



# 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

**7/28:** World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

**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: Papist

Opprobrious term used in English-speaking countries to designate a Catholic. Its origin goes back to the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther (1483-1546) and John Calvin (1509-64) wrote polemics against the papacy.

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

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Welcome all to St. Mark University Parish! Please join us after 5:30 PM Mass as we honor those who celebrated birthdays and anniversaries in July! All are welcome! Weather permitting we'll hold it outside.

**July 28, 2024**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44**

Elisha the prophet feeds 100 people and answers their needs.

**Responsorial: Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18**

The Lord feeds his people and answers their needs.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6**

The Ephesians are encouraged to live the unity of their Baptism.

**Gospel Reading: John 6:1-15**

Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

**Music of the Mass ~ 7/28**

**312** Table of Plenty

**374** Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist

**307** Come to the Feast

**367** Shepherd of Souls

**345** Seed, Scattered and Sown

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



**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 currently. 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.



**Justice Challenge:** Most of us want to be part of a winning team or be part of something that works or is doing really well! We love to give to organizations that reach lots of people and do the most good. This week the readings include accounts of people who did things differently.

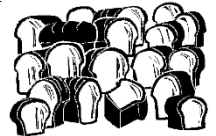
The first was the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. This account in John includes the little boy who shared his fish and barley loaves. From that, Jesus and the disciples fed five thousand and had food left over. The disciples wanted to do the normal thing... send everyone out for takeout or a drive-through. But Jesus used the faith of the little boy to do things differently. That boy might have felt a little foolish looking around at all the people and then looking at his own little basket. However, he had faith. He just had to do what he was called to do...share his food. Another encounter in Scripture has Jesus preaching in Nazareth where he is booted out of town. People couldn't take him seriously; he had grown up in their midst. They knew his story. Jesus wanted to share what he had with them, but they didn't want it. He chose to leave and to use it as a lesson for the disciples. If you are not welcome, just shake the dust from your sandals and move on... their loss. What a great challenge for us, to follow our heart and do God's will even if it looks foolish or we are rejected. This week, pray for God to show you where your presence and gifts are needed. Make a list of people, places and causes that you might be called to serve. Choose one and take a step out in faith to make a difference. <https://pastoral.center>

#### **Connecting the Gospel...**

**... to the First Reading:** Elisha begins with more barley loaves (twenty) and satisfies the hunger of a smaller crowd (one hundred people) with “some left over.” Jesus begins with only a few barley loaves (five) and satisfies the hunger of a much larger crowd (five thousand) with “twelve wicker baskets left over.”

**... to experience:** We Americans enter supermarkets and are faced with a superabundance of food that we take for granted. This gospel reminds us that it is not Quantity that satisfies but who gives us the food.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>



#### **Regional Soup Kitchen at Immaculate Conception**

Serving Hours are Saturday & Sunday only from 1-3pm. They are always looking for volunteers and donations to help with their program. If interested, please contact Immaculate Conception Church at 907-423-3533 ext. 1003, or email [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org)

Our prayers are with all participating in the Tanana Valley State Fair (7/26-8/4) and Senior Games (8/2-11) this week! Check out the Senior Games at <https://www.alaskaisg.org/>

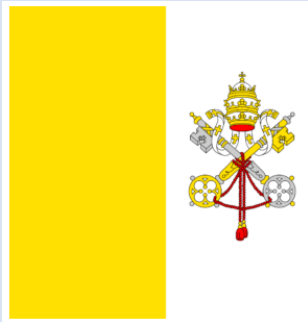
Grandparents are the memory of a family, the memory of a country, the memory of the faith, because it is they who give it to us.

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### What do the parts of the Vatican flag symbolize?

We're so used to seeing the Vatican Flag in our churches, on the internet, and pretty much any place affiliated with the Catholic Church. But have you ever thought about what the flag means?



The left side of the flag is a rich yellow. The right side is white and features the coat of arms of Vatican City. At the top of the coat of arms is the papal tiara, which was worn by popes from the eighth century to the mid-twentieth century.

Beneath the papal tiara are two keys, referring to Matthew 16:19, when Jesus says to St. Peter, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." The gold key represents spiritual power, and the silver key stands for worldly power. The keys are connected with a red cord, which symbolizes how the two powers are bound together.

Regarding the choice of yellow and white for the flag, there are various historical and symbolic explanations for these colors. One possible connection is to the keys themselves: the yellow field corresponding to the gold key, the white to the silver key. In heraldry, yellow is equivalent to gold (the heraldic color or) and white to silver (argent). The colors certainly offer a striking visual echo of the keys of Peter.

The Vatican flag is an iconic symbol of our rich history as a Church. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>



Pope Francis established a **World Day for Grandparent and the Elderly** which took place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021. The Sunday is closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is "Do not cast me

off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71:9). This worldwide celebration in the Universal Church calendar will hopefully reassure them that they are loved and that they are needed.

<https://www.cahtolicgrandparentsassociation.org>

#### 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

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments  
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It doesn't matter what time of day we visit my mother-in-law — she always has food to offer. If we take two helpings, she will encourage us to take three. If we take three helpings, she will say, "Coraggio — take more." (She's Italian, in case you couldn't tell from the food-pushing and the language.)

When Jesus feeds the five thousand with the miracle of the loaves and fish, he does not produce just enough food to feed everyone who is there. He certainly could — that would be within his power. And he shows concern about waste, so it would make sense for him to do that. But instead, he deliberately overproduces. He creates more food than is necessary. He makes an abundance of it. Why?

I think it's for the same reason my mother-in-law keeps urging us to eat when we come to her house. Feeding people is not just a functional action. It's a gesture. It shows love. It shows concern. It shows welcome. Having an abundance of food — so much that there is some left over — is a sign that you don't care how much someone wants — you are ready to give whatever they are ready to take. You are ready to give recklessly. You are ready to give them not just all they need but also all they could want.

I think of this when I approach the sacrament of Confession. Time and time again I walk up to the door of that little room, a list of oft-repeated sins in my hand and a sense of shame on my heart.

Here I am again, Jesus. Back for more mercy. Hope you haven't run out.

He hasn't yet. He never will. "Coraggio," he whispers deep in my heart, "take more."

*"When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, 'This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.'"*

— John 6:14

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#### **Gifts of Hope**

**When [the people] were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So, they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.**

(John 6:12–13)

**Adults:** When has the generous gift of another offered you hope?

**Kids:** What loving gift could you give to another person this week?

"It is very important to bring together the wisdom of the elderly and the enthusiasm of the young. The encounter between grandparents and grandchildren is key, especially in this moment of economic and social crisis that humanity is undergoing."

~ Pope Francis

Helping to pass on the faith and keep prayer at the heart of family life



### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

July 21: \$ 846.03

Fiscal Year Total 7/1/24-6/30/25: \$ 2,419.84

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

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?”***

**JOHN 6:9**

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

**Prayer of the Faithful:** That regardless of our own individual circumstance, we all recognize that we have the ability to share.



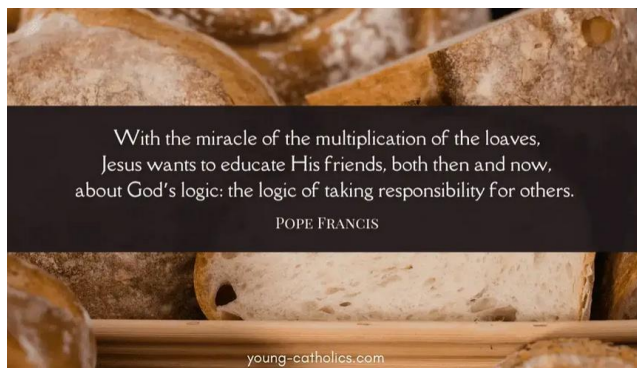
### Pope Francis' July Prayer Intentions: For the pastoral care of the sick.

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.
- + Enduring and lasting peace on the earth.
- + Relief for people suffering from fires on the west coast and Canada.
- + Vacationers who may be traveling – for safe journeys.
- + Those in need of healing – John Fox, Ben Orr, Tracy Bradshaw, Marilis Bennett’s mother, Gail Riedman, Fr. Ross Tozzi’s mother, and our elderly.
- + People in need of shelter, healthcare, education, and adequate food.
- + Our dearly departed and their families who grieve their loss.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS** “I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.” Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504.



With the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, Jesus wants to educate His friends, both then and now, about God’s logic: the logic of taking responsibility for others.

POPE FRANCIS

young-catholics.com

**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)



<b>When</b>	Starts - 10am Sat Aug 24 Ends - 2pm Sun Aug 25
<b>Where</b>	Bingle Camp
<b>Ages</b>	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).

### 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>.

### 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

**Responsibilities include** assisting the priest and parish staff with seasonal and special celebrations preparation and coordination through ministry. **Description:** 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; and 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.comstjul](mailto:straphaelcatholicparish@gmail.comstjul)

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!**