



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.

Join with others in evening prayer of thanksgiving and praise in the oldest and most important of the traditional liturgy of the hours. Vesper Music can be accessed at St. Mark's website <https://stmarksuaf.org> as well as the QR code.

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@alaska.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:

5/12: Mother's Day

5/11-6/16: Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Drive

5/18: Really Free Market 10-11am – Lola Tilly Parking Lot

5/18: 10AM – 12PM Altar Server Training at SHC

5/17-19: Spiritual Exercises for Women offered by ICC

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

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

5/27: Memorial Day

5/30-6/7: Sacred Heart Novena

Catholic Definition: Adoration

The prayerful acknowledgment that God is God and Creator of all that is.

World Communications Day ~ On this day the Church celebrates the achievements of the communications media (websites, social networks, television, radio, and print) and focuses on how it can best use them to promote gospel values.

May 12, 2024

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Seventh Sunday of Easter



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

Responsorial: Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded.



Music of the Mass ~ May 12

191 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

213 God, We Praise You

732 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Lamb of God

190 Go Make of All Disciples

Heritage Mass parts 890-897.

"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers."

– Rudyard Kipling

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!



Altar Server Training

Saturday, May 18

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Are you or your child interested in Altar Server Ministry? This is open to anyone, male or female, child or adult, who has made their First Communion. Additional servers are needed. Anyone interested should show up for the upcoming Altar Server Training Class on May 18 upstairs in Sacred Heart Cathedral Church.



Summer Oratory: June 5-14, 2024 (not including weekends) from 9am – 4pm for youth from ages 6 to 16 years – at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The deadline is May 5th. Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more information. Register online at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/summer-oratory>

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.

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

Voice of Hope Prayer Group: 6PM Tues evenings at SHC.

Sacred Heart Reading Club: 12:30 PM downstairs in Community Room - 1st Monday of the month .

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

SHC Hospitality Bake Sale May 11 & 12 after Masses. Baked goods of any kind accepted and appreciated. Proceeds support receptions and events held at Sacred Heart. Contact Katerina with questions or information about joining the hospitality Group at k_placha@yahoo.com.

Next week is Pentecost, wear red!

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE PREP

When: May 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.



Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena

Please join other Catholics in the Diocese in praying the Sacred Heart Novena from May 30th – June 7th. You will find a Sacred Heart Novena devotion in the Spring 2024 issue of the Alaskan Shepherd Newsletter found on the Diocesan website at:

<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/alaskan-shepherd>



ALTAR SERVER PICNIC

Please show your support!

Come help us celebrate and give a special thanks to our Altar Servers

When and Where?

June 9th 2024

1:00 – 5:00pm

Tanana Lakes
Fairbanks, Alaska

*Bring Lawn Chairs, Swimming available
Boats and Kayaks for rent*



Please Invite All
Priest, Religious,
Altar Servers, Parish Staff
and Knights.
(Family Friends and Members also)

*Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Drinks
and other items will be available.*

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RSVP-Bill at (907) 590-0338 Text preferred Pot-Luck Items are not required but are welcome, especially desserts



Justice Challenge: When Jesus ascended into heaven, his glorified physical body was not longer with us. But he commissioned the apostles (and us through them) to his body on earth until he came again. We are called to be the hands and feet, the heart, the mouth, the shoulders of Jesus to those in need. Your challenge this week is to ask which part of the Body of Christ you are called to be right now. Does someone need you to be his ears, listening to their story? Or might you be called to be his prophetic voice, challenging someone or a group of persons to live more justly? Be the Body of Christ this week. (And don't forget that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will make this task possible.)

<https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

...to the Second Reading: This reading explicitly spells out the virtues necessary for one to “preach the gospel” effectively: humility, gentleness, patience, love.

It also shows us the signs in the community of effective preaching: unity, peace, building up the Body of Christ, knowledge.

...to experience: Normally when someone leaves us, we experience a profound sense of absence. In the ascension Jesus leaves but actually remains present within us as we take up his mission to preach the gospel.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Praying for Others

Jesus prayed, “I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.”

(John 18:20-21)

Adults/Children:

What are some of the most important things to ask of God?

The Catholic Company presents



Which saints were also wives and mothers?

In every century, God has raised up valiant women who achieved holiness through the vocation of marriage.

The saints are always our best role models on the path to holiness. Which ones found sanctity in the role of wife and mother? Here are a few of the countless women who did just that.



Our Lady. God Himself sanctified family life by coming to us in the context of a family. Mary, His Mother, ran a household, cared for a husband and a Son, did laundry, cooked meals, went to the market, and more. You can do all these things together with her.

St. Frances of Rome (15th c.). St. Frances was a devoted wife and mother in a marriage that lasted forty years. She and her husband Lorenzo welcomed six children into the world but mourned the childhood deaths of five of them. Frances perfectly harmonized a wife's prayer life with her domestic duties. She said, "A married woman must leave all her devotions when the household demands it," having still managed to cultivate a profound interior life.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal (17th c.). St. Jane was an embodiment of the "valiant woman" of the Book of Proverbs. She loved her husband dearly and ran his household competently during his frequent absences at the royal court. Jane endured the deaths of three of her six children, and the death of her husband after nine years of marriage. She went on to found the Order of the Visitation with St. Francis de Sales.

St. Gianna Molla (20th c.). St. Gianna was an Italian wife, mother, and medical doctor. During her fourth pregnancy, a tumor was discovered on her uterus that forced her to choose whether to have an immediate hysterectomy or to continue with the pregnancy. The first option would have ensured her personal welfare but caused the death of her child; the second gave the child the best chance but was very risky for the mother. Gianna's choice, resulting in life for her child and death for herself in 1962, has made her a heroine to mothers everywhere.

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



The original Mother's Day, "Mothering Sunday," is a pious Catholic tradition that started in the earliest days of the Church and takes place on Laetare Sunday, the fourth

Sunday (3 weeks before Easter Sunday) in the liturgical season of Lent.

It was a time when people would return to the Church where they were baptized. Those going were said to have gone "a-mothering." This was a tradition honored predominantly in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and other Anglophone countries, especially starting in the 16th century; however, by the 1920s the tradition began to lapse. In the United States, the first Mother's Day was celebrated in 1908, by Anna Jarvis.

<https://ucatholic.com>

The Ideal Candidate



The Ascension always makes me think of what a job listing on Indeed.com would look like for the position of Disciple of Jesus Christ.

"An exciting opportunity for the go-getter who loves a challenge. Multilingual skills a must. Animal handling experience preferred. The ideal candidate will have a strong stomach and an enthusiasm for travel."

In all seriousness, I find the Ascension a little depressing, a little intimidating. This day forces me to confront how few are the qualifications I possess to carry out the Great Commission.

Proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Hold on — do I have to talk to people? I don't even really like calling my friends on their birthdays. Can I send a text instead?

Go into the whole world. All of it? Everywhere? Even the places where it's really, really humid? Could I possibly schedule a Zoom call?

Speak new languages ... pick up serpents ... drink any deadly thing ... Okay, full disclosure: I have never even been camping. I don't think I'm the right fit for this job. Thank you for your consideration, but you can lose my resumé.

Of course, I know that in the year 2024 God does not expect me to pick up a serpent to proclaim the Gospel. But He might expect me to do something far more stomach-churning. He might expect me to talk about Him — in public, in front of strangers. He might expect me to take a stand against something that I know is sinful, even though it means I lose every friend I have. He might expect me to say "no" when everyone wants me to say "yes," or "yes" when everyone wants me to say "no."

He might expect me to be different. He *will* expect me to be different.

But on the Ascension, I also remember this: it's okay. No one who ever did the work of God was the ideal candidate. They were all scared. They were all ill-equipped. Every single one of them.

They did it anyway. And despite the weakness and hesitancy of my mortal flesh, despite everything that seems logical, despite the recommendations of any hiring committee this temporal world might make — I can, too.

"I am with you always, until the end of the world."

— Matthew 28:20

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – May 9, 2024©Lpi

"Had Christ remained on earth, sight would have taken the place of faith."

~ Venerable Servant of God Fulton Sheen

"Our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascent with him."

~ St. Augustine





PARISH STEWARDSHIP
 May 5, 2024: \$ 1,397.101
 Actual Collection YTD:
 \$ 64,339.34
 (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Your financial stewardship is a blessing. Thank You!
 Visit WeShare for online giving at: <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>.
Special Collections: Our next collection will be in the month of June – Peter’s Pence – supports the Holy Father’s emergency humanitarian efforts.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” ~ 1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don’t think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

Prayer of the Faithful: That we have the courage to defend our faith and share our witness joyfully with others.



**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 priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons in our diocese.

- + Peace in our world.
- + Those receiving the sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday, on Pentecost.
- + All Mothers on this special day, especially those grieving for a lost child.
- + Students, Teachers, & families for a successful end of the school year.
- + Our homebound, nursing home residents & those who are ill.
- + Our faithfully departed.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS “As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them.” If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest or religious brother or sister, 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



St. Raphael will have a Grief Retreat Saturday, May 11th, 9:30am-4:30pm. Keynote speaker will be Deacon George J. Miller. There is no cost to attend. Snacks and lunch provided. Use the QR code to register or contact St. Raphael at 907-457-6603 for more information.



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Chancery Staff Changes

Jocelyn Niedziela has been hired as the new **Safe Environment Coordinator and Victim Assistance Coordinator**.

Maureen Farley has taken the position of **Director of Donor Development** at the Chancery.

Diocesan Employment Opportunities

1. **Part-time Donations Processing 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.

4. **Part-time Digital Content Coordinator** - creates content for the diocesan website and social media accounts and monitors the online presence of the Diocese of Fairbanks.

Visit dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings for more detailed 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 St. Mark (907-374-9564) or Sacred Cathedral Parish Offices (907-474-9032) informed of anyone who is homebound, hospitalized, seriously ill or wishes to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.



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.

The Spring Editions for the Diocese of Fairbanks Missionary Disciples eMagazine and The Alaska Shepherd are available at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/>