



# 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.  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at SHC: Thursdays 8am-12pm

### PASTOR

Fr. Ross Tozzi: [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) Ph: 907-347-3005  
(Out of Office until July 24, 2024)

Fr. Piotr Oprych: [poprych@cbna.org](mailto:poprych@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@alaska.edu](mailto: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:

**7/28:** St. Mark Birthday/Anniversary Sunday after mass

**7/31:** Secular Franciscan Presentation – 6PM at St. Raphael's

**8/2-3:** First Friday at ICC – 5:30pm Mass – 7am Mass on Sat.

**8/6-8:** Diocesan Clergy Days

**8/15:** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**8/24-25:** 2024 Youth Fest @ Bingle Camp

### Catholic Definition: Saints

A name given in the New Testament to Christians generally (Colossians 1:2) but early restricted to persons who were eminent for holiness. In the strict sense saints are those who distinguish themselves by heroic virtue during life and whom the Church honors as saints either by her ordinary universal teaching authority or by a solemn definition called canonization. The Church's official recognition of sanctity implies that the persons are now in heavenly glory, that they may be publicly invoked everywhere, and that their virtues during life or martyr's death are a witness and example to the Christian faithful. (Etym. Latin *sanctus*, holy, sacred.)

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/dictionary/>

July 21, 2024

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



**First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

The Lord promises to shepherd his people Israel.

**Responsorial: Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6**

The Lord is our shepherd

**Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18**

Christ has reconciled us with God and united us in peace.

**Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-34**

Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them.

Music of the Mass ~ 7/21

**614** Like A Shepherd

**470** The King of Love My Shepherd Is

**480** Shepherd Me, O God

**367** Shepherd of Souls

**561** O Bless the Lord, My Soul

*Heritage Mass parts found on pages 890-897.*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Welcome to St. Mark University Parish! Next Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, we welcome our faith community to gather after mass to celebrate birthdays and anniversary for July. We will provide ice cream and drinks and encourage parishioners to bring something to share that won't require utensils to ensure easy clean-up. This will be held outside, weather permitting!

**Prayer Support:** If you need prayers for any intention, please contact our parish office at 907-374-9564 or email: [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org). Help keep us informed if you are homebound, hospitalized, seriously ill, or wish to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.



**Need a Priest?** - Please contact at Fr. Piotr Oprych (907)-347-9805 ; [poprych@cbna.org](mailto:poprych@cbna.org); Fr. Shepherd Munaro at [smunaro@cbna.org](mailto:smunaro@cbna.org) or through Sacred Heart Cathedral offices at (907) 474-9032.

**2024 YOUTH Fest** – Starts 10 AM on Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> (Sat) and ends at 2 PM on Aug 25<sup>th</sup> (Sun). Youths 12-17 years of age are eligible to participate. Go to [forms.gle/iCqVGDnqk7WsxerX7](https://forms.gle/iCqVGDnqk7WsxerX7) to register.

**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  
July 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 Monday 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](mailto:stclare4@gmail.com)

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

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

**INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS?**

Have you felt drawn to St. Francis and St. Clare and their way of living out the Gospel?

COME AND SEE on Wednesday, July 31st at 6 PM at St. Raphael Catholic Church located at 1125 Old Steese Hwy N.

We now have four professed Secular Franciscans in Fairbanks. There are six more in Formation at this time. These people come from the different local parishes in Fairbanks. This COME AND SEE is being presented in collaboration with Our Lady of Angels Fraternity in Deer Park, Washington.

There is also a ZOOM link if you are unable to attend in person. Contact Gloria Slagle at [stclare4@gmail.com](mailto:stclare4@gmail.com) for the link and if you have any questions.

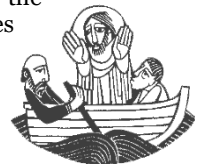
**St. Raphael Picnic** ~ On July 28<sup>th</sup> following their 9:30 AM mass St. Raphael will be having a cookout picnic at their parish. There will be food, live entertainment, and fellowship. All are invited.



**Justice Challenge:** On July 26 we celebrate the feast day of Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary. Anne is the patron saint of grandmothers, since she herself was Jesus' grandma. While many cultures around the world honor the elderly and give them the highest respect, in our own country we have witnessed the neglect and sometimes even the abuse of our elders. Your challenge this week is to be an advocate for the “wisdom people” in your life. How can you show respect for the older people in your own family, or on your block, or in a nursing home in your community? How can you support the needs of the elderly through legislation? Can you offer a smile, a greeting, and perhaps even a visit with an elder who is lonely and gets few visitors? <https://pastoral.center>

**Connecting the Gospel...**

**... to the First Reading:** When authority is misused, the sheep are scattered, driven away, not cared for; the shepherd will be punished. Jeremiah foresees the coming of a good and righteous shepherd, Jesus, who teaches us all we need to know to come to salvation



**... to experience:** We are driven to do whatever is necessary to overcome physical difficulties. We must be equally relentless in overcoming whatever keeps us from growing spiritually and coming to fullness of life in Christ. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

**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

Check local parish bulletins on their websites to see events taking place.

Sacred Heart Cathedral <https://sacredheartak.org/>

Immaculate Conception <https://iccfairbanks.org/>

St. Raphaels Catholic Church <https://straphaelfairbanks.org/>

St. Nicholas Catholic Church <https://stnicholasnp.org>

*Pray for the safety of all travelers!*



### What do a lion, ox, eagle, and angel have in common? They're all symbols of the Gospel writers!

The four Evangelists are portrayed alongside a particular creature. What are these creatures, and what do they symbolize?

When you see the four Evangelists—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—depicted in art, one quick way to know who is who is to look at their symbols, which are frequently depicted with them.

You'll see a man (usually portrayed as an angel), a lion, an ox, or an eagle. Sometimes artists utilize the symbols as stand-ins for the actual saints, so you'd need to know your symbology to figure out who is represented.

Let's start by matching the right symbol with the right Evangelist:

- Matthew: Man/Angel
- Mark: Lion
- Luke: Ox
- John: Eagle



The great Church Father St. Jerome, who lived in the 4th and 5th centuries, gave us the pairings as we now know them. St. Gregory the Great corroborated his interpretation.

The symbols themselves come from the book of Ezekiel, who had a vision of God in the midst of these four creatures. The Church Fathers interpreted this as a foreshadowing of the four Gospels.

We meet the four creatures again in the 4th chapter of St. John's Apocalypse:

"...the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle..."

Matthew's symbol is a man because he begins his Gospel with Christ's human genealogy, focusing on Christ the Man.

Mark is represented by a lion because his Gospel starts off with a roar. Right away in the first chapter, we are confronted with the fiery words of St. John the Baptist, the "voice of one crying in the wilderness."

Luke is accompanied by an ox, an animal of sacrifice. This is because the first event he recounts is the apparition of the Angel Gabriel to Zechariah, the father of St. John the Baptist. Zechariah, a priest, is offering sacrifice to God in the temple when St. Gabriel appears to announce the impending birth of St. John.

An eagle is the companion of St. John, because in his Gospel, St. John "soars" above earthly events to contemplate the Divinity of Christ. His narrative begins with these sublime words: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

The Church and her saint have always had a deep friendship with God's creatures! <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

### (Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments A DESERTED PLACE



In one of my favorite shows, "Parks and Recreation," there is a scene where one of the characters, Jerry, is tasked with stuffing hundreds of envelopes with flyers as part of his volunteer work for a local city council campaign.

Jerry's efficient, almost mechanical completion of the job amazes his coworkers, who gather to watch in awe while he folds, inserts, seals, and stamps — over and over again. After several hours, the huge pile of envelopes is finally ready for mailing ... and Jerry realizes that he has stuffed them all with the wrong piece of paper.

"I always say, it ain't government work unless you do it twice," he quips as he restarts the task.

In any work, no matter how worthy or fulfilling it is, there is a point where the task transforms into mere routine. It can happen with anything: ministry, marriage, parenthood, even prayer. There is no shame in this. It does not mean that we don't enjoy these pursuits or feel passion for the mission inherent in them.

It only means that we are human, and we get tired.

When the Apostles return from their travels, Jesus recognizes their exhaustion. He encourages them to "come away to a deserted place." He inhabits a human body, so he knows the weariness to which it is subject. He knows what it is to be tired, to be hungry. He knows that it's hard to do the work when your body is failing you.

It's important for us to recognize those times when Jesus is calling us to a deserted place — and it's important for us to follow him there, even if we are pursued by feelings of doubt and guilt, just as the Apostles were followed by crowds hungry for their ministry.

Solitude is not selfishness. Contemplation is not idleness. To withdraw does not mean to run away.

The work we do — whatever it is — deserves our whole strength. If we have lost that, there is only one place we are sure to find it again.

*"He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.'" — Mark 6:31*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – July 18, 2024 ©Lpi

#### **Come Away and Rest**

*The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."*

*(Mark 6:30–31a)*

**Adults:** What do you do to rest so that you can return to work refreshed?

**Kids:** When will you take time to stop and pray this week?

*Enjoy the Golden Days weekend and upcoming  
Tanana Valley State Fair! Be Safe!*



### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

July 14: \$ 856.03

Fiscal Year Total 7/1/24-6/30/25: \$ 2,429.84

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

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” Mark 6:8**

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God’s providential care. Think of all the material things “we can’t live without” in today’s world. We make our life’s journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don’t become “slaves” to wanting to acquire more things.

**Prayer of the Faithful:** That we may take time every day to rest in God’s presence.



### 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 within our diocese.

- + Wisdom and prudence for our government and world leaders.
- + The end of war, conflict, and violence throughout the world.
- + Communities affected by extreme weather, fires, and natural disasters.
- + Travelers and vacationers; may they have safe trips, protected from harm, and return home safely.
- + Those who are ill (especially John Fox and Ben Orr) and all who care for them, for their courage and perseverance.
- + The community of St. Mark’s, and our needs at this time.
- + Our dearly departed and their families who grieve their loss.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS** “They were like sheep without a shepherd.” Do these words of Christ challenge you to give your all for Him and lead the flock as a priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504.

### Blessed are those who have died in the Lord:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~ Amen

**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](mailto:vac@cbna.org). For more information access the Diocese safe environment link through <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse>

# 2024 YOUTH Fest



Scan QR code or go to the link to register!  
[forms.gle/iCqVGDnqk7WsxerX7](https://forms.gle/iCqVGDnqk7WsxerX7)



**When** Starts - 10am Sat Aug 24  
Ends - 2pm Sun Aug 25  
**Where** Bingle Camp  
**Ages** 12-17 years old



### Diocesan Employment Opportunities Chancery

**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](https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings) for more detailed information or E-mail [humanresources@cbna.org](mailto: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](mailto:rector@cbna.org) or Ph: (907) 347-3005 with questions.

#### St. Raphael Part-time Lay Pastoral Minister

### Opportunity In Your Faith Awaits

Bring your faith alive to those who come through the doors of St. Raphael Catholic Church and be the face, heart, and love of Christ to all.

The lay pastoral ministers assist the priest and parish staff with seasonal and special celebrations preparation and coordination through ministry. Come assist our parish by:

- Coordinating volunteer ministries
- Planning reflection and faith building materials
- Coordinating volunteers and organizations who assist the parish
- Recruiting volunteers for ministry and service
- Developing beautification strategies through seasonal decorating
- Engaging and assist with religious education
- Helping to lead rehearsals for special celebrations
- Assisting with pastoral care initiatives
- Promoting parish faith building activities and classes
- Holding regular office hours to be accessible to members of the parish

The lay pastoral minister is a part time position with flexible hours. If you are interested in this position with St. Raphael Parish please contact the parish office by calling (907) 457-6603 or email: [straphaelcatholicparish@gmail.com](mailto:straphaelcatholicparish@gmail.com)

#### Catholic Schools of Fairbanks Openings

High School English Teacher, Middle School/High School History Teacher, Middle School/High School Religion and Theology Teacher, and On-call Substitute Teachers. For more details or application instructions go to <http://www.catholic-schools.org/employment>.