



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 at 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.

Lenten Penance Services

St. Nicholas Church in North Pole

Friday, March 8 (6:00 to 8:00 PM)

Sacred Heart/Immaculate Conception

Combined Penance Service at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Tuesday, March 19 (7:00 pm)

St. Raphael's Parish

Thursday, March 21 (7:00 pm)

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@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:

Now to 3/16 (Sat): 9:00 - 10:30am Marriage Classes

2/28: 7 pm CSA weekly Mass & Meeting at UAF

3/4-7: Priest Convocation in Anchorage

3/10: Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward

3/12: 7:00 pm Chrism Mass at SHC

3/9: 6:00 Latin Mass at SHC

3/19: 7:00 pm Lenten Reconciliation Service at SHC

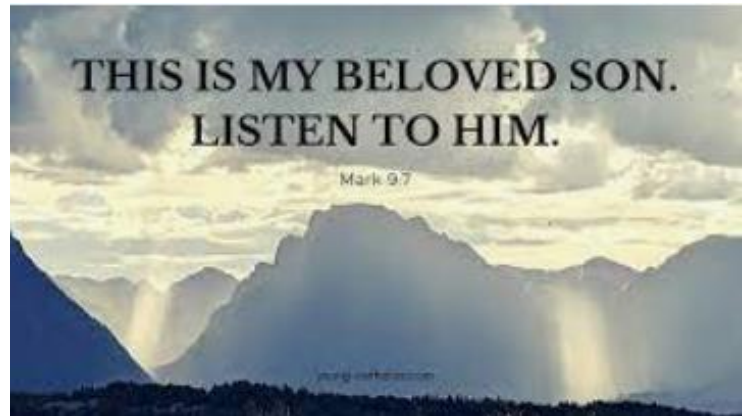
3/22: 5-8:00 pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fray at Monroe

3/24: Palm Sunday

3/31: EASTER SUNDAY

4/7: 4:00 pm Easter Concert at Sacred Heart Cathedral

February 25, 2024 2nd Sunday of Lent, Cycle B



First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Abraham obeyed God and prepared to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

Responsorial: Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

A prayer of faithfulness to God

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

God's faithfulness is shown in his offering of his own Son for our salvation.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.



St. Mark 5:30 pm Music of the Mass

124 'Tis Good, lord, to be Here

663 Hosea

125 Transfiguration

136 Attende Domine

132 From the Depths We Cry To Thee



Bishop Steven J. Maekawa, O.P. will preside over this special liturgy – **7 pm, March 12th** (Tue) at Sacred Heart Cathedral where

he will consecrate the *chrism* used to anoint the newly baptized, to seal candidates for confirmation and to dedicate new Churches and Altars. The oil of catechumens, used with those preparing for baptism, and oil of the sick, used to offer comfort, support, and healing to the aged and infirm, are also blessed at this time. Priests will gather to renew their priestly promises and recommit themselves to ordained ministry. Lay people present recommit themselves to the service of God and others, which is rooted in their baptismal mission, whatever their vocation in life. *All are welcome to this important liturgy in the life of our church!*



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

Summer Oratory Summer Catholic camp for youth ages 6 to 17 will be held Wednesday June 5th to Friday June 14th. Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more information. Registrations are due May 1, 2024.

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 – 7 pm weekly Mass (Wed) at Upper Lola Tilly Commons on Campus – 1850 Tanana Loop. Contact UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu for information.

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

7 pm Traditional Latin Mass at Sacred Heart - March 9 & 16, April 6 & 20.

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

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.

Lent's 3 Pillars: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

OVERCOMING HUNGER



In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

MARRIAGE CLASSES at Sacred Heart continue to meet March 2, 9, & 16 on Saturday in the Social Hall from 9-10:30am. This is a city-wide marriage preparation course using the Beloved Series. All interested – engaged or thinking about marriage – are invited to attend and learn the ABC's of how to have a healthy, happy, and holy relationship. Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi at rtozzi@cbna.org to register or call (907) 347-3005.



Come Join the Choir in singing for the Chrism Mass!

This annual Diocesan Mass will take place on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM. At the Mass, Bishop Steve will bless the oils used in our diocese for sacraments throughout the liturgical year. Following Mass, there will be a special all-parish reception downstairs in the social hall where we can meet and visit with friends while the oils are being prepared upstairs.

Rehearsals are Sunday, March 3rd and Sunday, March 10th from 2:30-3:30 pm in the Sanctuary of Sacred Heart Cathedral. Please contact Sister New Eve at iccsecretary@cbna.org.

“He who sings, prays twice.” ~St. Augustine



Justice Challenge: Sometimes we think about making big plans for Lenten sacrificing, only to fall behind with work, family, and other responsibilities. We find ourselves in the Second Week of Lent with no commitment to better prayer lives, doing good deeds, or practicing acts of self-denial. But it is never too late. Catholic Relief Services offers a great resource to parishes and families for praying, fasting and charitable giving—all in one simple project. What is so great about this project, known as Operation Rice Bowl (ORB), is that it makes all the right connections. When you put the money, you would have spent on a CD or that mocha latte you crave into your Rice Bowl box, you participate in Jesus' sacrifice. CRS provides prayers to accompany your giving. And it uses the money you would have spent on yourself to help people in need across the world. Participating in ORB is an act of solidarity—standing with your brothers and sisters as one human family. Your challenge this week is to adopt Operation Rice Bowl (go to CRSRiceBowl.org if your parish doesn't do ORB). Give up the extra energy drink, candy bar, movie, or trip to the mall. Put the money in your Rice Bowl, knowing it will be sent to CRS. You will be walking with Jesus while making a difference in the lives of others. <https://pastoral.center>

The Assurance of Lent

“Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” -Mark 9:5

Adults: How deeply do you believe that since God is for you no one can destroy you?

Kids: What would you like to ask God to do for you and your family?

Why is Lent forty days long?

Forty is a number with ancient biblical significance.

Lent is forty days because Jesus fasted in the wilderness forty days and forty nights before embarking on His public ministry.



Man of Sorrows by William Dyce

But Jesus did not select the length of His fast at random. Throughout the Old Testament, a stretch of forty days (or years) has always carried a deep meaning often related to punishment, penance, and/or preparation.

Here are a few examples:

- During Noah's time, God sent rain for forty days and forty nights to punish the earth with flood.
- In consequence of their lack of faith, the Israelites wandered in the desert forty years before reaching the Promised Land
- The people of Nineveh fasted and repented to avert the wrath of God which the prophet Jonah predicted would come upon them in forty days.
- Both Moses and Elijah fasted forty days before or during important conversations with God

When the time came for Jesus to begin His public mission, He utilized this tradition. His mission was of an all-encompassing nature that taps into—and fulfills—all the biblical reasons for forty-day events.

As the God-Man, He was embarking on His mission to be our Mediator—to converse with God on our behalf, as Moses and Elijah did in a prefigurative way.

As the one Man Who came to bear the punishment due to all men, He evokes the repentance of Nineveh that averted the punishment of God.

The season of Lent is our great opportunity to enter into the desert with Christ. Do you have a plan for how to approach these days and gain the incredible graces they offer us?

One way to enter into the desert with Christ is by meditating on our own death. Lent is a time when we remember the death of Christ and the sacrifice, he made to give us eternal life.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

We can think of Lent as a time to eradicate evil or cultivate virtue, a time to pull up weeds or to plant good seeds. Which is better is clear, for the Christian ideal is always positive rather than negative. ~ [Fulton J Sheen](#)

On the Mountain



Why climb a mountain? "Because it's there," George Mallory famously said, before perishing in an attempt to scale Mount Everest.

God is an event planner; every detail matters, and the location is most crucial of all. On the mountain, God demanded the sacrifice of Isaac. On the mountain, he restored Isaac to his father. On the mountain, Jesus was transfigured, revealed in all his mystifying glory as the beloved Son of God, the sacrifice which would finally balance the scale.

These things happened on a mountain because they could only happen on a mountain. The mountain is where the reckoning happens. It is where God takes, where He gives back, where He hands down.

In Lent, we encounter the mountain. We are removed from the distractions of ordinary life and placed outside the confines of our everyday habits. We find silence and mystery, pain, and truth. We struggle and we become tired, and there is always a moment when we wonder if perhaps it would have been easier not to climb. There is always a moment when others look at us and think: "Why climb a mountain?"

I confess, I am not much of an outdoorswoman. Hiking, in my family, is any walking you do on a trail that is not paved, so I am far from qualified to comment on whether or not the view from the summit was worth George Mallory's life. But I do know a thing or two about struggling through a difficult experience. I know the strange peace that exists in the moment after it's all over and you catch your breath and realize you are a better, stronger, wiser person for the pain.

The mountain is there. Let's climb it.

"God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am!' he replied." — Genesis 22:1

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – Feb 22, 2024@LPi.

Area Lenten Friday Devotions

Sacred Heart Cathedral

5:30 pm Mass - 6 pm Stations of the Cross

Simple Meatless Potluck Meal in Social Hall afterwards

Immaculate Conception Church

5:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

St. Raphael Catholic Church

6:00 pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Ending with Simple Meatless Soup & Bread

St. Nicholas Church in North Pole

6:00 pm Simple Supper followed by

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Easter Memorial Lilies –If you would like to donate \$25 to help pay for the sanctuary Easter Lilies in memory of a deceased family member, look for envelopes on the credenza between the offices that you can fill out, put your money in and drop in the collection basket. One name (or family name) per donation. If you have questions, please call SHC parish office at 907-474-0932.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

February 18, 2024: \$ 681.00

Actual Collection YTD

7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 44,988.93

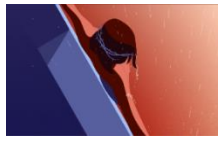
Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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 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.



Lent Fasting Ideas:

Kids/Teen – Give up a favorite chair at home or seat at school.

General Ideas – Park in the back of the parking lot and say a prayer as you walk

to the grocery store.

Lent Prayer Ideas:

Kids/Teen – Pick a relative each day and pray for that person.

General Ideas – Attend Adoration of the Eucharist.

Lent Almsgiving/Charity/Donation Ideas:

Kids/Teen/General – Donate a service (free homework tutoring, free professional assistance, etc.)

<https://hallow.com/blog>

SOUP KITCHEN AT ICC NEEDS THE FOLLOWING:

Clothing Items: Hats, Wool Socks, Gloves, and Warm Sleeping Bags.

Food items: Granola bars, Jelly, Fresh Fruit (Bananas, apples, oranges, etc.), Desserts, Eggs.

Volunteering and/or prayers are always needed.

Contact: <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>

or call (907) 452-3533 to speak with someone in the ICC Office and find out how you can help.

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Here I am!” he answered.” – Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord, when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

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; all priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons in our diocese.

- + For an end to all wars, persecution, and violence.
- + For all catechumens who will be receiving the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.
- + For all who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually.
- + For the unborn and their mothers.
- + Families and friends of the St. Mark Community.
- + The repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS. “This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!” Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest or in consecrated life? Listen to Him and 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 or 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.



DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
The Diocese of Fairbanks is currently seeking the following:
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 a part-time **Outreach Coordinator**. Responsibilities include Stephen Ministry Outreach, Safe Environment, and 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>

