



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>

Sunday Mass: 5:30 pm at SHC

Unable to receive normal hosts? Please arrive 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.

Thursday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8am-12pm at SHC.

PASTOR

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

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

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:

8/11: Blessing of Students & Teachers

8/11: Knights of Columbus Pot Of Gold raffle tickets on sale after weekend masses.

8/13, 15, 20, 22: 7-9:30 pm ICC Beloved Marriage Prep

8/15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Catholic Definition: Blessing

As found in Scripture, it means praise, the desire that good fortune go with a person or thing, dedication of a person or thing to God's service and a gift. In liturgical language a blessing is a ritual ceremony by which an authorized cleric in major orders sanctifies persons or things to divine service or invokes divine favor on what he blesses. the Church's ritual provides for over two hundred such blessings, some of which are reserved to bishops or members of certain religious institutes.

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

Weekday Sacred Heart Cathedral Mass Schedule Change

7:30 AM - Monday through Friday. (No Wednesday Noon mass.)

August 11, 2024, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The Lord feeds the Israelites with manna.

Responsorial: Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

A song of praise to God for his deeds to Israel.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Christians become a new creation in Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 6:24-35

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the "bread of life."



Music of the Mass ~8/11

360 Pan De Vida

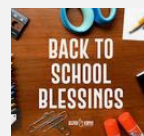
355 In the Breaking of the Bread

624 The Cry of the Poor

331 One Bread, One Body

472 There is a Balm of Gilead

Heritage Mass parts found on pages 890-897.



ATTENTION: STUDENTS, TEACHERS, & FAMILIES

Join us Sunday at 5:30pm Mass ~ Fr. Ross Tozzi will offer a blessing for you as you begin a new school year. May you return to the classroom, sports, and academic extracurricular activities refreshed from your summer rest. St. Mark Parish has prepared a gift for those in K-12 (public/private/homeschool) to take as a reminder that you are in our prayers and we support your hard work ahead. May God bless your household!

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, MARY

Holy Day of Obligation Mass
Schedule

Thursday, August 15:
7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, & 7:00 PM





Need a Priest? - Please contact Fr. Ross Tozzi (907-347-3005), St. Mark's Office (907-374-9564), or Sacred Heart Cathedral Office at (907) 474-9032.

2024 YOUTH Fest – Starts 10 AM on Aug. 24th (Sat) and ends at 2 PM on Aug 25th (Sun). Youths 12-17 years of age are eligible to participate. Go to 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
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 ~ ICC Woman's Group – Questions –contact Mother, Way of Salvation at servidoras@cbna.org or telephone (907) 987-9598. Keep checking the bulletin for updates.

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 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**.

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

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.



Diocesan Employment Opportunities

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 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.

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 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

2024 YOUTH Fest



Scan QR code or go to the link to register!
forms.gle/iCqVGDnqk7WsxerX7



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

Fall Beloved Marriage Preparation Sessions at Immaculate Conception Church

Experience the Deeper Meaning Behind “I Do” in the upcoming BELOVED series as Immaculate Conception Church hosts the fall marriage preparation classes for our diocese. Come uncover the mystery and the meaning of the sacrament of marriage for engaged couples. All engaged couples or couples thinking about marriage are invited to register for the classes. Call Immaculate Conception Church at 907-452-3533 or contact your parish pastor. *If you miss any session you can catch up with the Winter Beloved Preparation.*



August 13 & 15 - 7 to 8:30 PM
August 20 & 22 - 7 to 8:30 PM

Pray as if everything depended
on God and work as if
everything depended on you.



Justice Challenge: We celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week. She is considered the first disciple of Jesus. Her life tells us who she was: a mother, wife, daughter, niece, friend, neighbor, and disciple. Her presence in Jesus' life has to have been formative. Scripture reveals that Mary lived a life of generosity, compassion, forgiveness, hope, and kindness. She was the very first servant leader in the church. She gave up her own status in the community for the sake of Jesus – bearing him, raising him, learning from him. She teaches us how to serve and how to lead. Your challenge this week is to read Luke 1: 39-56. How is God asking you to lead in a spirit of service? What is your response? <https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... to the First Reading: The miraculous provision of bread in the wilderness sustains Elijah's physical life for the journey to Horeb, the mountain of God. Jesus offers to his disciples the food of his teaching as well as his own flesh for the journey to eternal life .



... to experience: When we love another, we open ourselves to the mystery of who that person is. In this Gospel, Jesus invites us to love him, to encounter the mystery of who he is: the "living bread" who brings us to "live forever." <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

The Catholic Company presents



What is the difference between meekness and weakness?

Meekness is, arguably, the most misunderstood virtue.

The average dictionary will tell you that meek people are patient, gentle, and humble; and then add that they are easily imposed upon. This leaves you with the impression that meekness is a nice form of weakness.

If meekness is weakness, and Our Lord calls Himself "meek and humble of heart" in Matthew's Gospel, does that mean Our Lord is weak? When He exhorts us through the Beatitudes to be meek, is He telling us to let ourselves be walked on like a doormat?

St. Paul would answer, "God forbid!" and rightly so. The first thing to remember is that meekness is not weakness—it's the opposite.

Meekness is the restraining of one's power for another's sake. It indicates a strong and prudent will. It involves mercy on the part of a stronger or more authoritative person towards his subordinate. Meekness helps us control our anger towards others and bear injustices peacefully. It takes a great deal of patience, yes, and also fortitude.

We have no greater example of meekness than Our Lord Himself.

Here He is, the God-Man, Might and Power and Wisdom Itself, with every right to squash fallen creation and start afresh. Yet He chooses to come to us in human form, to be reviled and despised and persecuted, without once calling upon His legions of angels, so that He may save us and gently gain our love.

The Eight Beatitudes are part of our roadmap to paradise. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

Do not be afraid I am with you. Isaiah 43:5

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments) **MURMURINGS**



When people whisper, what they whisper usually is not flattering. It's also usually not accurate. If it was either of these things, it probably wouldn't have to be whispered.

"Stop murmuring among yourselves," Jesus tells the community in today's Gospel, and I think I detect a hint of impatience in his voice — or is that just my own bias? Maybe, maybe not. But it's true that what they were whispering about wasn't particularly flattering, and it also wasn't very accurate: *Did you hear what he said? That he's the bread of life?*

Do they disbelieve, or are they simply confused? Resentful? Afraid? Overwhelmed? We don't know, but we do know that they're not bringing their questions into the open. They're whispering them, trading them secretly, like contraband candy.

We know this guy. Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...

And then we get to what is usually the true purpose of a whispered opinion: the desire to make oneself out as the correct and unchallenged judge of the matter at hand.

In many ways, we have become a Church of murmurers. *Did you see what Bishop So-and-So said to Such-and-Such newspaper? Did you hear what Fr. Whatshisname said in his homily? Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...*

Perhaps it was always this way, even before modern times. Perhaps this Gospel shows us that this is no new thing.

Today, we see Jesus respond to his sulking critics by drawing their attention back to the truth at the heart of his teaching. *Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me.* And that is the end of their murmuring.

The truth is like a brick wall, and it knocks them over — or rather they, hurling themselves against it, knock themselves over.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." — John 6:51

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman –August 8, 2024©Lpi

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are selling Pot Of Gold raffle tickets after weekend masses this weekend. Drawing date is Dec 7th. Tickets are \$25 each and the grand prize is \$15,000. There will be an early-bird drawing on Labor Day. Buy your tickets early to qualify for these extra chances.

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

Life for the World

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." (John 6:51)

Adults: When has the bread of life given you the strength you needed to face a difficult situation in your life?

Kids: Who will you ask Jesus to help you with when you receive Holy Communion this week?

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

August 4: \$11,233.00

Fiscal Year Total 7/1/24-6/30/25: \$ 14,963.84

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!" ~EXODUS 16:4

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need God's help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we unite our sacrifice with Jesus' sacrifice to do the will of God, Our Father. We receive the strength and courage to be His missionary disciples.

Prayer of the Faithful: That we may find the strength and courage to make our own sacrifices to build up our Church.



Pope Francis' August Prayer Intentions: For political leaders.

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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

- + All in areas of armed conflict and unrest around the world.
- + Our soldiers and public servants protecting our freedom.
- + Relief for people suffering from fires on the west coast and Canada; safety of all affected by storms and natural disasters; and areas of conflict worldwide;
- + Our teachers and children returning back for another year of education and new experiences.
- + Those in need of healing – John Fox, Ben Orr, Tracy Bradshaw, Marilis Bennett's mother, Gail Riedman, and those I have failed to mention;
- + People in need of shelter, healthcare, education, and adequate food.
- + Our dearly departed and their families who grieve their loss.

Prayer Support: If you need prayers for any intention, please contact our parish office at 907-374-9564 or email: 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.

A good education will cultivate that sense of wonder that is necessary for the imagination to take flight.

Have patience and make the most of this new school year!

2024-2025 School Year Start Dates

Fairbanks Catholic Schools: Aug 14 (Wed) – Early dismissal 12:50pm Aug 14-16.

Fairbanks North Star Borough: Aug 15 (Thu)

FNSB North Star College (UAF Classes): Aug 26

Homeschoolers: Start date depends on families and the programs they choose.

University of Alaska Fairbanks: Orientation – Aug 21-24; First day of classes -Aug 26

Religious Education: Sacred Heart Cathedral and Immaculate Conception start registering for Religious Education and Sacramental Prep this month. We ask our St. Mark families to enroll their children in these programs.

If you know of anyone wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith or come into the church, classes begin in September. Other activities and group events in parishes start up again in September. Our bulletin will keep you informed, as well as our website.

Keep our families and students in your prayers. Especially those who are headed out of state to further their education. 'Your students are living images of Jesus.'

August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, refuge of sinners, I beg of you by the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and by the graces God has granted to you since your Immaculate Conception, the grace of never going astray again. Mother, keep me, a sinner, constantly bathed in the light of your Immaculate Heart. Amen

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"I will raise him on the last day." Reflect on the profound promise of resurrection and what your path to eternal life looks like. Will your path of holiness be as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504.

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>



WEBSITES FOR AREA CHURCHES...see what's available of interest. Sacred Heart Cathedral <https://sacredheartak.org/> Immaculate Conception <https://iccfairbanks.org/> St. Raphaels <https://straphaelfairbanks.org/> St. Nicholas Catholic Church <https://stnicholasnp.org>

Pray for the safety of all travelers!