



# 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

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](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

### Catholic Definition: Transitus

Transitus (translation from Ecclesiastical Latin: crossing) refers to "the time of passage through death to life."

<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.

### CALENDAR of EVENTS:

**9/29:** Priesthood Sunday. **Monthly Social after Mass.**

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

**10/3:** Confirmation & Youth Group – 3:00 – 4:15 PM

**10/3:** 6:30 PM Transitus of St. Francis at prayer liturgy at St. Raphael Church

**10/4:** 6:00 PM Voces Verbi Young Adult Group at ICC

**10/4-6:** Annual Rosary Congress at ICC

**10/5:** 9-10:15 AM Session 1 (of 3) Baptism Instruction (SHC)

**10/5:** ORATORY Starts for kids 5-17 – 1:00-2:45 PM (SHC)

**10/7:** 12:30 PM SHC Book Discussion Group - Downstairs

**10/12:** HIPOW – Support our Catholic Schools

**10/18-20:** Catholic Engaged Encounter at St. Nicholas

**10/18:** FYNDout Free Fundraiser 6-8PM. To register go to <https://fyndoutfree.com> or call 907-455-8255

September 29, 2024

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



**First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29**

The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders.

**Responsorial: Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14**

the Law of the Lord brings joy.

**Second Reading: James 5:1-6**

James chastises the rich.

**Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-43, 47-48**

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.



### Music of the Mass

- 207 Holy, Holy, Holy
- 407 Be Thou My Vision
- 658 Turn To Me
- 729 At The Name Of Jesus
- 209 Now Thank We All Our God

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

**Join us downstairs** after Mass to help celebrate September Birthdays and Anniversaries. Take a moment to "thank" Fr. Ross Tozzi on this special day to honor Priesthood Sunday. Cookies, ice cream, & drinks provided by St. Mark Parish.

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. Today we reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.



**Sacristan & Eucharistic Minister Training** – Sept 28, 2024, from 1-2:30 PM. If interested in training for these ministries, please show up for this session. If interested in future training contact the St. Mark Office by email: [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) or call 907-374-9564. Please consider becoming part of the EM ministry.



**Oratory 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](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org) for more information.

**Confirmation/Youth Group** - 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](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org) or call (907) 987-9595 for more info.

**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA): Tues**, 7-8:30pm at SHC. Those interested are encouraged to attend classes and build a familiarity with the Catholic Faith.

**Voces Verbi** – Meets at 6:00 PM **Friday** for Adoration, Pizza, and formation for Young Adults 18-35. Held at Immaculate Conception Church (ICC).

**Sacred Heart Book Club Discussion Group** – Meets Oct 7<sup>th</sup> - 12:30 PM downstairs in SHC Community Room 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. For more contact: [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com)

**Regional Soup Kitchen at Immaculate Conception** - Serving Hours are **Sat. & Sun.** only, from 1-3pm. Volunteers and items needed. Contact ICC 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 1:00 pm. Please call Deborah at 907-474-9032 for details.

**SHC Voices of Hope Prayer Group** – Meets 6-8:30 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 at ICC **every Friday**. Contact Joe Malen 388-2550 or Annie Dobbs 479-8567.

**St. Nicholas' Mother's Group:** 10AM – Noon **every Tuesday**. Multi-Generational Support and Conversation. Coffee, snacks, and 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



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!*

Come and **CONGRATULATE Sr. New Eve** on taking her final vows and stay for a celebratory dinner in the social hall afterwards at 6:30PM. The Knights of Columbus will host the dinner and provide all the food. Please bring drinks and desserts.

**Transitus of St. Francis** - The local Franciscans will celebrate a prayer liturgy on Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 PM at St. Raphael's Catholic Church. The Transitus tells the story of the passing of St. Francis as recorded by St. Bonaventure. The Prayer Service lasts about 40 minutes. It is a tradition to retell this story on the Anniversary of his death. There will be refreshments following.  
*All are welcome!*



**Annual Rosary Congress:** October 4-6, 2024, at ICC!! Adoration Friday – Sunday. Guest speakers, Prayer & Devotion for Our Lady's Peace Plan for Heaven! Want to know more about the history behind this national movement, go to [Eucharistic Rosary Congresses](#).



**Justice Challenge:** October 4th is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is one of our most beloved and familiar saints. One of his greatest passions was care for God's creation—nature, animals, the solar system. Francis saw God's love reflected in all created things. Your

challenge this week is to choose one part of God's creation which is threatened by human greed, neglect, or abuse. Commit to taking one action to preserve and treasure this God-given resource. For example, you might choose water and then make a plan for using less water when you shower or brush your teeth. You might choose animals and make a donation or volunteer time at your local animal shelter. Whatever you choose, include a prayer of gratitude to God for his special part of God's creation.

<https://pastoral.center>

### **Focusing the Gospel...**

**Key words and phrases:** in your name, follow us, deed in my name, cut it off, kingdom of God

**To the point:** What does it mean to be a follower of Christ? It means doing good works "in [his] name." It means receiving all others who do good "in [his] name." It means cutting off from ourselves any behaviors that keep us or others from living "in [his] name." It means, then, taking on both Jesus' single-minded focus (his willingness to pay any price for the sake of the kingdom) and his open-minded acceptance of all the good works and all the good people who are bringing this kingdom about.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

### **Setting Priorities**

**Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.** (James 5:4)

**Adults:** What are the three most important values motivating your daily decisions?

**Kids:** Could a poor person who is wise be richer in a way than a foolish person who has many things? Why?



## St. Thérèse's adventure at the Colosseum...

*What did St. Thérèse do at this famous site during her pilgrimage to Rome?*

St. Thérèse Martin and her sisters grew up in a home atmosphere of deep devotion to Our Lord and His saints. Devotions, penances, and pilgrimages were important to them.

Shortly before Thérèse entered Carmel, the Martin family made a pilgrimage to Rome. (This was the same trip on which Thérèse cast herself at the feet of an astonished Pope Leo XIII to ask permission to enter Carmel!)

During their Rome pilgrimage, Thérèse's group made a visit to the Colosseum. Thérèse and her sister Celine were thrilled—they wanted to kneel and pray on the sand that had received the blood of so many holy martyrs.

However...when they entered the famous, hallowed building, they found that the main portion of the arena was roped off.

**That didn't stop the two Martin girls!** The group followed their guide around the public areas—while Thérèse and Celine slipped under the ropes and ran into the arena.

Kneeling on the arena floor, they prayed to the holy martyrs, gathered some gravel as relics, and ran back to their father. No one else had noticed their brief disappearance, but St. Louis probably gave his daughters a loving, piercing look!

### How do I follow St. Thérèse's "Little Way"?

This beloved French Carmelite's method of spiritual childhood has been a path to holiness for an untold number of souls—and it can be for you, too!

*I've always wanted to become a saint. Unfortunately, I've always found the same difference between the saints and me as there is between a mountain and a humble grain of sand...I will look for some means of going to heaven by a little way which is very short and very straight." – St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

Does holiness seem impossible for you? Do you feel inadequate, fault-ridden? Does the sanctity of the great saints seem unattainable?

Fear not. Over a hundred years ago, a humble French girl felt the same way you do—and she came up with a solution. The Little Way of St. Thérèse of Lisieux proved not only to be her own path to Heaven, but a path for countless others who have followed in her footsteps.

The central theme of St. Thérèse's method is the idea of spiritual childhood: emulating the absolute trust, tender love, and confidence that a child has toward her father. It is through this humble dependence on God—recognizing our littleness, our nothingness—that our love and trust expand.

"It is your arms, Jesus, which are the elevator to carry me to heaven. So there is no need for me to grow up. In fact, just the opposite: I must become less and less."

What joy and peace are to be found when we, like children, throw ourselves into the merciful arms of God! Of course, we must give up some things: our self-sufficiency, which doesn't exist anyway; our pride, which always plagues our spiritual life; our endless worries, our discouragement, our fear. Trading all that in exchange for Thérèse's way of absolute trust and love—it's a no-brainer. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>.

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)  
**the Angel in the Marble**



If you show up to the gates of heaven completely whole, I kind of doubt you'll be let inside.

I know that sounds pretty awful, because what kind of God doesn't want all of you, exactly as you are? "Be yourself," we tell our kids. "If someone expects you to change to be their friend, you don't want to be that person's friend."

And sure, all of that is true ... to an extent. But I think if we really analyze our closest friendships, we'll see that we *have* been changed by them. We aren't the same person we were on the day we met our best friend or before we fell in love with our spouse. The good relationships should always change us, form us. They should call us to some higher plateau on the mountain climb that is life. But to be nimble enough for the climb, there will be parts of ourselves that we have to jettison — preconceived notions, prejudices, selfish tendencies, habits that we cling to like a security blanket.

This is how we become who we are meant to be: by discerning what isn't helpful and good in our own nature, and letting it go.

"I saw the angel in the marble," Michelangelo once said of his artistic process, "and I carved until I set him free."

Would it not be a terrible tragedy if we all remained shapeless hunks of marble, untouched by the chisels of experience and relationship, thinking ourselves perfect exactly as we are?

God looks at us and he sees the angel hidden in the marble, imprisoned there by the constraints of earthly life: original sin, the weakness of our flesh, the unceasing enticement of the evil one. He sees past what we need to excise, what we need to lop off, what we need to relinquish. He knows we are greatly attached to every part of ourselves, even those parts that lead us to sin.

He sees more than what is. He sees what can be.

*"Cleanse me from my unknown faults!" – Psalm 19:13*  
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman –September 26, 2024©Lpi

### Fall Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat

18-20 October 2024 at St. Nicholas Church

For more information or to register online, visit

<https://fairbanks.engagedencounter.com>. Couples can also email [fairbanks@engagedencounter.com](mailto:fairbanks@engagedencounter.com) with any questions .

### 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



PARISH STEWARDSHIP  
 Sept 15, 2024: \$ 1,047.00  
 Actual Collection YTD  
 (7/1/24-6/30/25)  
 \$ 22,085.91  
 Parishioner Count: 148

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**Prayer of the Faithful:** Remembering that we will be judged by what we do for the least among us, may we give generously and joyfully to support all those in need.



**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., Fr. Ross Tozzi, and all our priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons working within our diocese.

- + Our priests who serve us, for without them the Mass could not be offered, and Sacraments could not be celebrated.
- + Fr. Sean Thomson, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, IVF, and Cedric Grace – for a complete recover; for priests in Anchorage with serious illnesses - Fr. John Hinsvark, Fr. Dick Tero, Fr. Eric Weissman, and Fr. Scott Medlock
- + That all Catholics may understand the moral and ethical dimensions of political decision and decide accordingly in these elections.
- + Families and friends of the St. Mark Community.
- + The repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

**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.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – Priesthood Sunday**  
 “Whoever is not against us is for us.” Pray for your priest. They heard God calling them to the priesthood and chose to serve Christ. Now, they enrich our spiritual well-being every day in the name of God.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. MARK 9:41**

We are made in God’s image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generously become easier. Why? Because that’s the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.



**Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels - Oct. 2**

“Let us affectionately love His angels as counselors and defenders appointed by the Father and placed over us. They are faithful; they are prudent; they are powerful; Let us only follow them, let us remain close to them, and in the protection of the God of heaven let us abide.”  
 ~ St. Bernard of Clairvaux



**BAKERS** - Put your creativity to work for a good cause! Please use the link below if you are able to help HIPOW with their dessert auction. Create a fantastic dessert that can be donated for their dessert auction. Contact the address below to sign up or GET answers to any questions you may have.

<https://www.catholic-schools.org/hipower.html>

*Decadence at its finest....Unleash your inner dessert obsession while helping raise money for Catholic Schools!*

The next **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** will be held October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM at Lola Tilly Commons. We encourage members of St. Mark’s to attend as we support Catholic students on campus.

Please remember before and after Mass to kindly be silent while in the church for the presence of Jesus and for all who wish to stay after and pray and adore before the Lord. *Thank You.*



**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

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

Both Fr. Sean and Cedric Grace continue to show signs of improvement, but both have a long road to recovery.

Read the [Fall 2024](#) issue and to read about St. Mark parishioners and former CSA members - Alex and Harlee Harvey & family are doing about passing on their Catholic faith in Point Hope.



Read the [September 2024](#) issue to learn of Bishop Maekawa, O.P.’s recent travels around the diocese reaching off the road parishes and other updated news from around the Diocese. <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org>

**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>