



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 & 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

3/4-7: Priest Convocation in Anchorage

3/6: 7 pm CSA weekly Mass & Meeting at UAF

3/9: 6:00 Latin Mass at SHC

3/10: Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward

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

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

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

3/24: Palm Sunday

3/28-29: Holy Thursday/Good Friday/Holy Saturday

3/31: EASTER SUNDAY

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

March 3, 2024 3rd Sunday of Lent, Cycle B



First Reading: *Exodus 20:1-17*

Moses is given the Ten Commandments.

Responsorial: *Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11*

A prayer of praise to God who gives us his commandments.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

Paul preaches Christ crucified to the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading: *John 2:13-25*

Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.



St. Mark 5:30 pm Music of the Mass

207 Holy, Holy, Holy

420 Earthen Vessels

658 Turn to Me

197 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

206 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

CHRISM MASS: Tuesday, March 12th Bishop Steven J.

Maekawa, O.P. will preside over this special liturgy at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7:00pm. 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. A reception will follow in the Social Room downstairs. *All are encouraged to attend to witness this special liturgy !!*

Look for **Palm Sunday – Holy Week – Easter** schedule in next week's bulletin.



24-Hours for the Lord – Mar 8-9 (Fri-Sat) Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation introduced at St. Raphael. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from the conclusion of Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 8th (approximately 7:00pm) until 5:30 pm before Saturday Mass.

SHC Book Club: 12:30PM 1st Monday, March 4, in SHC Community Room. Discussion on the Passion of Jesus. Contact: Janet Fortune – 43janetf@gmail.com

Oratory/Religious Education: Every Saturday at Sacred Heart Cathedral Oratory from 1-2:45PM. Ages 5-17. Religious Ed Classes 3-4:15PM. For more info contact servidoras@cbna.org

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.

Confirmation/Youth Group: Thurs -5pm- Mar 7 @ SHC . 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: March 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 at the sister's convent every Tuesday (rosary/lecture/refreshment) for women over 18. (Series on the history of the Church.) Contact info: servidoras@cbna.org .

Men's Group: 7:30PM at ICC every Thursday. Adoration - followed by meeting downstairs.

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

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.

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

Chrim Choir rehearsals begin this Sunday, March 3rd from 2:30-3:30 pm in the Sancutary of Sacred Heart Cathedral. Anyone interested in singing in the choir for the Chrim Mass at SHC, on March 12th please contact Sr. New Eve at iccsecretary@cbna.org. Practice also on Sunday, March 10th.

**INCREASING DISASTERS,
INCREASING RESILIENCE**



Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures, and the world's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how—with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours—Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

MARRIAGE CLASSES at Sacred Heart continue to meet from 9-10:30am March 9 & 16 on Saturday in the Social Hall. 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.



Justice Challenge: In the First Reading (Exodus 20:1-17) for this Sunday, we hear the story of God giving the Ten Commandments to the Israelites. Did you know that many, if not most, of the justice teachings in the Catechism of the Catholic Church are found in the section on

the commandments, particularly Commandment Seven—You Shall Not Steal? This is because the Seventh Commandment reminds us of how important it is to be other-centered and to respect their rights and property. Jesus' whole life was a witness to living for others. As disciples, we are called to follow Jesus' example. Your challenge this week is to choose one thing you can do each day which is totally other-centered, something which has no direct benefits for you. Do it, not because it makes you feel good or makes you proud, but simply because it's what God is calling you to do. <https://pastoral.center>

You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. -- St. Augustine

Trust and Doubt

“For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles.” (1 Corinthians 1:22-23)

Adults: When has the message of the cross seemed absurd to you, and when have you seen its wisdom?

Kids: What puzzles you in the gospel stories? Which story makes you the most hopeful?

Pray for our college students in Fairbanks and those attending school elsewhere.



“Grief is not a disorder, a disease, or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical, and spiritual necessity, the price you pay for love. The only cure for grief is to grieve.” ~ Earl A. Grollman

Check out this non-profit, pro-life, and pro-family Catholic Grief Support support ministry at

<https://www.redbirdlove>



What are the seven corporal works of mercy?

These works are the perfect guide for imitating Jesus.

The Catholic Church has always preserved the teaching of Christ that both faith and works are important in living out our faith. We prove our faith by imitating Jesus' good works and His command to serve one another—and by living out our values in real, practical ways.

When He told the story of separating the sheep from the goats on the day of judgement, He said to the sheep, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). The goats were those who did not perform these works of mercy.

Thankfully, the Catholic Church provides us with a summary of the works of mercy to help us serve the least of Christ's brethren. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines these works of mercy as "charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities."



We have the **spiritual works of mercy** (works that help a person's soul) and also the **corporal works of mercy** (works that provide for someone's physical needs).

The seven-corporal works of mercy are:

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Shelter the homeless
4. Visit the sick.
5. Visit prisoners.
6. Bury the dead.
7. Clothe the naked

We can do corporal works of mercy in both small and large ways. Sometimes our daily lives get so busy that we can't spend the day volunteering at a homeless shelter, or we can't afford large donations to alleviate many people in poverty.

That's when we find small ways to administer the corporal works of mercy. We can stop by a hospital or nursing home to say hello to a lonely patient or buy a meal for a homeless person on the street. Even giving just five dollars to a local charity counts!

These simple acts can make a great difference. St. Catherine of Sienna's famous quote is a great reminder of the good God can do through you; "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

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

"The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God." -Pope Benedict XVI

We have a CASH RAFFLE, an Alaska Airline Ticket RAFFLE (2 tickets) AND a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef DINNER on March 16th!



WE LOVE FOR YOU TO PURCHASE TICKETS & COME TO THE DINNER!

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The Merciful Anger of Jesus



Watch your fellow churchgoers today as the priest or deacon reads the story of Jesus raising hell (or perhaps he's raising heaven?) in the temple square. Dollars to donuts, they'll be squirming.

As Catholics, we have become very uncomfortable with Angry Jesus. He makes us cringe in the same way that the Old Testament God does when He calls Himself "jealous" and talks about punishment. That level of intensity makes us recoil. If it were present in a human relationship, it would be toxic and abusive, because in humanity, fierceness and love rarely coexist in a healthy way.

But what a tragedy it would be for us to mistake our relationship with God for our relationship with our spouse, our best friend, or even our human father. Because we cannot see clearly, we would mistake His zeal for anger and His law for diktat.

The strong and sure movement of a wave against a rocky cliff will, over time, erode its surface, just as an overabundance of raindrops will flood a city. We do not call the water callous and cruel. We still luxuriate in its coolness and refreshment. Its destructive powers don't negate the life-giving properties of water. We do not demand that water apologize to us for being strong.

Fierce, uncompromising — but also, soft and merciful. How can God — and God's law — be both, at the same time? How can Christ cast a whip at someone's foot, overturn a table and scatter coins? How can the law of God be perfect, as the Psalm says, and refresh the soul — while demanding so much of it?

All I can say is, thank God for Angry Jesus. We need his fierceness and thank God it does not wane because it confuses us. Thank God his mercy does not decrease because we doubt it.

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." — 1 Corinthians 1:25

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – Feb 29, 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

*"God, may Your light guide my day,
And your spirit bring me peace. Amen"*

<https://Hallow.com>

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

February 25, 2024: \$ 1,016.00

Actual Collection YTD

7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 45,989.93

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Visit WeShare for online giving at: www.stmarksuaaf.org. 3% of our February collection goes toward the Diocesan Black & Indian Missions collection.

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

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



Stewardship
a way of life

The “24 Hours for the Lord” event is a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation introduced by Pope Francis. This year marks the 11th edition. As in previous years, the event will be celebrated in dioceses around the world on the eve of the fourth Sunday of Lent, from Friday, March 8th to Saturday, March 9th.



The motto chosen by the Holy Father for this year is taken from a verse of the Letter to the Romans: “Walking in a new life” (Romans 6,4).

St. Raphael’s Parish will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from the conclusion of Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 8th (approximately 7:00pm) until 5:30 pm before Saturday Mass.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything....” – Exodus 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort, or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

Pope Francis' March Prayer Intentions:

For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



Please Pray for (+): Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., and all priests in Alaska gathering in Anchorage for Priest Convocation this week.

- + 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, especially the community of Point Hope.
- + 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. “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. 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

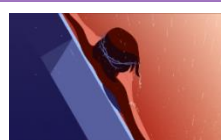


Knights of Columbus **BISON HUNT RAFFLE** tickets are on sale! Tickets are \$20/ea. The Prize is a Guided Bison hunt on Kodiak Island including 3 day’s meals and ground transportation during the hunt or \$3,500. Check out <https://alaskakofcstate.com>.

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.

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>



Lent Fasting Ideas:

Kids/Teen – Allow others to pass in front of you in the lunch line.

General Ideas – Abstain from reading gossip/rumor sites.

Lent Prayer Ideas:

Kids/Teen – Go to bed five minutes early and spend extra time talking with God.

General Ideas – Spend a few minutes with Scripture each day.

Lent Almsgiving/Charity/Donation Ideas:

Kids/Teen/General – Create a jar to collect change to donate. <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: call (907) 452-3533 or <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> speak with someone in the ICC Office and find out how you can help.

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: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM ~ Wed: 6 – 7 PM ~ Sat: 3 – 3:50 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



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 humanresources@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.

SCAM ALERT

None of our priests will EVER mail or text you asking for money or gift cards. Do not be taken in by this scam.