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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**: No Vespers April 7th.   
**Sunday Mass**: 5:30 pm Mass March 31st at SHC   
Unable to receive normal hosts? Please arrive before mass and see the priest or sacristan (Jennifer Chown) about the availability of low gluten.  
**Confessions:** Saturdays 3-4 PM at SHC and ICC.

**PASTOR**  
Fr. Ross Tozzi: [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) Ph: 907-347-3005  
Fr. Piotr Oprych: [poprych@cbna.org](mailto:poprych@cbna.org) Ph: 907-347-9805  
**DEACON**Warren Lucero

**Catholic Student Association**   
 7:oopm Wednesday Mass – in UAF Upper Lola Tilly.  
Religion Education for students – Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi if you have questions [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) or Ph: 907-347-3005.

**LATIN MASS SCHEDULE**:  
Held at 6:oopm at SHC –  
**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](mailto: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:**  **4/7**: 1:00 pm **Solemn Profession into the Secular Franciscan Order** (OFS) at St. Raphael’s.   
**4/7:** 4:00 pm Easter Concert at Sacred Heart Cathedral  
**4/8-11:** **Fairbanks City-Wide Mission for Easter**.   
**4/8-19: Uplift Your Priest Campaign  
4/25:** Feast of St. Mark *(Our Parish Saint)*  
**4/29:** Last day of UAF Instruction

**4/30-5/1**: Priest Days in Fairbanks  
**4/30:** 5:30 pm Healing Mass w/Bishop Steve at SHC.  
**4/30-5/4:** UAF Final Examinations  
**5/4: UAF Commencement (Sat)**

A priest with his hands together

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PRIESTS work tirelessly for their parishes. “Uplift Your Priest” campaign begins on the Monday after the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Celebrate our priests by following one of the ideas listed on back of the bulletin. Children are encouraged to participate with their families. Pray for more Vocations. Check out Vocation Ministry <https://vocationministry.com> for more ideas, as well as those on the back page of this bulletin.

**April 7, 2024   
Divine Mercy Sunday, Cycle B  
Second Sunday of Easter**A stained glass window of a person holding a red blue and white flag

Description automatically generated **First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35***The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.   
**Responsorial: *Psalm 118:2-4,13-15, 22-24***The Lord’s mercy endures forever.  
**Second Reading: *1 John 5:1-6***  
Those who love God keep his commandments.  
**Gospel Reading: *John 20:19-31***  
Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

A music note with notes and words

Description automatically generated **Music of the Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday  
  
179** At the Lamb’s High Feast **174** Christ, the Lord, is Risen Again **176** Ye Sons and Daughters **185** Jesus is Risen  
**Heritage Mass parts 890-897.**

**BECOMING A MORE EUCHARISTIC PEOPLE**

Join us after the 4 pm EASTER CONCERT for our 5:30pm St. Mark Mass*. Fr. Bartholomew Hutcherson, OP* will be there to give us a talk on what to expect at this week’s Mission: “***Becoming a More Eucharistic People” Mission***.”  
April 8-11 at Sacred Heart Catherdal.  
Daily: 6 pm Adoration and Confession, 7 pm Mission.

A poster for a concert

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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: For more information Contact [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org).   
  
Voces Verbi Young Adult Group: 6 PM 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.

7 pm Traditional Latin Mass at Sacred Heart - April 20.

Voice of Hope Prayer Group: 6PM Tues evenings at SHC.   
  
Women’s Group: 6:30 PM 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: 7:30 PM at ICC every Thursday. Adoration - followed by meeting downstairs.

Voices in the Wilderness: 6:30 PM 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: 6:30 PM **2nd Thursday of the month** downstairs @ SHC. Become an active part in the civic lives of our country, states, and local communities.

SHC Book Club: 1st Monday of the month in SHC Social Room. For more info contact: Janet Fortune – 43janetf@gmail.com

Legion of Mary: 6PM Tuesday Legion of Mary Meetings ~ ICC.

Franciscan Community: 6:30 PM on **1st Thursday of the month** at St. Raphael Church. For information contact Gloria Slagle [stclare4@gmail.com](mailto: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.

“Mankind will not have peace until

it turns with trust to My Mercy.”

[*National Catholic Register*](https://www.ncregister.com/blog/17-things-jesus-revealed-to-st-faustina-about-divine-mercy)

What: **Solemn Profession into the Secular Franciscans Order (OFS)**   
Who: Deacon George Bowder, Ronnie Rosenberg, Gloria Slagle, and Camille Connelly-Terhune  
When: April 7, 2024   
Where: St. Raphael Catholic Church at 1 pm. You are invited to attend in person or on live stream.

This is a happy occasion for all of us. After several years of preparation, we are affirming our calling to the Spirituality and Way of Life of the Secular Franciscans in the spirit and ministry of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. Our purpose is to bring the love of God and the Joy of the Gospel to life where we live and work.

We are grateful to Sr. Sharon Bongiorno, and to the men and women of our Lady of Angels Fraternity in Deer Park, Washington, and Troubadours of Peace Region of the Pacific Northwest, for guiding our formation.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Secular Franciscans, may contact Gloria Slagle(stclare4@gmail.com) or any of the people listed above.

**Diagram

Description automatically generatedJustice Challenge:** This Sunday is designated by the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. Mercy goes beyond justice, not just forgiving someone who has done something wrong, but freeing them from further repercussions and giving them the chance to start over. Mercy is a powerful expression of discipleship. Your challenge this week is to take one of the works of mercy (spiritual or corporal) and literally live it out. At the end of the week, share with your family what you did and how it changed you. Remember, mercy wasn’t just the theme of a Jubilee Year! <https://pastoral.center>

A black and white drawing of a person washing his face

Description automatically generated ***Connecting the Gospel…****…* ***to the Second Reading***: The [Second Reading](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040724.cfm) spells out in more detail what believing in the risen Jesus enables us to do: love God and others, obey God's commandments, and conquer the world.   
… ***to experience***:Anyone living in a family or community knows the experience of forgiveness both given and received. They also know the peace such forgiveness engenders. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

*Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul; no one claimed private ownership of any possessions; everything they owned was held in common. (Acts 4:32)*

**Adults:** What could you do this week to inspire your family to resemble the early Christians more closely?   
**Kids:** What could you and your family do to help others who are in need?

**A close-up of a logo

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*Your SOS in spiritual distress.*

Fear is arguably the greatest and most powerful emotion in our lives. There’s a lot we might be disturbed and anxious about—relationships, politics, health, our vocation, our job, even severe weather. We can become fixated on the fear and inner turmoil, unknowingly trying to draw on our strength along to fix everything.

In times like this, what should we do? What can we do?

The answer is simple: pray the Litany of Trust.

Hands folded in prayer on a book

Description automatically generated“What?” you think. “What does trust have to do with my anxiety?”

Actually, trust is the remedy for fear. We fear because we do not trust in God. The Litany of Trust is a prayer which flings the soul wholly upon God. It asks Jesus to grant us the sweet grace of complete faith in Him, Who is our security and support. It helps us to face and renounce our reluctance to rely on Jesus.

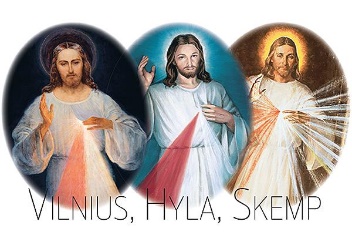
The Litany was written by Sr. Faustina Maria Pia, a member of the Sisters of Life. During a time of inner turmoil and anxiety, she contemplated the root of her distress and discovered it to be a lack of trust. After she consciously placed all her trust in Jesus, relinquishing her desire to control everything herself, peace returned to her soul. This experience inspired her to compose a prayer that anyone can repeat in times of need, or on a regular basis.

For anxiety, restlessness, or doubt, or simply as a daily renewal  
of you faith in Jesus, this [prayer](https://sistersoflife.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Mobile-Litany-of-Trust-English-1.pdf) invites you to contemplate the roots of your negative emotions and consider in what ways you need to grow in trust. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

A silver chalice with a hat on top

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A Mass has infinite value because it is the renewal of the sacrifice of the cross. The value of a gift is proportionate to the dignity of the giver and the cost of the gift. The Mass, the only worthy gift for God, is offered by Christ, the Son of God; it cost Him His very life. Therefore, to assist or offer Mass is a good work of greater excellence than any other. By other good works we offer to God gifts that are human. In the Mass we offer Him gifts that are divine: His own only begotten Son. There is no more holy and divine act that can be performed on earth than the sacrifice of the Mass. Contac St. Mark’s or SHC offices to have Masses offered for yourselves, your loved ones, living or deceased, and even for your enemies.



“DIVINE MERCY, SWEET RELIEF FOR ANGUISHED HEARTS, I TRUST IN YOU.” - Saint Faustina

Written in the Wounds   
A painting of a person with his hands up

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For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there’s something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

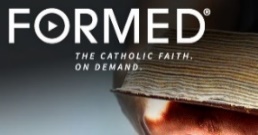
Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn’t ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

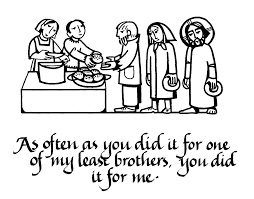
Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. “You have no wounds,” she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don’t think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, “Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?” Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. “Here, and here, and here,” he can say. “And I overcame them all.”

It’s the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

*Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!”* — John 20:28  
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – April 4, 2024©Lpi   
   
Want to sign up to FORMED ?   
Go to formed.org/signup  
\*Select your parish (using zip code is easiest or SHC)  
\*Register with your name and email address  
\*Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN: ICC has been serving the needy and homeless for over 30 years. They serve from 1-3 pm Saturday and Sunday in a “drive through” manner with sack lunches. Volunteers are the backbone of this ministry. They are always looking for donations. 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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP  
March 17, 2024: $ 1,475.00   
Actual Collection YTD 7/1/23-6/30/24:   
 $58,986.88   
Thank you for your  
generosity and continued support!   
Visit WeShare for online giving at: *www.stmarksuaf.org* .

Special Collections: 3% of our collection in the months of February & March went towards Diocesan Special Collections. Black & Indian Missions - $107.45; Catholic Relief Service - $123.72; CRS Rice Bowls -$123.72; and The Pontifical Good Friday Collection - $123.72; – totaling $478.61. Together we changed lives this Lent. *Thank you for supporting our mission and the Diocesan Special Collection that make a difference in the lives of others in need!*

S**TEWARDSHIP MOMENT**  *“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own.’” – Acts 4:32*   
  
All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents, and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren’t really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

A person in a white robe and hat

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Prayer of the Faithful: That we may learn to see all of our blessings as abundant gifts from God so that we may use them for the benefit of all God’s people.   
   
Pope Francis’ March Prayer Intentions:   
**For the role of women:** We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.   
Please Pray for (+): Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and all our priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons.   
+ Issues of peace, resolution of armed conflict, and help for victims as a result of these.   
+ Difficult situations at work, home, or school.   
+ The unborn babies and expectant mothers.   
+ Protection for all who are traveling or away from home.   
+ St. Mark Parishioners.   
+ For the sick or suffering in our community.   
+ Deceased loved ones, may they rest in peace.   
  
PRAY FOR VOCATIONS “*As the Father has sent Me, so I send you*.” Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ’s mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest. 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](mailto:rfath@cbna.org)

ADORATION TIMES **~** Fairbanks & North Pole **Sacred Heart Cathedral**

Wed: 11 AM to 12 PM ~ Thurs: 8 AM - 12 PM ~ Sat: 3 PM -4 PM

**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

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A group of people in yellow shirts

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**Registrations are due May 1st.**

For more information Contact servidoras@cbna.org



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. (4) **Part-Time** **Summer Groundskeeper** – responsible for grounds-keeping tasks on the Peger Road campus and other properties managed by the Chancery. 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.   
  
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>.