



# 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](mailto: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@alasks.edu](mailto: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:

**8/20, & 22:** 7-9:30 pm ICC Beloved Marriage Prep

**8/24:** 6:00 PM Latin Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

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

**8/26:** First Day of Classes for UAF

**9/15: Deadline for Christmas Story Video**

**10/12:** Catholic Schools HIPOW Annual Auction

**10/18:** FYNDout Free Fall Banquet 6-8:30 PM at Westmark

### Catholic Definition: Doctor of the Church

A title given since the Middle Ages to certain saints whose writing or preaching is outstanding for guiding the faithful in all periods of the Church's history. Originally the Western Fathers of the Church, Gregory the Great, Ambrose, Augustine, and Jerome, were considered the great doctors of the Church. but the Church has officially added many more names to the original four, including Sts. Catherine of Siena (1347-80) and Theresa of Avila (1515-82) and 34 others you see on Catholic Culture "Resources" under **Doctor of the Church**.  
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/dictionary/>

**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.

**August 18, 2024**

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



**First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6**

Wisdom has set a feast before us..

**Responsorial: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7**

A prayer of praise to God for his goodness.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20**

Filled with the Spirit, Christians strive to follow the will of the Lord.

**Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58**

Jesus teaches that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will live forever.



Music of the Mass ~8/18

**547** All Creatures of Our God and King

**331** One Bread, One Body

**197** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

**347** I Received the Living Go

**203** Praise to the Lord

Heritage Mass parts found on pages 890-897.

# 2024 YOUTH Fest



Scan QR code or go to the link to register!  
[forms.gle/lCqVGDnqk7WsxrX7](https://forms.gle/lCqVGDnqk7WsxrX7)



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



**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.

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

**Sacred Heart Book Club Discussion Group** – 12:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month –downstairs in the Community Room. September 9<sup>th</sup>.– The Living Wood about St. Helena and Emperor Constantine by Louise de Wohl – will be discussed. List of titles will be coming for 2024/25. Contact Janet Fortune for more info at [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com)

**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 regarding children’s catechism–contact Mother, Way of Salvation at [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto: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](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org)

**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.



**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](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 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: [staphaelcatholicparish@gmail.comstjul](mailto:staphaelcatholicparish@gmail.comstjul)

**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 20 & 22 - 7 to 8:30 PM**



**Justice Challenge:** There is a lot of talk this week in the readings about how riches keep us from the kingdom of heaven. The rich young man was a good person and yet was asked to give up his riches. He was so challenged that he apparently walked away from the life Jesus was offering. Often people take this Scripture to mean that money is not good. However, Jesus never said that money is bad... it is just our attachment to it and all it can do for us makes it hard to give it up for anything... even eternal life. Your challenge this week is to take a personal assessment. Go through each room in your house (garage too) and make a list of what you have. Cross out things you really don’t need and make plans to give them away. Then go over the list again and see if there are things you can live without. Make plans to give those away too. Encourage the whole family to participate. It is a great way to become less attached to possessions and to remember where they all come from in the first place. <https://pastoral.center>

**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 - 8 PM  
**St. Nicholas Catholic Church**  
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8:00 AM





## What is the “American Camino”?

*Hit this trail and you'll be walking in the footsteps of a saint.*

You may have heard of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain (if not, see our Get Fed on the subject [here](#)). Maybe you've had the blessing of going on this life-changing pilgrimage yourself.

But did you know that we have a “Camino” right here in the United States?

That's right. And although it's a long way from Spain, it has a very Spanish flair.

The “American Camino” is variously called the California Mission Trail, El Camino Real (the “Royal Road,” for the Spanish monarchy), or the Camino Americano (okay, we made that one up). It stretches along the California coast, connecting the 21 Spanish missions founded by the Franciscans in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Nine of these missions were founded by St. Junípero Serra himself, whose feast we celebrate today. His feast falls appropriately close to our nation's birthday—he is, after all, one of our great American saints and one who literally blazed a trail through today's California.



A stop on the California Mission Trail – San Juan Capistrano, founded by St. Junipero himself

The American Camino starts at Mission San Diego and ends at Mission San Francisco Solano in Sonoma. It's 800 miles long, mostly follows Highway 101, and contains some of the most magnificent views to be found anywhere in the U.S. Actually, anywhere in the world.

Just like the Spanish Camino, the American Camino has its own certificate of completion that you can obtain when you finish it. And be sure to get your California Mission passport stamped at each mission along the way!

Also, take pictures. We want to see them.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

### Connecting the Gospel...

... **to the First Reading:** “Come, eat of my food.” In the First Reading an invitation for a banquet is put forth, and the food is meat and wine. In the gospel an invitation is also put forth for a banquet, and the meat and wine are Jesus' very flesh and blood.

... **to experience:** In our society we often celebrate intimate moments with meals and sustain important relationships by sharing food, for example, family holiday meals and business luncheons. When we gather to share the meal Jesus provides for us, we celebrate the most intimate and important relationships we have—our union with Jesus and with one another through him. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



All our good and all our evil certainly lies in the character of our actions. As they are, so are we; for we are the tree, and they the fruit, and, therefore, they prove what each one is. ~ St. Augustine

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments)  
THE FULLENESS OF LIFE



Like any other child of the '90s raised by budget-conscious parents, I've spent my fair share of Sunday mornings in line at an Old Country Buffet, hot plate in hand. Kids ate for chump change on Sundays, and I never left that fine establishment without getting our money's worth. I always came away stuffed to the gills.

But I never, ever remember feeling satisfied.

In fact, if I recall correctly, most of the time I felt rather empty. I was always thinking about the food I didn't get to eat — whatever I couldn't fit on my plate, or whatever they were bringing out from the kitchen just as we were about to leave.

As I've gotten older, it's a feeling I've encountered again and again, and not just at buffets. Haven't we all? The people you think are perfect reveal themselves to be deeply flawed. The things you want the most are never as satisfying to possess as they are to long for. The experiences you anticipate the most end up being letdowns, when instead it's the ordinary moments — maybe even the hard moments, the painful moments — that stand out, that become cherished memories.

Today's scripture readings equate wisdom and fullness with an acceptance of something that makes no sense, that defies scientific explanation, cultural norms, and even common sense: the Real Presence of our God in the Eucharist.

Is it strange to believe that we are consuming the Body and Blood of Christ in our worship, and that only by doing so will we ever achieve everlasting life?

Perhaps. But we are asked to do many strange things as Christians. We are asked to love when we do not feel like loving, when the object of that love has not earned it. We are asked to forgive even when the recipient of that forgiveness does not seek it or merit it. We are asked to believe, in moments when belief feels impossible.

Socrates says that the only wisdom is in knowing that you know nothing. Perhaps the only spiritual fullness is in knowing that there is only emptiness to be had here in this world, that there is no physical experience or indulgence that can really make you feel satisfied and strong. That the only food that really nourishes you in a way that lasts is a small white Host you can barely taste on your tongue.

*“My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.”*

— John 6:55

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – August 15, 2024 ©Lpi

### Promise of Eternal Life

**Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.” (John 6:54)**

**Adults:** How does Jesus' promise of eternal life affect the way you live today?

**Kids:** How often do you think about heaven? Does it make a difference in the choices you make?

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

August 11: \$ 831.00

Fiscal Year Total 7/1/24-6/30/25: \$ 15,857.84

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

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” ~ John 6:56***

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.

**Prayer of the Faithful:** That through the gift of Holy Communion we reflect Jesus’s love and mercy to others.



**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.
- + Parishioners of St. Mark, that the abundant blessings will be bestowed on them.;
- + Students, teachers, and school staff as they begin a new academic year.
- + The success of the 2024 Diocesan Youth Fest at Bingle Camp this weekend.
- + Those in need of healing – John Fox, Ben Orr, Tracy Bradshaw, Marilis Bennett’s mother, Gail Riedman, Jim & Mary Cerney’s daughter, and others not mentioned.
- + People in need of shelter, healthcare, education, and adequate food.
- + Our deceased loved ones: that they may share in the gift and promise of eternal life.

**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.



### 2024-2025 School Year Start Dates

**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 are 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

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

that all men and women hear God’s plan for their lives and answer the call with thanks I their hearts, we pray to the Lord.

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

“Always give thank for all things.” Give thank to the priests, sisters, and brothers who answered God’s call with open hearts to serve Him. Is Christ calling you to serve as priest or in consecrated life? 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](mailto: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!

We are in need of extra-ordinary ministers to assist at Mass. If you are interested or have questions in regard to what this entails, please contact the parish office or see Mary Pat Boger after Mass. We will train you and put you on our schedule. Please prayerfully consider helping out.

