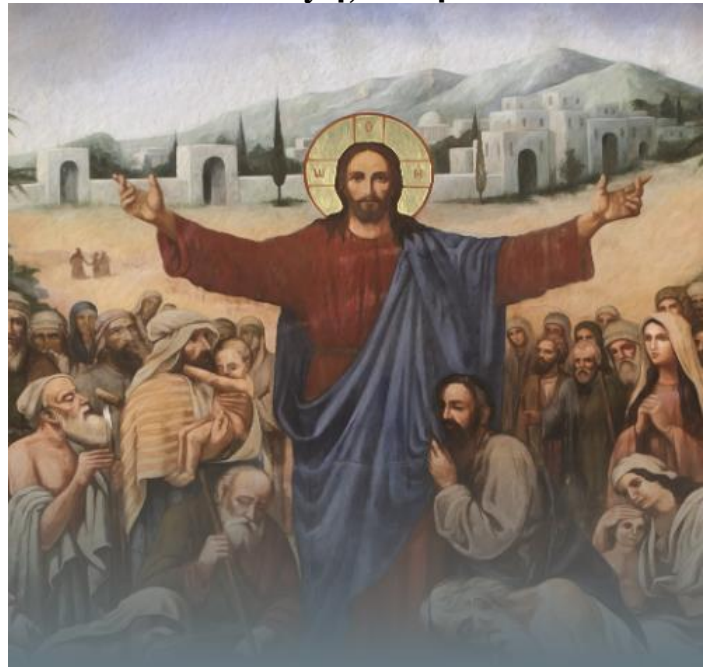
2/8: Men's Group for all parishes - 7:30pm at ICC

2/7-14: **National Marriage Week**

2/14: **Ash Wednesday**

4/7: **Easter Concert** 11:30am Saturday rehearsals at SHC currently being held. Come join the choir!

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life February 4, 2024



First Reading: **Job 7:1-4, 6-7**

Job laments his sufferings and his life.

Responsorial: **Psalm 147:1-6**

A song of praise for the Lord's goodness to the lowly.

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23**

Paul explains the conditions under which he preaches the gospel and the reasons why he will not accept financial help from the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading: **Mark 1:29-39**

Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law and many others as well.



St. Mark 5:30 pm Music of the Mass

556 Glory and Praise to Our God

624 The Cry of the Poor

673 Healing River of the Spirit in Perfect Charity

558 Come, Christians Join to Sing

Bring your old palms to church next Sunday, (Feb 11), where they will be properly disposed of. Please bring them and place them in the basket on the entry table.



As with other objects that have been blessed, they must never be discarded in with the trash



Oratory: Every Saturday at Sacred Heart Cathedral from 1-2:45PM. Ages 5-17.

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

Confirmation/Youth Group: Thurs -5pm- Feb 8 @ SHC; Feb 15 @ ICC Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more information.

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group: 6pm Adoration, Pizza, and formation at ICC for Young Adults 18-35 @ ICC.

Catholic Student Association – 7pm weekly Mass Wednesday at Upper Lola Tilly Commons on Campus – 1850 Tanana Loop. Contact UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu for information.

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: 7:30PM every Thursday at ICC. Adoration & fellowship downstairs ICC.

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 SHC Community Rm. Contact: Janet Fortune – 43janetf@gmail.com

ICC Our Lady of Fatima: Contact Shannon Christensen at (907) 388-1825.

Knights of Columbus: 6:30PM 2nd Thursday of the month downstairs @ SHC. 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.

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 with priest.

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

National Marriage Week (Feb 7-14) and **World Marriage Day** (Feb 11) are observed this month. This year's theme, **"Marriage...one flesh, given and received"** highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. Learn more on the Church's teaching regarding marriage and family and find resources at every stage of engaged couples, marriage, and family at www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family. Have your marriage blessed next week on World Marriage Day!



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.

The Month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family



Justice Challenge: The Gospel reading for Sunday describes Jesus healing people all day, and then getting up the next morning to be deeply absorbed in prayer. Jesus cared for the poor and the sick and those marginalized by society. But he never forgot the source of the healing which he did—his heavenly Father, whom he called "Abba," or "Dad." He kept in close contact with the Father throughout his life. Your challenge this week is to reflect on the relationship between prayer and action in your own lives—as individuals and as a family or household. Do you have a healthy and holy pattern of prayer which is part of your daily routine? Do you let that prayer lead you to the actions which God wants you to take to help heal a hurting world? Remember that part of a vibrant prayer life is letting God speak once you are done. Listen to what God wants you to do just as Jesus did when he lived on earth.

<https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... to the First Reading: Job describes the misery of the human condition when he laments that his life is filled with "drudgery"—he feels trapped ("is a slave") and is "without hope." This also describes the condition of the people who came to Jesus for healing. Jesus overturns the human condition, bringing hope and healing—then and now.



... to experience: A sick child instinctively seeks the touch of a loving parent; he or she wants the parent to sit by the bed, to be near. Even as adults, when we are ill or down-and-out, we seek comfort from a trusted and caring other who grasps our hand: As the gospel illustrates, in times of trouble we need the personal touch and presence of another. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

SHARING GOOD NEWS

"That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons."

Mark 1:22

Adults: When have you felt the sadness of Job? When have you felt the joy of those who witnessed the healing works of Jesus??

Kids: What could you do this week to comfort someone sad?



Fr. Ross Tozzi (907-347-3005) and Fr. Piotr Oprych (907-347-9805) hear confession on Saturdays at Sacred Heart Cathedral from 3-4pm or by appointment.



My loved one has left the Church. What do I do?

The answer is simpler than you may expect!

We've all seen it before.

Whether it's your child, sibling, or friend, we all know someone who has left the Catholic Faith.

No matter your relationship with the person, it is always painful to see the treasury and graces of the Catholic Church left abandoned by one who needs them the most.

When a loved one leaves the Church, you may understandably feel frustrated or confused. You may fear for their soul, mourn the loss of their companionship in the Faith, or be hurt by their rejection of something you hold so dear.

However you feel, we all understand the importance of praying for their return back to the truth of the Catholic Church. But we can feel overwhelmed...What are we supposed to say to them?

How can we help them see what they have lost?

Each person is different. Each walk of faith will vary. However, there is one thing that will be certain to help: *letting love fill your heart.*

In his beloved book, *Search and Rescue: How to Bring Your Family and Friends into—or Back into—the Catholic Church*, Patrick Madrid recognizes the absolute necessity of love when helping a loved one return to the Church.

Drawing from the wisdom of the saints, Patrick Madrid writes:

“The key to success in your own search-and-rescue mission lies in the quiet recesses of your own heart: love. To win your family and friends to the Faith, you must develop the heart of an apostle (one who is sent) – a heart full of love for Christ and for souls.”

Recognizing that this is easier said than done, Madrid goes on to give helpful guidance on how to achieve this heart of an apostle:



1. Prayer
2. Absolute trust in God
3. Humility
4. Perseverance
5. Love

So, if you are longing for a loved one to return to the Catholic Church, do not despair! Remember that Christ is longing for their return right alongside you and that He will fight for their love! In the meantime, focus on cultivating a heart of love that will help draw them towards the profound reality of Christ's Love.

Patrick Madrid's *Search and Rescue* breaks down the most effective, time-tested methods for bringing family and friends into—or back into—the Church and walks you through them with wisdom and guidance from the saints.

www.catholiccompany.com

Sunday has always been considered by Christians to be a 'little Easter,' the day on which we celebrate the Lord's resurrection and his victory over sin and death. There is no rule against maintaining sacrifice during Lent and Advent, but Sunday is a day of celebration! <https://www.catholic.org/rent/story>

Purpose and Pride



Father, forgive me. Today's Gospel made me want to fight somebody.

If you want to make me really, really angry, you are sure of doing so if you tell me about an old woman who was sick, but felt a little better, and then her son-in-law and all his buddies showed up, so she cooked them a bunch of food and cleaned up after them.

We all project our own feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires onto the word of God. I certainly do. And most of my feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires spring from my current role as a tired mom of little kids.

I think there is a fear inside many of us of God's purpose for our lives. What if it's not aligned perfectly with what we think we need, or what we imagine we want? Most of the time, I think I need a nap, and I imagine that I want absolutely no one asking me for any kind of help. And here I am, perpetually napless and always being called on to render assistance.

The actions of Peter's mother-in-law were the only actions we would expect of a woman who had just received a miracle. She jumped up, and with bravery and boldness she served the Lord.

But couldn't she rest? Couldn't she serve him later? Couldn't she thank him with a smile and take a nap? Well, I suppose. But is that how you react to a miracle?

I have received my miracle — my family. My purpose. So why am I still lying down?

“He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.” — Mark 1:31

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – Feb 1, 2024

“Do not be disheartened by your imperfections, but always rise up with fresh courage.”
~St. Francis de Sales.

Important Reminder:

Ash Wednesday this year falls on February 14th, which is also St. Valentine's Day. However, the obligation to fast and to abstain from meat remains in effect for all Catholics.

PAUL SURE IS ABOUT ADAPTABILITY. ABSOLUTELY



SHARING THE GOSPEL WAS PARAMOUNT FOR HIM. HE STOPPED AT NOTHING.



I FEEL LIKE RICH PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT JESUS.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

January 28, 2024: \$ 1,261.00

Actual Collection YTD 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 42,168.43

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

A percentage of donations in February and March will go towards the following special collections:

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Operation Rice Bowl (2/14-3/31). 25% of this collection supports diocesan anti-poverty efforts.

Black & Indian Mission (2/18) supports evangelization work throughout our diocese and USA.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land supports the preservation of Holy Places and welfare of Christians living in the Holy Land.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

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, who have committed to consecrated life in our diocese.

Pray for Men and Women considering and responding to the call of priesthood or consecrated life.

Pray for families, those working outdoors, and the homeless during this cold weather.

Pray for the protection of the unborn.

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

Pray for those in poor health, the elderly, and caretakers.

Pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially all deceased priests, deacons, and women religious on this day.

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful:

That – just as Jesus rose early to pray – we, too, may find time in our day to be with God and to receive strength and nourishment from Him.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS. "Jesus went away to a secluded place and prayed." If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 and talk to Fr. Robert Fath, the Vocations Director at our email: rfath@cbna.org

Sacramental Guidelines

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

DONATIONS FOR SOUP KITCHEN NEEDED: Hats, Wool Socks, Gloves, Warm Sleeping Bags, Granola Bars, Jelly, Fresh Fruit, Desserts, Eggs. Contact: <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> or call (907) 452-3533 to speak with someone in the ICC Office.

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** (part-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.

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>

Comment NEVER Heard At Church:

"Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew."