



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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February 9, 2020

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our Parish 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. We provide a convenient and hospitable space for students' sacramental life, prayer life, fellowship and growth in faith. St. Mark's also provides reliable information for non-Catholics inquiring about our faith and contributes to inter-faith discussion and ecumenical action.

Regular Sunday Mass: 5:30pm

UAF Margaret Murie Building Auditorium (Upper Campus)

Pastor: Fr. Robert Fath

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Office Hours: Tues-Fri: 10am – 12noon.

Bookkeeper: Marilis Bennett Ph. 590-9291

Music Director: George Stefan

Parish Council Members: Cynthia Klepaski, John Fox, Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker, Sean Tucker, Ritchie Musick

Reconciliation: Sunday before Mass and upon appointment.

Sacraments & Becoming Catholic: Please contact Robert Fath or Mary Pat Boger.

Assistance in Faith Formation: See Mary Pat Boger

Parish Council: Meets 2nd Sun/month after Mass

New Members: If you are new to our parish, please register and introduce yourself to Fr. Robert Fath and/or Mary Pat Boger.



**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions February 2020:
Listen to the Migrants' Cries**

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



Special Prayer Intentions: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad; Fr. Fath; priests, religious, deacons, seminarians in the Diocese of

Fairbanks and Alaska; for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack; Robin Eagan; Ben Orr; Gail Reidman; Tweet Burik; Mission Churches in Alaska; and for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack.

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Spreading the Light of Christ

Isaiah 58:7-10 True Fasting

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Preaching on Christ Crucified.

Matthew 5:13-16 The Similies of Salt and Light.

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

Save the Date -Feb 21 & 22 – WINTER CARNIVAL.



Feast and Faith – Young Adult gathering will be held Feb. 11th, and March 10th at Miguel's Mexican Restaurant on Airport Way; 6-8:30pm. Come join us for a Mardi

Gras celebration! Free food and discussions about the faith. Create new friendships with others while supporting your faith. Need a ride? Contact Fr. Fath 374-9504 or Mary Pat Boger 460-2137.

Festival of Native Arts, Feb 13 Thu 12am-11:59pm Davis Concert Hall. Performances will take place and we hope you will join us in celebrating the Alaska Native Cultures and traditions. This student-run event is one of the largest events on the UAF campus.

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UAF Student Leadership Conference Feb 15, 8:30am-4:30pm. This year's theme is Connecting the Dots: Identity, inclusion, and impact. Registration FREE and breakfast and lunch included. Sign up at <http://engag.uaf.edu/event/5310379>.

Spring Break – March 9-13, 2020

St. Mark University Catholic Parish



Please check out the www.usccb.org news on "National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day Uphold Marriage as the Foundation of the Domestic Church". This is a national

movement started in 1983 to "celebrate the gift and blessing of marriage".

Celebrate World Marriage Sunday – Feb 9th !

Please pray for Bishop Chad Zielinski and Bishops of Region 12 as they meet in Rome for their *ad lumina* visit in February to report on the state of their dioceses. (Please read insert on *ad lumina*.)



Food Collection Drop your non-perishable **donations** for the UAF Food Pantry. Donations are dropped off every Monday. Thank You!

BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE! St Mark is looking for 5 volunteers on Feb 23 & Mar 22 for the ICC Soup Kitchen. Food preparation is at 7:00 AM and serving is from 11:30am - 1pm; clean up from 1pm – finish. We can divide this up into 3 segments if necessary. Contact Mary Pat Boger at uaf.stmark@gmail.com or 907-460-2137 and I'll work with Grayce Barnard with the sign-up list. All the catholic churches are taking turns helping this cause.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries will be part of our Regional Summer Mass and Picnic. Mary Pat Boger will collect wedding anniversary information of our parishioners to recognize these special times. *“As we draw near to St. Valentine’s Day, our attention is inevitably drawn to romantic love and marriage. Would it not be good to take this occasion to reflect on the One who is the source of love and the author of marriage? If you or someone you love will soon be marking a significant wedding anniversary, be sure to take time to celebrate and give praise to the Lord Jesus, the Bridegroom of the Church.”* Excerpt from article by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted.

From the Chancery

Diocesan Position Opening: The Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking an Executive/Tribunal Assistant responsible for supporting the Office of the Bishop and the Tribunal by providing administrative support to both the Vicar General and Chancellor. This is a full-time position with benefits and will remain open until filled. For more information, please contact Leigh Scarboro via email at bishopsoffice@cbna.org.



In what way might you be hiding the light of Christ from others? What could you do to improve this?

Office of Faith and Family Formation

National Marriage Week will be observed from February 7-14, 2020, in the United States. World Marriage Day will be observed on Sunday, February 9; it is annually celebrated on the second Sunday of February.

Rite of Election will be held at 4pm on Sunday, 1 March 2020 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Singers needed to comprise the *schola* to lead the chant for the Rite of Election to be held Mar 1. Practices will be held Saturday evenings at the Sacred Heart from 6:00 to 7:00pm, Feb 1, 8, 15, and 29.

Have a family tradition you'd be willing to share? Please send your suggestions to the Office of Faith and Family Formation at family@cbna.org.

Fides Formation: Now Available and Free!

Religious education for catechists, catholic and home schoolteachers, young adults, and other laity seeking to increase knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith at your own pace. Go to Fide Formation at:

<http://campus.fidesformation.com/> For more information, contact the Office of Faith and Family Formation: family@cbna.org or call 3749511.

Feast and Faith

When: February 11th

Time: 6:00-8:30 pm

Where: Miguel's Authentic Mexican Cuisine (1235 Airport Way) Feast and Faith is a monthly gathering of young adults (18-35'ish) coming together for free food and discussions about the faith. Come meet other young adults who have a desire to create lasting relationships and support each other in the faith. For more info contact the Office of Faith and Family Formation at 374-9511 or email family@cbna.org.

Want to join a vibrant and dynamic young faith community? Come share in the rich tradition of the Church with the Sacred Heart youth program! Our core team is composed of five young adults who serve as joyful witnesses to life in Christ and are committed to cultivating a social environment that takes faith to the next level. Meetings are weekly on Monday nights from 7-9 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Like us on Facebook to stay up to date on our latest events. Verso l'alto!—To the heights.

Regional Council

The Regional Council will be bringing a Divine Mercy Retreat to Fairbanks and the Road System on April 17th, 18th and 19th. More information coming but save the dates!

February 2, 2020 - The Presentation of the Lord

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." (Luke 2:22)

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

Communal Lenten Penance Services

March 1 (Thu) – 7pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral
March 26, (Thu) – 7pm at St Nicholas - North Pole
March 31, (Tue) – 7pm at St Raphael - Fairbanks

Of Interest at other Parishes

St. Raphael

Feb 9 & 23 (Sun) - James bible study

Feb 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses: 9:30am & 5:30 pm

Feb 28 - (Fri) - 6:00 pm Station

Soup & Bread after mass.

Feb 29 - (Sat) KOC FISH FRY after mass

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Feb 13 (Thu) Knights Meeting downstairs 6:30-9pm.

Feb 15 & 29 (Sat) - *Schola* Music Practice for Rite of Election, 6 - 7pm in the sanctuary SHC

Mar 7 & 14 (Sat) - Marriage Preparation Classes (9-10:30am) downstairs in the Community Room

Feb 17 (Mon) - Staff Holiday: Parish office closed.

Feb 26 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass: 7:30am, 12:10pm & 7:00pm.

Mar 1 – (Sun) Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion 4pm at SHC

St. Nicholas Catholic Church – North Pole

Feb. 21-23 -Catholic Engaged Encounter retreat weekend. If you are planning a summer or fall wedding, please let your pastor know of your plans. For additional information, please contact Fr. Ross at (907) 474-9032.

Immaculate Conception Church

For more information on what's happening at ICC, please check their website.

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT.
I DO THE GOOD WORKS AND
GOD GETS THE CREDIT?



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STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

Serving Fairbanks and North Pole.

A complete system for lay people to provide Christ's care. If you are interested in any of the following ministries, please contact Ann Nickerson at Sacred Heart Cathedral, phone 978-5281 or email ann@cbna.org. **One-on-one** caring, listening, prayerful, confidential visits • Life's losses: e.g. grief, divorce • Homebound ministry • Hospital ministry • Tele-care • Crises care • Correspondence • Denali Center • Pioneer Home • Hospice Care • Fairbanks Correctional Center • Food Bank • Loving Families Trainees attend two sessions per week: Saturdays (9 am to 12 pm) and Wednesdays (6 to 8:30 pm) beginning Saturday, March 7, 2020, and ending Wednesday, May 6, 2020. There are breaks scheduled for major parish events. All classes are held in Sacred Heart Cathedral's Community Room or Social Hall, depending on other scheduled events or classes.

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Septuagesima Sunday



"Why do you stand here all day idle? . . . Go you also into the vineyard" (Gospel). As athletes of Christ we are called to a competitive "race" (Epistle). As workers with Christ we are ordered into the "vineyard" (Gospel). It is a "race" with death for the "prize" of life eternal. Only "one receives the prize" by His own right, Christ! But, remember, He still runs in us if we do not lag in this "race," as did Israel under "Moses" (Epistle). God comes to us "early" in life. Until the last "hour" He repeats, "Why . . . stand . . . idle?" Each "hour" brings us nearer to the "evening" of reward, not due to the excellence of our work in itself but mercifully given by God as a recompense (Gospel). — Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Catholic Masses in Fairbanks Area

Saint Mark University Parish

Sunday: 5:30pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am

Spanish Mass: 1:00pm on Sunday

Daily Masses: Monday—Friday 7:30am

Saint Raphael

Sunday: 9:30am; Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm Weekday:

T, Th. 9:30am & Wed. 5:30pm

Immaculate Conception

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Confessions - Saturday 3-3:45pm, 5:30pm

Latin Mass (twice a month)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Mass: 12:10pm

Wed 5:30pm, followed by Adoration & Confession

Saint Nicholas, North Pole

Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9:00am,

Wed 5:30pm

Our Lady of the Snows, Eielson AFB

Sunday: 10:30am.

Catholic Adoration in Fairbanks Area

Sacred Heart Cathedral: Thu. 8:00am -12:30 pm

Saturdays 2:30 -4:00pm

Immaculate Conception

Wed 5:30pm, Mass 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Adoration with Confessions

First Friday Devotions

5:30pm Mass

6:00pm -6:00 AM Adorations

6:00am Patriotic Rosary

7:00am Benediction & Mass

St. Raphael

2nd Thursday 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Good Shepherd: Thu. 6:00pm -7:00pm (Most weeks)

St. Nicholas: Wednesday 7:00 -8:00pm

What Happens at Mass 11

We can now turn to the form and order of the ritual in which the Word is proclaimed at Mass. All that we have said in these recent weeks is given concrete form by what we read, how we read, who reads, and the order in which we read. This form and order express that the center of what is proclaimed is the death and Resurrection of Jesus. The spreading out of many scriptural texts throughout the liturgical year repeats in our community's experience and understanding what the Church in each generation discovers with awe and wonder: that the meaning of the whole creation and the whole of human history is revealed in the mystery of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The scriptures are read in a certain order, an order that follows the order of salvation history; that is, the liturgy begins with a text from the Old Testament, where creation and the history of Israel are recounted, and moves toward the climax of the proclamation of the Gospel. This is the order of the Liturgy of the Word because the Gospel is the climax and center of the scripture or put more comprehensively: because Christ himself is the fulfillment of creation and the history of Israel. Thus, for a Christian, only from the perspective of the Gospel is the Old Testament text understood in its fullness, or again: only in Christ are creation and the history of Israel understood. Some reading from the writings of the apostles forms a link between Gospel and Old Testament, a contemplative insight, a theological insight that helps bind the event of the Gospel to the event of the Old Testament. We are not talking about specific sets of texts as found in the Lectionary for the celebration of a given day, where this connection is sometimes more, sometimes less clear. The point is a general one about this structure in the liturgy. However, once the theological significance of this structure is grasped, "the structure is a mystery!" profound and unexpected connections can emerge between the texts that will not appear when the texts are simply read side by side as texts.

Carmel Communications encourages all to see the movie "I Still Believe" coming to Regal Cinema March 12-19; showing at 7:30pm and 9:30pm. Based on a true story

