



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.

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 to mass early and see the priest or sacristan (Jennifer Chown) about the availability of low gluten hosts.

For our homebound, Fr. Ross Tozzi homilies can be heard by going to <https://sacredheartak.org/> and click on "homilies."

Confessions: Saturdays 3-4 PM at SHC and ICC.

PASTOR

Fr. Ross Tozzi: rtozzi@cbna.org Ph: 907-347-3005

(Out of Office until July 24, 2024)

Fr. Piotr Oprych: popyrych@cbna.org Ph: 907-347-9805

DEACON

Warren Lucero

LATIN MASS SCHEDULE:

Held at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral

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:

7/5: First Friday of the Month @ ICC

7/12-13: Monroe Foundation Super Sale

7/17-21: National Eucharistic Congress

Catholic Definition: Commitment

Pledging oneself by vow, promise, or simple resolution to the performance of some action or allegiance to a cause or co-operation with a person or group of persons. The obligation is morally binding, depending on the gravity of the commitment and the formality under which it is made. (Ety. Latin *committere*, to join, connect, entrust: *com-*, together + *mittere*, to send.) <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/dictionary/>

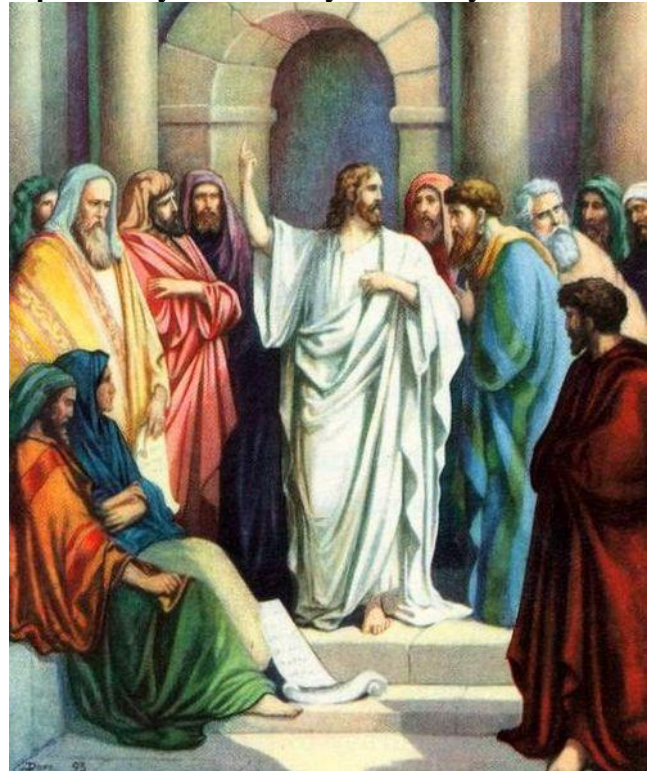
Extraordinary Parish Needs:

St. Mark's is looking for more volunteers in our parish to become Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers for our 5:30pm Sunday Mass. We have

The next altar server training will be in September.

July 7, 2024

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Cycle B



First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

The Lord sends the prophet Ezekiel to the Israelites.

Responsorial: Psalm 123:1-2, 3-4

A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul bears insults and weakness for the sake of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus is rejected in his hometown.



Music of the Mass ~ 7/7

746 God of Our Fathers

442 O God, You Search Me

155 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

734 Hail, Redeemer, King Divine

Heritage Mass parts found on pages 890-897.

We welcome all to our community!

Become a registered parishioner. If you consider St. Mark University Parish your spiritual home, we ask that you register! Please contact our parish office at stmark@cbna.org or fill out a form at the entrance of the church and leave in notebook on the entrance table. We will contact you if more information is needed.



Vespers (sung): 4:45 pm on Sundays at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Tradition Evening Prayer of the hours of the Liturgy. Consists of praying the psalms put to traditional chant tones.

Traditional Latin Mass- 6 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral
June 29; July 13 & 27; August 10 & 24,
September 14 & 21, October 12 & 26,
November 9 & 13, December 14 & 28.

The following programs resume in September:

Oratory ~ Religious Education ~ Confirmation ~ Youth Group ~ Voice of Hope Prayer Group ~ Voces Verbi Young Adult Group ~ Sacred Heart Reading Group ~ ICC Woman's Group ~ SHC Reading Group.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Soup Kitchen at ICC: (1pm Sat & Sun) Food items that are needed – Granola bars, Jelly, Fresh Fruit (bananas, apples, oranges, etc.), Desserts, Eggs, Hot Chocolate, Coffee (3#tin) , Peanut Butter, “Bottled water”. Need volunteers both Saturdays and Sundays from 12-3pm.

SHC Friday Food Boxes: Calls are taken from 10-11am Friday. Volunteers unload boxes upon delivery from Foodbank around 12:15pm and distribute them to clients in the parking lot until 1:00pm. Please call Deborah at 907-474-9032 for details.

SHC Voices of Hope Prayer Group – 6:00 PM Tue, downstairs in SHC kitchen for light potluck. Contemplative prayer meeting in community room ending in rosary at 8:30 PM.

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. A group of dedicated women and men doing the Blessed Mother Mary's work.

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.

Fr. Ross Tozzi will be out of town until July 24th. If you need a priest, please contact at **Fr. Piotr Oprych** (907)-347-9805 ; poprych@cbna.org; **Fr. Shepherd Munaro** through Sacred Heart Cathedral offices at (907) 474-9032 or email him at smunaro@cbna.org.

Please join the Diocese of Fairbanks in welcoming Fr. Kamil Kiszka to the Diocese of Fairbanks.



He has permission to serve here for the next year. Fr. Kamil comes to us from the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey. We are grateful to Fr. Kamil and his bishop for their generosity! Fr. Kamil has assisted us in the past; many of you may remember him from previous visits. He will fly out to the bush next week.

Fr. Robert Fath began his sabbatical on 1 July and will be gone from the diocese until February 2025. Please keep him in your prayers. If you need assistance while he is away, please call the Chancery (907-374-9500) to connect with someone who can assist you.



Justice Challenge: It seems kind of funny that when the disciples went out on their missions, they failed sometimes. They tried to heal, and it didn't work. They tried to get rid of a demon, and it wouldn't leave. They talked with Jesus about this, and he said they had to have faith. They needed to believe that they had authority, and it would be theirs. This potential is offered to us as well. We might ask who are the sick, the poor, the mentally ill, the hungry and homeless? They are living among us – in our families, schools, workplaces, and community. How do you serve? Do you wait for someone else to do it? Do you leave it to the professionals or experts? Jesus offers great rewards for those who act courageously in the face of fear. In what small way are you being challenged to act on behalf of someone else in the face of fear?

<https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... to the First Reading: Sadly, biblical tradition reveals that all too frequently God's prophets faced rejection and resistance. The story of Ezekiel in the first reading describes the lot of God's faithful servants, which was also the lot of Jesus.



... to experience: If we take seriously our own commitment to live gospel values, there will be times when we will be faced with misunderstanding, rejection, and ridicule. Indeed, the extent of the resistance may even be the measure of our commitment.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>



THE CONGRESS
The Rebirth of a Legacy
July 17-21

Jesus is calling us back to our first love for a new Pentecost. The 10th National Eucharist Congress will begin July 17th when four branches of the Pilgrimage meet in Indianapolis. These pilgrimages are made up of groups of young adults traveling from the north (Itasca, MN), south (Brownsville, TX), east New Haven, CT), and west (San Francisco, CA) edges of the United states. They began on May 17th traveling from city to city on their mission to reach Indianapolis for the start of the Eucharistic Conference.

We may not be able to attend in person, but we can keep be part of it by listening to talks, watching videos, and reading reports at their site - <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>



Please keep the offices of St. Mark University Parish (907-374-9564) or Sacred Heart Cathedral (907-474-9032) informed of anyone who is homebound, hospitalized, seriously ill, or wishes to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. *“Let us remember that the anointing of the sick is one of the ‘sacraments of healing,’ of ‘restoration,’ that heals the spirit,”* the pope said in a video message released July 2 by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.



How Roman collars became the priestly uniform...

We all recognize priests by this special vesture. But where did it come from?

Priests began wearing the standard cassock about three or four hundred years before the iconic collar. In the interim, collars changed according to the times.

Then, in 1624, the Church concluded that the time had come for clerical garb to have stricter guidelines.

Why 1624? Well, collars had grown into major fashion statements by that time. No matter how plain or embellished the rest of the garb, the collar was the crown of it all. Linen was the most common material, but the high class could display impressive, filigree collars of lace. The fancier the collar, the wealthier the owner!



Today's Roman collar

The Church, however, wished both the clergy and laity to always remember what a priest is: Christ's representative on earth, who is consecrated to God, and who embraces material poverty as did Our Lord. For a priest to wear collars of expensive materials was incongruous with this aspect of his calling. So Pope Urban VIII forbade ornamentation or lace and the Church regulated the fashionable collars to simple ones.

Today, we are familiar with the most common form of this simple collar: the "Roman collar," with its simple white square. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

For all those not able to receive our LORD in the Eucharist you can recite the following:

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

Make your home a place of peace, joy, and healing.

Take the opportunity to get to know a priest. Invite one to bless your home – there is a blessing and scripture reading, and then the priest will use holy water to bless either the four corners of your house or go room to room blessing each space. <https://aletieia.org>



Rest is so necessary for the health of our minds and bodies, and often so difficult to achieve due to the demands placed on us.

But rest is also essential for our spiritual health, so that we can hear God's voice and understand what he asks of us.

~ Pope Francis

A PROPHET AND HIS NATIVE PLACE

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place." It could be the slogan of high school reunions everywhere.

I speak from experience – I didn't go to my high school reunion, but I do live in the same area in which I grew up. Ghosts from the past lurk in every grocery aisle and gas station. Former classmates fill my prescriptions at the pharmacy. I am always sure to see an old teacher or two at the Fourth of July parade.

If my teenage self knew that this was her future, she would be horrified. She wanted to grow up and move away, not because she didn't like living in this town, but because she wanted to reinvent herself. And you can't reinvent yourself in your native place. In your hometown, you'll always be exactly what you are – no more, no less.

The same was true for Jesus, who was probably the only person actually worthy of admiration at his high school reunion. When he returned to his native place, he was what he had always been – God and man, Messiah, miracle-worker. This is not something he became, it was always within him.

But the people of Nazareth cannot accept it. Why?

Well, probably for the same reason that I wanted to reinvent myself when I was 16. We don't often see anything worth venerating in the "right now" of our lives. We think happiness is a promotion or a pay bump away. We think we'll finally be holy when we find the time to take that silent retreat. We think we will be beautiful when we lose ten pounds.

The Nazarenes lived with God right under their noses, and they didn't realize it. So, when he came in all his greatness, the dissonance was too much to bear, and they rejected him. They didn't want that God – the one they had dismissed or overlooked or ignored. They wanted a different one. A shinier one. One that didn't look like the "right now" of their lives.

But that's where God is, folks. He's in the right now, and nowhere else. He's waiting there for you, with all the happiness, holiness, and beauty your life needs.

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."

~ Mark 6:4

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – June 27, 2024 ©Lpi

Self-Acceptance

[Paul said,] Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

(2 Corinthians 12:8)

Adults: What unavoidable weakness in yourself do you struggle to accept?

Children: What have you wished would be different or better about you?

"Every good Christian knows that vacation is the time to rest the body but also to nurture the spirit through more time for prayers and meditation, to grow in one's personal relationship with Christ and follow his teachings ever more closely.

~ Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



PARISH STEWARDSHIP
June 30th and fiscal year end amount will be reported in our July 14th bulletin.

Looking for a way to support our Parish? WeShare allows for electronic online giving at: <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>.

Thank you for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you...’”... (Ezekiel 2:2-3)

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer his call.

Prayer of the Faithful: That we generously use our God-given gifts to do the work God has paced us here on earth to do.



Pope Francis' July Prayer Intentions: For the pastoral care of the sick.

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confers to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and becomes ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Please Pray For (+): Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, Fr. Shepherd Munaro, and all priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons in working our diocese. Especially

- + Our Diocese ministry in rural Alaska.
- + All travelers and vacationers – that their journeys will be safe
- + A summer of rest and relaxation with family and friends.
- + Our youth working during the summer.
- + The sick, lonely, and homeless among us.
- + Our own needs and intentions.
- + Our beloved deceased: that they may find peace in God's light.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS “My grace is sufficient for you.” Consider a calling to the priesthood or consecrated life. God's grace is all you need. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504.

ADORATION TIMES ~ Fairbanks & North Pole

Sacred Heart Cathedral

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

Immaculate Conception Church

Tues: 7 PM – 8 PM ~ Wed: 6 - 7 PM ~ Sat: 3 – 4 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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Diocesan Employment Opportunities

Part-time Donations Processing Clerk, 20 hrs./wk. This job entails all aspects of processing donations received by the Diocese. 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.

Catholic Schools of Fairbanks Openings

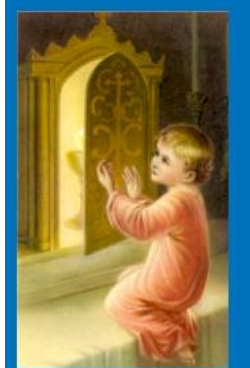
Director of Schools and President of the Monroe Foundation, Elementary Principal, Elementary Counselor, Full-time High School and Middle-School Teachers, and On-call Substitute Teachers. For more details or application instructions go to <http://www.catholic-schools.org/employment>.

If you know of anyone eligible and looking for work in these positions, please help by passing this along.

Month of the Precious Blood

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it." <https://www.catholicculture.org>



**Blood of Christ,
Eucharistic drink and
refreshment of souls, save
us.**

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>

