



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

Rev. Mr. 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

Catholic Definition: Knights of Columbus

International fraternal benefit organization of Catholic men, founded in 1882 by Rev. Michael J. McGivney, of New Haven, Connecticut. It was established on the principles of charity, unity, and patriotism, and its purpose is to provide a system of fraternal insurance benefits to the members, promote cultural relations, and engage in a variety of religious, educational, and social activities. The Knights represent the modern expression of Catholic Action. Their "purpose has meaning only insofar as they are in perfect accord with the mind of the Church." Worldwide membership is over one million.

<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.

Registration – Every family and person within the parish is encouraged to register with the Church Office at 907-374-9564.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday Sept. 14 – 12 PM

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Knights of Columbus Memorial

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Interior Right to Life, and Legion of Mary.



September 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a

The suffering servant of Yahweh is assured of God's help.

Responsorial: Psalm 161:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

A prayer of praise to God for his salvation.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

James teaches that faith must be demonstrated in one's works.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-35

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.



Music of the Mass ~9/15

562 All the Ends of the Earth

515 We Walk By Faith

449 For You Are My God

446 Seek Ye First

582 Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory

Heritage Mass parts found on pages 890-897.

CALENDAR of EVENTS:

9/15: Catechetical Sunday

9/21: ORATORY Starts for kids 5-17 – 1:00-2:45 PM (SHC)

9/20-22 Catholic Men's Retreat in Wasilla

9/27: 6:00 PM Voces Verbi Young Adult Group at ICC

9/26: Confirmation & Youth Group – 3:00 – 4:15 PM (SHC)

9/29: Priesthood Sunday

10/1: 5:30 PM Mass at SHC for Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux, the patroness of our diocese.



Annual Rosary Congress: October 4-6, 2024, at ICC!! Adoration Friday – Sunday. Guest speakers, Prayer & Devotion for Our Lady’s Peace Plan for Heaven!

Oratory - Begins Sept 21st. Every Saturday downstairs at Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC) from 1-2:45PM. Ages 5-17.

Religious Education - Every Saturday after Oratory from 3-4:15 PM. Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more information.

Confirmation/Youth Group - Starts Sept 26th. Classes Held every Thursday from 5:30-6:30 PM. Youth Group Dinner provided. 7:45 PM pick up @ SHC. Contact M. Way of Salvation at servidoras@cbna.org or call (907) 987-9595 for more info.

Voces Verbi – Starts Sept 27th at Immaculate Conception Church (ICC). Meet at 6:00 PM for Adoration, Pizza, and formation for Young Adults 18-35.

Sacred Heart Book Club Discussion Group – 12:30 PM 1st Mon. downstairs in the Community Room. For more contact: 43janett@gmail.com

Regional Soup Kitchen at Immaculate Conception - Serving Hours are Sat. & Sun. only, from 1-3pm. It needs volunteers and items. Contact Immaculate Conception Church at 907-423-3533 ext. 1003, or email 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 1:00 pm. 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.

St. Nicholas’ Mother’s Group: 10AM – Noon on Tuesday. Multi-Generational Support and Conversation. Coffee/Snacks/Child Care provided. All mothers of the Diocese are invited to be a part of this group. Call or Text April at 907-347-1357.

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.



Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat at St. Nick’s 10/18-20.

Register online:

<https://fairbanks.engagedencounter.com>

For more info email:

fairbanks@engagedencounter.com



CATHOLIC MEN’S RETREAT
“**Becoming a Real Man of God**”

20-22 September 2024

St. Therese’s Camp

7180 Twin Lakes Drive

Wasilla, Alaska 99654

Friday: 6:00 PM Arrival



Topics Include:

- Showing Oneself a Strong, Faithful Man of God, Back to the Beginning, Real Love.
- Men and Women Love Differently, Saint Joseph as an Icon of Authentic Masculine Love.
- The Virtues of a Soldier of Christ, Forming Virtuous Masculine Men, and the Perversion of Masculinity.

Mass Each Day, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Daily Prayers, Examination of Conscience, Bonfire, Free Time, Fellowship, Holy Rosary, Adoration, Confession, Benediction, and Times of Silence.

Depart 12 Noon Sunday. Cost \$50 per person; Meals provided by State Council. For more details and to register, go to the following website <https://kofcstate.com/mens-retreat> . Contact Doug Wright at statesecretarykofcak2024@gmail.com or text (907) 203-2001.

“Be Strong and Show Yourself a Man and Keep the Charge of the Lord, your God, walking in His ways and keeping his statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies.” 1 Kings 2:1-3



Justice Challenge: The second reading for Sunday is from James’ letter. He challenges us to not just talk about helping others, but to actually DO it. Then we hear in the Gospel Jesus’ challenge to deny ourselves, carry our crosses, and follow him. Your challenge this week is to have a conversation with your family to figure out the connection between doing something for a person in need and being a follower of Jesus. Then choose a person whom you have talked about and for whom you feel compassion because they are in a difficult situation. But this time don’t just talk about it. Do something to help the person in a specific, concrete way.

<https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... to the First Reading: The resoluteness of the Suffering Servant not to turn back no matter what suffering must be faced is the same resoluteness Jesus shows in his choice to face suffering and death so that all may have life.

... to experience: It is easy to be resolute about what brings us joy, pleasure, advancement, possessions, and honor. It is far more difficult to be resolute about what costs us dearly of our time, energy, resources, and even our very life. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Time Faith and Works

Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you, my faith.

(James 2:17-18)

Adults: Why should faith always lead to good works?

Kids: What good works can you do to show your faith in Jesus?



What did Joseph and Mary's betrothal look like?

Through miraculous lilies, God chose a simple carpenter for Mary's spouse.

We all know that God chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary. Sacred Scripture introduces him to us:

“In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.” —Luke 1:26-27

But how did God bring Joseph into Mary's life? What did their betrothal look like? Although it is not described in Sacred Scripture, Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich received a vision of their betrothal, and it is a beautiful and moving scene.

Joseph, though a descendant of King David, led a simple life as a carpenter in Nazareth. Joseph, known for his humility, had a reputation for holiness in Nazareth.

When the priests in the temple sought a man to be the protector and husband of Mary, a young virgin who had dedicated herself to God, Joseph was called along with others from his tribe. The priests gave each man a dry branch, praying for a sign to reveal God's choice. The men and the onlookers held their breath and prayed for a sign.



Suddenly, Joseph's branch bloomed with beautiful white lilies—symbols of purity and innocence—marking him as the one chosen by God to be Mary's spouse.

Mary accepted this engagement with trust. She knew that God's plan was unfolding, and though she had vowed to remain a virgin, she recognized that this betrothal to Joseph was part of a larger purpose. Neither of them could have expected what God was about to do with their quiet obedience...

Through marriage, the Chaste Heart of St. Joseph and the Immaculate Heart of Mary were joined together. As a family, these two Hearts were joined together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment) Take Up Your Cross



When I'm interviewing people for my job as a staff writer at an archdiocesan newspaper, I like to ask them this question: at the end of your life, when you meet God, what do you want to hear Him say?

I've gotten a lot of interesting answers.

“I called and you listened.”

“What tee time would you like tomorrow?”

“What were you thinking?”

“Your service made things better.”

It's a question I've thought a lot about, personally. What I want to hear God say when I finally see His face is this: “You can put it down now.”

When Jesus asks his disciples “Who do you say that I am?” he is not just asking them to verbalize an answer. He is asking them to do something: pick up the cross. Find the problems in this world, in this life, and throw your arms around them. Drag them to God, even if it kills you. It's not enough to stand by the sidelines, watching Christ ascend to Calvary, nodding your head in approval. *Yes, I agree. Yes, I believe. Yes, Jesus, good job!* You have to follow in every bloody footprint he leaves in the dust. Set your face like flint. And when you meet him at the top, you better not be empty-handed. He has a cross, he will expect you to have one, too.

I hope that I can do it. I hope that I am strong enough. I am not one of those great, hardy souls. I stumble terribly under the weight of my very small cross. I grumble as I shift it from shoulder to shoulder. But every time I have been almost at the point of giving up, almost ready to lay it down, there is something — Someone — who supports my drooping arm. The Lord God is my help.

If, at the end of everything, I hear the words, “You can put it down now,” then I will know I have made it. I will know I have not failed: I took up the cross.

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” ~ Matthew 16:24

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman –September 12, 2024©Lpi

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS September 15th



The Seven Sorrows of Mary

- The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke 2:34, 35)
- The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew 2:13, 14)
- The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (St. Luke 2:43-45)
- The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.
- The Crucifixion. (Mark 15:21)
- The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross. (Luke 23:44-46)
- The burial of Jesus. (Matthew 27:56-60)

ADORATION TIMES ~ Fairbanks & North Pole

Sacred Heart Cathedral

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

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP
 Sept 8, 2024: \$ 995.00
 Actual Collection YTD
 (7/1/24-6/30/25)
 \$19,685.84
 Parishioner Count: 106

Your financial stewardship is a blessing. Thank You! Visit WeShare for online giving at: <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>.

Prayer of the Faithful: Remembering that absolutely everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God.



**Pope Francis' August Prayer Intentions:
 For the cry of the Earth.**

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Please Remember in your prayers (+): Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., and all our priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons working within our diocese.

- + Pray for Fr. Sean Thomson and Cedric Grace for a complete recovery; for our priests in Anchorage with serious illnesses - Fr. John Hinsvark, Fr. Dick Tero, Fr. Eric Weissman, and Fr. Scott Medlock in Anchorage.
- + For all in our community who are sick or suffering.
- + Our young children and adults currently in school.
- + Families and friends of the St. Mark Community.
- + The repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

"To pray the rosary is to hand our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and his Mother." - St. John Paul II

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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

That none of us will be hindrance to those men called to take up their cross and follow Jesus as priests, we pray to the Lord.

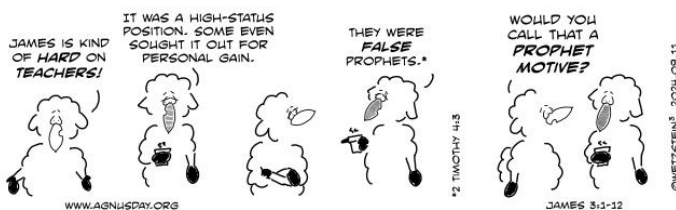
PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself." Are you seeking a simplistic way of life? You may be called to take the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Discover that life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to your priest or the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." MARK 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was observed in Rome before the end of the 7th century. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been placed on Mount Calvary by St. Helena and preserved in Jerusalem, but then had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius in 629.



The Golden Legend by Jacobus de Voragine describes Emperor Heraclius carrying the Cross back to Jerusalem on his shoulders. He was clothed with costly garments and with ornaments of precious stones. But at the entrance to Mt. Calvary a strange incident occurred. Try as hard as he would, he could not go forward. Zacharias, the Bishop of Jerusalem, then said to the astonished monarch: "Consider, O Emperor, that with these triumphal ornaments you are far from resembling Jesus carrying His Cross." The Emperor then put on a penitential garb and continued the journey. <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture>



FEAST DAY OF

St. Therese

**October 1st at Sacred Heart Cathedral
 5:30pm Mass
 followed by dinner in the hall**

Come celebrate the patroness of our diocese with a Mass of Thanksgiving for the perpetual vows of Sr. New Eve

Dinner is provided, please bring a dessert or drinks to share if you can!



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.

The Diocese of Spokane sent the following address to for those wanting to send letters of prayers of full recovery and support to **Fr. Sean Thomson** and his family:



Diocese of Spokane
 Attn: Fr. Sean Thomson
 525 E. Mission Ave
 Spokane, WA 99202

He is showing positive signs of improvement, but he has a long road to recovery ahead of him.

Prayers and support for CSA Alumni **Cedric Grace** and his young family can be sent to the following address where they will be staying for the time being (Miranda's parents):

Cedric & Miranda Grace
 129 Fork Mountain Rd
 Parsons, WV 26287

He is relearning to speak and regaining motor skills. Please continue to pray for a full recovery.

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>