



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.

May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter

St. Mark Mass & Confession Schedules

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 pm at SHC.

Access Vesper music at <https://stmarksuaf.org> where the QR code can be found on our webpage.

Sunday Mass: 5:30 pm at SHC

Unable to receive normal hosts? Please arrive early and see the priest or sacristan (Jennifer Chown) about the availability of low gluten hosts.

Fr. Ross Tozzi's **Homilies for the Homebound** can be found at <https://sacredheartak.org/chs>

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:

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

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

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

5/25: 6 PM Latin Mass at SHC

5/27: Memorial Day

5/30-6/7: Sacred Heart Novena

Catholic Definition: Pentecost

The term derives from the Greek word meaning "fifty." Pentecost takes place on the 50th day after Easter Sunday, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. www.usccb.org

Contact Fr. Eugene Okere a (907) 888-2674 if you need a priest. Fr. Ross Tozzi and Fr. Piotre Oprych are out of town this month.



PENTECOST

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial: Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
God's Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Sequence: Veni Sancte Spiritus

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23
Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Music of the Mass ~ May 19

196 Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid

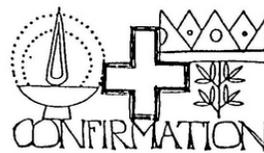
38 Come, O Holy Spirit, Come

459 Come Down, O Love Divine

193 Veni, Creator Spiritus

186 Regina Caeli

Heritage Mass parts 890-897.



Fourteen of our youth from Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Mark University Parish, and Immaculate Conception Church will be receiving sacrament of confirmation at the

11am Sacred Heart Cathedral Mass Pentecost Sunday.
Please keep these young people, their sponsors, and parents in your prayers on this special occasion.



Summer Oratory: June 5-14, 2024 (not including weekends) from 9am – 4pm for youth from ages 6 to 16 years – at SHC. Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more information.

Altar Server Picnic: June 9th – 1-5pm at Tanana Lakes Park for Altar Servers, their Families, Parish Staff, and Knights.

Catholic Marriage Prep: 6-7:30pm on May 22 & 29 at St. Raphael Parish. You can attend the remaining sessions and pick up the those you've missed in the next offering of Marriage Prep. Contact Elizabeth to register at elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org or call 907-457-6603.

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 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

Soup Kitchen: 1 PM Ever Saturday and Sunday @ ICC

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

We are bringing back our monthly celebration beginning May 26th. Join in the fun as we celebrate their special day. Father will give a special blessing after Mass. St. Mark provides ice cream and drinks. If the spirit moves you, please feel free to bring goodies to share – *easy finger foods requiring no plates or utensils*. It will be held outside, weather permitting – otherwise moved downstairs to the social hall. If you can help with the table, please contact Mary Pat Boger at mboger@cbna.org or call 907-374-9564.



Justice Challenge: May 21st has been designated as World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. It is very interesting to note that this day occurs in the week before we celebrate Pentecost, which is a story about unity in diversity. How appropriate! Cultural diversity is a buzz term today, but it also is something which we Catholics—by our very identity, since “catholic” means universal—embody. We are a diverse people in every way: age, gender, economic status, race, personality, location, and so much more. We are called to embrace and celebrate our differences, not try to make everyone else over in our image and likeness. Your challenge this week is to experience and celebrate something in another culture. It might be a particular prayer, or an ethnic dish, or a type of music. Whatever you choose, embrace the gift of the culture. And offer a prayer of thanks to God that while we are all created in God's image, we are also created in unique and different ways from each other. <https://pastoral.center>

Focusing the Gospel...

Key words and phrases: Jesus came, I send you, breathed on them, Receive the Holy Spirit, forgive.

To the point: Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the disciples and by doing so he re-creates them. The life-giving breath poured forth at the dawn of creation is now the Spirit-breath, the very indwelling of God. Only because of this divine indwelling do we have the power to forgive and thus continue Jesus' saving mission. We are the incarnation of the risen Lord in our world today. We are re-created by the Holy Spirit. The sign of recreation is forgiveness. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues. (Acts 2:4)

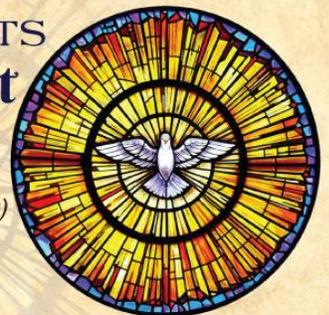
Adults:

What have you felt filled with the Spirit and emboldened to act with courage?

Children: When have you felt strength from outside of yourself to do what was right?

THE SEVEN GIFTS of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom
Understanding
Counsel (*Right Judgement*)
Fortitude (*Courage*)
Knowledge
Piety (*Reverence*)
Fear of the Lord (*Wonder & Awe*)





Where is the Sacrament of Confirmation in Scripture?

"I've never read anything about the sacrament of Confirmation in Scripture, so why do Catholics do it? Find out here."

The sacrament of confirmation has a lot of Biblical basis, especially in the book of Acts.

On Pentecost Sunday in Acts 2, Jesus's apostles and disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus' followers then shared the Holy Spirit by laying their hands on others. Later in Acts 8, when the Apostle Philip would hear of people's conversions and baptisms in Samaria, Peter and John would lay their hands on these new converts to receive the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:14-17 explains how these newly baptized Christians had not yet received the Holy Spirit, which is why Peter and John would then lay hands on those who had been baptized. Thus, the act of receiving the Holy Spirit through laying of hands (i.e., confirmation) is a separate sacrament from baptism.

While baptism and confirmation are two distinct sacraments, they can be celebrated together, just as when St. Paul baptizes a group and then lays his hands on them in Acts 19:5-6. We also see these two sacraments performed in sequence when we attend an Easter Vigil Mass, as RCIA participants receive their Baptism and then their Confirmation.

Catholic practices and customs are based on Scripture and the rich traditions of our Church. The sacrament of confirmation pours the Holy Spirit into practicing Catholics and gives them the graces to live out their faith as they enter adulthood.

What is an "imprimatur"?



Ever seen this mysterious word above the copyright year in a book?

Let's start with a translation of this odd word: it's Latin and means "let it be printed."

"Imprimatur" means that a book containing spiritual or theological content has received clearance for publication.

The process of obtaining this clearance begins with the author submitting the manuscript to a bishop. This can be the bishop of the author's diocese, the bishop of the diocese of the publisher, or the bishop of the diocese where the book will be released. The bishop reads it and, judging the content by its agreement or disagreement with Catholic doctrine, he grants or denies an imprimatur.

A denial means the book is heretical. An imprimatur means that it does not contradict Church teaching. It lays no obligation on the faithful to believe or agree with the opinions expressed in the book. It doesn't even mean that the bishop himself approves of the book on a personal level! It simply means he found no concrete reason why the book ought not to be printed.

Since an imprimatur is no longer required in most cases, its presence in a book seems to put the work in a more serious light. Its meaning, however, remains the same as when it was required for every spiritual work. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

Spirit to Spirit



Talk to any couple who are devoted to one another. Ask them when they realized they were in love — call-me-in-a-crisis love, face-the-day-to-day-with-me love — and the answer will probably not be "When I realized he was only dating me to win a bet with his boss."

If you know what movie that references, you and 12-year-old me would have been great friends.

Like any other self-respecting American tween of the early 2000s, I used to watch a lot of romantic comedies. I forget how old I was when I realized that romantic comedies are actually ... really boring. Not because they're about love — true love is *fascinating*. I could watch real-life people talk about who they love for hours.

Because when we say we love someone — truly love them — what we mean is we love their spirit. We love what they are. We love the qualities that escape description, the attributes we have to talk around or reduce to cliché in order to define. We cannot love a body alone. We cannot love a name or a reputation. We cannot love a story that we've built around a relationship.

To be in love with someone you need to know their spirit. Intimately. And that knowledge cannot help but change everything about you. It changes your goals, your understanding of the world. It changes the amount of courage you have to face the life ahead of you. It changes your ability to be who God wants you to be.

The disciples lived and ate and walked with Jesus for three whole years before they really knew his spirit. They didn't know it on Good Friday when they scattered and hid and wept. They didn't know it on Easter Sunday, when they couldn't believe what they saw. They thought they loved him, but when push came to shove their love failed.

But by the end of their lives, the disciples knew the kind of love that sustained them even in the face of martyrdom.

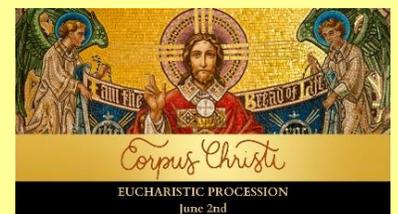
What was it that changed? It was the Spirit. They finally knew the Spirit.

*"No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit."
~ 1 Corinthians 12:3*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – May 16, 2024©Lpi

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION - June 2nd

Join in the procession from Sacred Heart Cathedral to ICC starting **2pm @ SHC**. If you can't walk that far, form a relay with others or show up at SHC for the start and drive to ICC for the finish. Join in this centuries-old tradition processing the Real Presence of Jesus – the Eucharist – in public.





PARISH STEWARDSHIP
May 12, 2024: \$ 882.00
Actual Collection YTD:
Will be updated June 2nd.
(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

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

Prayer of the Faithful: That we may generously share our God-given gifts to carry on the work of Jesus.



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.

- + The end of armed conflict around the world.
- + Those who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation this week.
- + Students, Teachers, & families that they may have a safe and enjoyable summer.
- + All willing to witness their faith and participate in the mass.
- + Parishioners who are sick, suffering long-term illnesses, homebound, hospitalized, or in nursing homes.
- + For the repose of the souls gone before us.

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

"Knowledge of faith is possible only in the Holy Spirit: to be in touch with Christ, we must first have been touched by the Holy Spirit. He comes to meet us and kindle faith in us." (CCC, 683)



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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>

"Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy.

Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit and raises man to Heaven." —St. Ephram

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.