



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

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:

3/19: 7:00 pm Sacred Heart **Lenten Reconciliation** Service

3/21: 7:00 pm St. Raphael Lenten Reconciliation Service

3/22: 5-8:30 pm **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** at Monroe

4/7: 1:00 pm **Solemn Profession into the Secular**

Franciscan Order (OFS) at St. Raphael's.

4/7: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

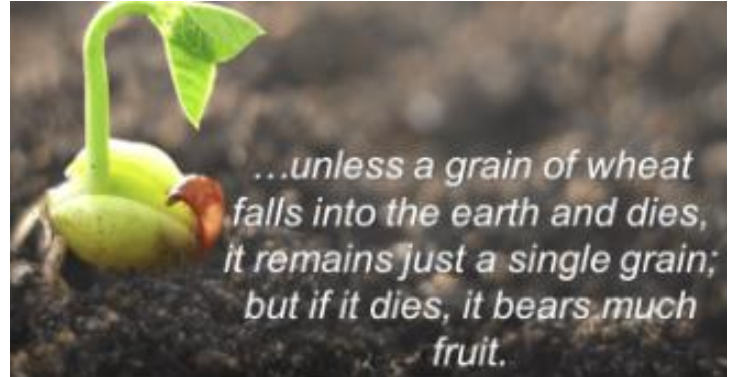
5/10: 5:30 pm 10th Annual Agape Dinner



Playing in Fairbanks Regal Theater now.

An Angel Studio movie about Saint Frances Cabrini

March 17, 2024 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading: **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Jeremiah tells the people that the Lord will make a new covenant with them, planting the law within their hearts.

Responsorial: **Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15**

A prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness.

Second Reading: **Hebrews 5:7-9**

Through his sufferings, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel Reading: **John 12:20-33**

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.



St. Mark 5:30 pm Music of the Mass

132 From the Depths We Cry to Thee

136 Attende Domine

379 Irish Blessing

Saint Patrick's Breastplate

346 O Sacrament Most Holy

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

March 23-31 Mass Schedule

23 Saturday	4:30 pm
24 Palm Sunday	8:00 am, 11:00 am 1:00 pm—Spanish 5:30 pm—St Mark
25-26 Mon—Tue	7:30 am
27 Wednesday	12:10 pm
28 Holy Thursday	7:00 pm—Bilingual
29 Good Friday	Stations 3:00 pm—English 4:00 pm—Spanish Passion 4:30 pm—Spanish 7:00 pm—English
30 Easter Vigil	8:00 pm Saturday
31 Easter Sunday	8:00 am, 11:00 am

Confessions, anointing of

the sick and listening
Monday—Wednesday

March 25-27

- 8:00 — 9:00 am
- 11:00 am — 12:00 pm
- 5:00 pm—8:00 pm

Learn about the new
stream lined **annulment**

process and get help
from the Tribunal

Monday March 25

• 4:30 — 8:00 pm

Tuesday March 26

• 12:30 — 4 :00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament March 25-27
Monday—Wednesday 5:00 pm — 8:00 pm

"We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit." (Pope Francis)



LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR SACRED HEART, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, & ST. MARK'S: 7:00 PM March 19th (Tue) at SHC. Several priests will be available. Please make every effort to attend, as priests from SHC will be leaving this week travelling to rural village parishes without priest to bring them the sacraments during Holy Week-Easter. Bishop Steve Maekawa will be doing services at SHC, along with his normal duties. *Check ICC, St. Raphael, and St. Nicholas for their availability for confession after Wednesday (3/20).*

PLEASE CONTACT THOSE IN CHARGE OF THE FOLLOWING LISTINGS FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES DURING HOLY WEEK.

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

Confirmation/Youth Group: Contact servidoras@cbna.org

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

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

7 pm Traditional Latin Mass at Sacred Heart: 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.

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

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

SUMMER ORATORY

Wednesday
JUNE 5th
TO
Friday
JUNE 14th

Not on Saturday or Sunday

*Registrations available in vestibule.
See flyer for more information!*



Contact ICC or SHC Offices for more information and registration!
iccsecretary@cbna.org



Palm Sunday is March 24th. If you haven't already done so, please bring in your old palms and we will dispose of them properly.

Support Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
5 – 8:30pm - Friday, March 22nd
Where: Monroe Catholic School
Suggested Donation: \$15
Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm



EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador, and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.



Knights of Columbus **BISON HUNT RAFFLE** tickets are on sale! Drawing to be held May 12, 2024. One drawing for each 1300 tickets sold! Tickets are \$20/ea – transferable. The Prize is a Guided Bison hunt on Kodiak Island including 3 day's meals and ground transportation during the hunt or \$3,500. Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus charitable works in Alaska. For Tickets: Contact a Knight or call 907-378-9709. Check out <https://alaskakofcstate.com>.



Justice Challenge: March 22 is World Water Day. The foundation of all Catholic social teaching is respect for the life and dignity of every human person. Fundamental to both life itself and life lived with dignity is access to clean water.

Around the world, millions of people—elderly people, children, and all ages in between—suffer because of a scarcity of water. Your challenge this week is two-fold. First, examine how your family uses water. Do you conserve it as a precious and God-given resource which is not unlimited? Pay attention to how much water you waste (e.g., letting water run while you are brushing your teeth instead of just using it to get your toothbrush wet at the beginning and to rinse at the end). Then on Saturday, discuss how you can limit your use of water and commit to it—at least for the rest of the Lenten season. Secondly, decide on one way you can support people in areas of the world which do not have clean water. You might want to research particular programs of Catholic Relief Services which help people dig wells or purify contaminated water. (Go to www.crs.org for details). Then make a donation on behalf of those denied dignity by helping them receive life-giving water <https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... **to the Second Reading:** What Jeremiah anticipates (“the days are coming”) Jesus fulfills (“Now is the time”). What is anticipated and fulfilled? A new covenant with all people, a new people now drawn to Jesus himself

... **to experience:** In our society people often strive to gain glory (self-aggrandizement) for themselves, even if it means hurting others. Followers of Jesus strive to gain glory too. But their glory is a free gift of God granted to those who serve others by dying to self.



<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

“You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.” ~ St. Augustine



Anxious about Confession?

We understand—and want to help!

Confession is uncomfortable. There's no getting around it.

But we shouldn't let our discomfort rob us of the astonishing graces that come to us through this sacrament.

At one level, we ought to feel ashamed of our sins—at least in the sense that we ought to have horror over our own willingness to do evil. If we are remorseful at all, we will feel some level of aversion towards our own sins, and experience some discomfort in saying them out loud.

But certain feelings of shame and dread can grow and fester until they keep us away from the sacrament altogether. We can enter a debilitating emotional state that prevents us from revealing a sin to God so that He can heal it. Undue shame makes us want to hide from God; it's shame that comes from Satan, "the accuser."



Undue shame occurs when we allow ourselves to anguish over sin without ever truly bringing it to God. Rather than repent of our sins, we despair, believing that our actions have placed us entirely outside the bounds of God's mercy. We obsess over our own fallenness instead of focusing on the bounteous Love of God.

Undue shame may also arise from distrust in God's mercy.

God tells us: "Come and I will give you rest." We respond: "I don't believe you." Jesus mounts the Cross and pours out His life for us and we say with ingratitude, "I don't believe that's enough."

But it is always enough. Christ's mercy is inexhaustible, healing, and far more powerful than any shame or sin.

So, come to the confessional where God's Divine Mercy is waiting for you. We promise you will find freedom there. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

THE REWARD OF FAITH

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (John 12:25)

Adults: When and in what way have you seen life come from death?

Kids: When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something for a friend or member of your family?

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH



Lost in the Crowd



I write my phone number on my kids' arms when we go into large crowds at summer festivals, in case we get separated. If you think this makes me sound like a neurotic person with an overactive imagination who watches too many true crime documentaries, you would be correct. I am all of those things.

However, I am also practical, and I've endured moments of panic after looking up and briefly not being able to locate a child who has wandered off or lagged behind. The phone number, scrawled across their sunscreen-streaked skin, is a safeguard, however insignificant. It's something they can hold up to show an adult, something they can point to and say, "This is where I need to be. Help me get here."

"When I reflect on my own life, it occurs to me that I was born lost. We all were. It was only in Eden that a human being ever knew what it was to be at home. In Eden, I would imagine, the feeling of safety was so natural that it was only noticed after it was gone. But original sin came like a noisy crowd to bear us away from the place we needed to be, and since that time, our human lives have played out against a backdrop of insecurity and unfamiliarity. We are cold and alone and confused. And God, our heartbroken parent, never stops seeking us, never stops calling our names.

Baptism, the etching of God's law onto our heart and soul, is not a phone number written on our arms. It's something far better — it's a homing signal, planted deep within. And it will lead us back to where we need to be.

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." — Jeremiah 31:

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – March 14, 2024@LPi.

FAIRBANKS CITY-WIDE MISSION FOR EASTER 2024



Becoming a More Eucharistic People

AS OUR BISHOPS CALL FOR A NEW AMERICAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL, WE WILL RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO THE CHURCH'S TEACHINGS ABOUT THE EUCHARIST AND EXAMINE HOW THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY OFFERS A PATTERN FOR A RICH CHRISTIAN LIFE, FULFILLING JESUS' COMMAND TO TAKE THE GOSPEL TO FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD

PRESENTED BY

Fr. Bartholomew Hutcherson, OP
WESTERN DOMINICAN PREACHING

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Fairbanks

April 8-11, 2024 Daily: 6 PM Adoration & Confession, 7 PM Mission

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD

of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Watch over them as we come to the end of the Lenten season and celebrate the holiest of weeks. We pray for their safety as they travel to reach all Catholics.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

March 10, 2024: \$ 8,024.00

Actual Collection YTD

7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 55,176.18

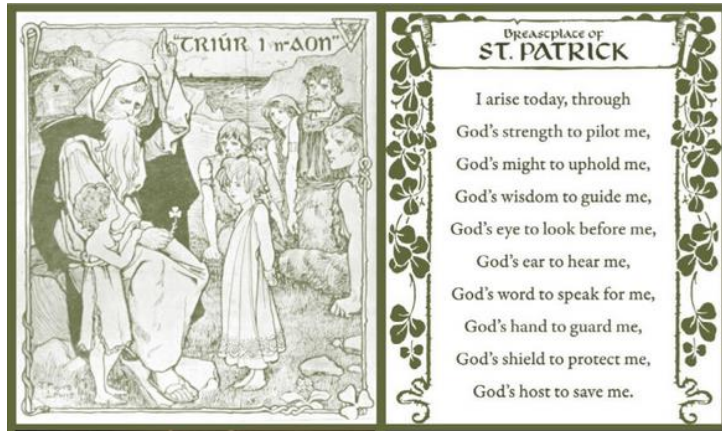
Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

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.

No 5:30 pm Easter Sunday Mass (3/31). If you wish to donate toward the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land**, please put in an envelope and address "Good Friday". During Easter weekend you can do the same addressing envelope to "St. Mark" or drop in basket the following Sunday, April 7th.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."

- Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

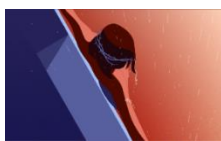
Pope Francis' March Prayer Intentions:

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., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and all priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons working in our diocese.

- + An end to conflict, persecution, and violence in the world.
- + Safe travel for all traveling for Holy Week & Easter.
- + That all may approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week to purify their lives of that which separates them from God.
- + All who are sick or suffering.
- + Those who have gone before us in faith. May our departed find peace in God's presence.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS. "The Father will honor whoever serves me." Are you called to belong to serve Christ alone as a priest or through 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 or email: rfath@cbna.org



Lent Fasting Ideas:

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

General Ideas – Abstain from reading gossip/rumor sites.

Lent Prayer Ideas:

Kids/Teen – Go to confession.

Adult – Spend a few minutes with Scripture each day.

Lent Almsgiving/Charity/Donation Ideas:

Kids/Teen/General – Donat a service (free homework tutoring, free professional assistance, etc.). <https://hallow.com/blog>

REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN AT ICC: For more information on food and clothing needs or to help out, visit the Soup Kitchen <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> or you may call (907) 452-3533 to speak with someone on how you can volunteer or help in donating items needed.

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 hiring for the following positions: (1) **Part-time Donations Clerk**, 20 hrs/wk.

This job entails all aspects of processing donations received by the Diocese. (2) **Full-time Maintenance Technician**, 40 hours/week with benefits. This position is part of a maintenance team, providing support for diocesan buildings and grounds in Fairbanks. (3) **Full-time Director of Office of Faith and Family Formation**, 40 hours/week with benefits. The Director coordinates faith formation activities at the diocesan level and provides catechetical support to parishes. E-mail humanresources@cbna.org or visit dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings for more information.

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.

SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES 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.

Easter Memorial Lilies ~ If you would like to remember the names of a deceased loved one by donating \$25 to help pay for lilies displayed on the altar at SHC during Easter, the deadline is coming up (3/26). Envelopes can be found on the credenza between the offices. If you have questions, please call the SHC parish office at 907-474-0932.

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>