



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 SHC.

Sunday Mass: 5:30 pm 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 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 –

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:

4/30-5/2: Priest Days in Fairbanks

4/30: 5:30 pm Healing Mass w/Bishop Steve at SHC.

4/30-5/4: UAF Final Examinations

5/5: Registration Deadline for Summer Oratory

5/4: UAF Commencement (Sat)

5/9: The Ascension of the Lord (Thursday)

5/12: Mother's Day

5/17-19: Spiritual Exercises for Women

5/11 & 25: 6 PM Latin Mass at SHC

5/19: Pentecost Sunday – 11 AM Confirmation at SHC

6/5-14: Summer Oratory

Catholic Definition: Vicar General

A priest, auxiliary bishop or coadjutor bishop who assists the diocesan bishop in the governance of the entire diocese. Fr. Robert Fath, JCL is the Diocese of Fairbanks Vicar General.



If you are signed up for **Flocknote** but have not been receiving texts or emails from St. Mark's, Email Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org to verify or update information.

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Cycle B



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Paul is accepted by the apostles at Jerusalem.

Responsorial: Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

The whole world shall praise the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

God commands us to believe in Jesus Christ and to love one another.

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.



Music of the Mass

321 Gather us In

329 Vine and Branches

331 One Bread, One Body
Lamb of God

558 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Heritage Mass parts 890-897.



Healing Mass

Sacred Heart Cathedral

April 30, 2024, at 5:30 PM

Healing is a gift from God. We all can use healing in some way, whether from ailments, pain, grief, loss, addiction, injury, mental health, spiritual growth, or just as a support for a loved one going through struggles. The Diocese of Fairbanks invites everyone to join together and pray with Bishop Steve Maekawa, OP for our healing as individuals, parishes, communities, and as the flock of the diocese as a whole. This special mass will include the anointing of the sick and will be a spiritual journey.



SUMMER ORATORY

Registrations Due: May 5th, 2024
Fee: \$20 per child or \$50 Per Family

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: Rite of Confirmation Pentecost Sunday - May 19th –at 11 AM Sacred Heart Mass. For more information Contact servidoras@cbna.org.

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

Spiritual Exercises for Women – May 17-19 (Fri-Sun) Saint Ignatian Retreat. \$50/person – Space is limited. Contact the sisters at servidoras@cbna.org for more information to register.

Traditional Latin Mass- 6 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral
May 11 & 25 + June 1 & 29

Sacred Heart Reading Club: 12:30 PM downstairs in Community Room - 1st Monday of the month – May 6th.
May book: Padre Pio and America by Fran M. Rega c.2008

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.

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

Marriage Preparations – Contact Fr. Ross *six (6) months prior to wedding* - rtozzi@cbna.org or call (907) 347-3005.

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

Priest Days: (April 30-May 2)

Bishop Steve will have the following Masses at Sacred Heart Cathedral with all priests concelebrating:

4/30 (Tue): 5:30 pm Healing Mass
5/1 (Wed): Adoration and 12:10 pm Mass
5/2 (Thu): 12:10 pm Mass

No other local Masses during Priest Days

Priest Days offer the opportunity for our clergy to gather as a community for professional development, fraternal support, pray together, and exchange ideas giving them the spiritual and practical tools necessary for serving their parishes. As they gather from around our large diocese, please keep them in your prayers.



**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE PREP

When: May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 @ 6-7:30pm.

Where: St. Raphael Parish

Why: Those engaged, thinking about marriage. Learn how to have a healthy, happy, and holy relationship.

Contact Elizabeth to register at

elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org or call 907-457-6603.



Justice Challenge: April 18 is Vocations Da2y. In Sons and Daughters of the Light, our U.S.

Catholic Bishops encourage young adults to answer the universal call, or vocation, to holiness, community, and service. While each person lives out his/her vocation through a particular lifestyle—marriage, priesthood, religious life, or single life—we are all called to holiness, community, and service. This means that service is not just for Confirmation candidates. It is part of lifelong discipleship. Your challenge this week is to focus on the call to service. Is service a regular part of your life—as an individual, but also as a family or household? How often do you serve? Where do you serve? Is there one particular cause to which you can give more of your time and talent for the good of those in need? If there is, then just do it because the JUST do it—they serve others!

<https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

...to the First Reading: The Second Reading makes very concrete how we remain in Jesus: by keeping his commandment of love in deed and truth.

...to experience: Every gardener knows the value and necessity of pruning. The hard work of cutting away what is dead, unwanted, or overgrown is rewarded by lushness of new growth. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Strengthening Your Faith

[The vine grower] removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. (John 15:2)

Adults: When have you been “pruned” by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?

Kids: When have you felt stronger or better because you did something hard to help another person?

Join the Choir and help enrich the liturgy. Contact George Stefan or Eddy Yew after Mass. Our senior graduates and leaves us for college in the Fall. We'll miss her vocals but wish her well! Sign up this weekend at St. Mark's 5:30 PM Mass or email Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org so we can set up training dates.



What does it mean to be a “steward of the earth?”

It’s a bit deeper than merely recycling.

Then God blessed [the man and woman] and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle and all the animals that crawl on the earth.’ —Genesis 1:28

The piece of the True Cross that was preserved in There’s a lot of misunderstandings out there about man’s relationship to the environment. Unfortunately, a lot of theories tend to elevate creation above man and demonize the human presence on earth.

We know as Christians that man is infinitely above creation, since he is made in God’s image. And as the quote from Genesis above tells us, God placed man at the head of creation. However, with that gift comes a great responsibility to be a good steward of God’s creation. So how do we properly understand and practice true stewardship?

Let’s go back to the beginning.

After God created the world, he created man, and placed him in charge. Mankind was to tend the earth and all its creatures—to be, as it were, a guardian (or steward) of creation on behalf of God Himself.

As the Church tells us:

“In the beginning God entrusted the earth and its resources to the common stewardship of mankind to take care of them, master them by labor, and enjoy their fruits.” —Catechism of the Catholic Church §2402

So, all of creation is primarily God’s, Who generously entrusts it to us. A steward does not simply take from his master’s land—he cultivates it in his master’s stead. We are called to be good stewards—enjoying the fruits of creation, but also caring for it with respect and gratitude to the God Who gave it to us.

Stewardship can manifest itself in many ways that extend beyond the natural world. It includes charity in our time, possessions, and money, and the development of our talents. God entrusts each of us with various gifts, not so that we can keep them for ourselves, but so that we can cooperate with Him in His work of salvation in the world. We must, therefore, always strive to cultivate our particular gifts for the good of others and the glory of God, knowing that we will be called to make an account of our stewardship when the Landowner returns.

St. Francis of Assisi was known for his love of God’s creation but also for his incredible humility, selflessness, and generosity to the poor—an exemplary steward in every way.
<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>



The month of May is dedicated to the **Blessed Virgin Mary**. Mary has a unique and privileged place in salvation and in the Church. Because she responded yes to becoming the Mother of God, she is our first model of discipleship and our model of grace and trust in God.

We pay *homage* to her. Contrary to misconceptions, we do not *worship* her.

As Catholics, we honor Mary.

Love in Deed



It’s A Wonderful Life is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it’s a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it’s the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It’s a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It’s a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he’s a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It’s a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, “I love you, I accept you, I want to help you.” But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener’s pruning shears look like an executioner’s sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it’s just the beginning.

“Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth.” — 1 John 3:18
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – April 25, 2024@Lpi

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FORMED offers live streamed events, movies, documentaries, audio books, downloadable books, bible studies, faith studies, and children’s movies and programs.



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: Volunteers are the backbone of this ministry. They are always looking for donations of talent, time, and gifts. Contact the Soup Kitchen for more information on how you can contribute to their success call the ICC office at (907) 452-3533 or check <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

April 14, 2024: \$ 1,031.36 Actual
Collection YTD: \$61,890.24
(7/1/23-6/30/24)

Thank you for your generosity and continued support! Visit WeShare for online giving at: <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>. **Special Collections:** 3% of our collection this month will go toward the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This supports mission work throughout our diocese and the USA. *Thank you for supporting our mission and the Diocesan Special Collections that make a difference in the lives of others!*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." –John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

Prayer of the Faithful: That we take time in daily silent prayer to talk and listen for Jesus' voice.



**Pope Francis' May Prayer Intentions:
For the formation of religious and seminarians.**

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Please Pray for (+): Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and all our priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons.

- + An inspirational and successful meeting of our priests this week. May they be spiritually renewed in their priestly commitment serving Christ.
- + All our students and teachers, especially our University students heading into finals this week.
- + Peace in our world.
- + Those preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.
- + The unborn children.
- + All our parishioners who are isolated, sick, homebound, or confined to nursing facilities and hospitals.
- + Our faithfully departed.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: Religious Brothers Day – May 1st
"He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus." Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, 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

**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



Summer Oratory Summer Catholic Camp

Dates: June 5-14, 2024 (not including weekends).

Time: 9 am – 4 pm

Location: Sacred Heart Cathedral

Who: For youth from ages 6 to 17 years.

Fee: \$20/child or \$50/family

Registrations Due: May 5, 2024

Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more information. To register online go to <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/summer-oratory>

New Priest Assignments

Bishop Steven J. Maekawa, O.P. has announced new assignments for **Fr. Patrick Bergquist** (6/15) and **Fr. Cezary Ejsymont** (5/17). Read more on the Diocesan website at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org>.

Be Part of the Flock!



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Diocesan Employment Opportunities

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. **Part-Time Summer Groundskeeper** – responsible for ground-keeping tasks on the Peger Road campus and other properties managed by the Chancery. Visit dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings for more information or E-mail humanresources@cbna.org.

Sacred Heart 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>

Please keep Fr. Piotr Oprych, the Parish Offices 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.

The Holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus Christ for man.
~ St. Maria Goretti

"The best used hour in our lives is that in which we love Jesus the most."
~Bl. Charles de Foucauld