



# 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.

### 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: Deacon

A man specially ordained to the service of the Church's ministry. In the ordination of deacons the "matter" is the imposition of a bishop's hands on individual candidates, which is done before the consecratory prayer; the "form" consists of the words of the consecratory prayer, of which the following pertain to the essence of the order and therefore are required for the validity of the act: "Lord, we pray, send forth upon them the Holy Spirit so that by the grace of your seven gifts they may be strengthened by Him to carry out faithfully the work of the ministry." The role of deacons is to assist priests in preaching, the conferral of baptism, performance of marriage, the administration of parishes, and similar duties. (Etym. Latin *diaconus*; from Greek *diakonos*, a servant, a deacon.)

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

### CALENDAR of EVENTS:

**10/12:** 9-10:15 AM Session 2 (of 3) Baptism Instruction (SHC)

**10/12:** ORATORY Starts for kids 5-17 – 1:00-2:45 PM (SHC)

**10/12:** 11 AM Choir practice for Christmas Concert

**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.

**10/23:** 5:30 PM Parish Council Mtg- UAF Lola Tilly Rm 103

**11/4:** 12:30 PM SHC Book Discussion Group – Downstairs

**11/5-7:** CLERGY DAYS

**11/7-11:** Women's Spiritual Exercises at ICC

**October 13, 2024**

**DEACON SUNDAY**

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



**First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11**

Wisdom is preferred above gold and silver.

**Responsorial: Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17**

The Lord fills us with love and joy.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13**

The Word of God exposes the heart.

**Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-30**

A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life. ([Background on the Gospel Reading](#))

### 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Music of the Mass

**739** Lead Me, Lord

**416** Christ Before Us

**387** The Summons

**331** One Bread, One Body

**382** Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth

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

### Fall Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat

18-20 October 2024 at St. Nicholas Church. For more information or to register online, visit the following site: <https://fairbanks.engagedencounter.com>. Couples can also email [fairbanks@engagedencounter.com](mailto:fairbanks@engagedencounter.com) with any questions.

*Next one will be held February 28 to March 2, 2025.*

Always be grateful for the day that the Lord gives you.



**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.

# Deacon Sunday

On October 9, 2022, parishes across the U.S. and Canada observed the first “Deacon Sunday,” a day to inspire vocations to the diaconate and affirm deacons and their families. Today (10/6) we celebrate all deacons. Rev. Mr. Warren Lucero serves St. Mark’s, as well as Ft. Wainwright.

What do deacons do?

- **Liturgy:** Assist the priest at his side at Mass, including proclaiming the Gospel, preparing the altar, and distributing the Eucharist. They may also preach the homily and lead the faithful in prayer.
- **Word:** Deacons teach and preach in the name of the Church.
- **Sacrament:** Deacons baptize, witness marriages, and preside over funerals and wakes.
- **Charity:** Deacons identify the needs of others and help the Church meet those needs. They are especially sensitive to the needs of families, including those who are incarcerated, disabled, or have addictions.

Most deacons are employed in secular jobs because the Church does not provide a salary for them. This is a vocation they have chosen to share with us.



**Justice Challenge:** World Food Day is celebrated on October 16. It was created to raise awareness of problems in food supply and distribution and to raise money to support projects to aid in the cultivation of food plants and the distribution of food. Your challenge this week is to support the purpose of World Food Day in one of two ways. You might choose to advocate with your national legislators for just food distribution for those in need around the world. Or you might want to make a donation to Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities, or the Catholic Worker movement to support an organization which works to provide food to those who go to bed hungry every night. <https://pastoral.center>

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

... **to the First Reading:** The author of Wisdom was able to recognize that wisdom is greater than possessions. In the gospel Jesus teaches us that following him is greater than possessions. Such is the way of wisdom.

... **to experience:** Often, this passage (especially about receiving a hundredfold) is applied to those who answer the call to ordained priesthood or religious life but, in reality, this gospel passage refers to all who respond to Jesus' invitation to follow him. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



## **Danger of Riches**

**Jesus said, “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” (Mark 10:25)**

**Adults:** How can the pleasures and comforts of this world become barriers to your relationship with God?

**Kids:** What favorite toy, game, video, etc., of yours would you be willing to share with someone this week?

“Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices.”

~ St. Teresa of Ávila (October 15th)



## What is Litany of Trust?

*Your SOS in spiritual distress.*

Fear is arguably the greatest and most powerful emotion in our lives. There's a lot we might be disturbed and anxious about—relationships, politics, health, our vocation, our job, even severe weather. We can become fixated on the fear and inner turmoil, unknowingly trying to draw on our strength alone to fix everything.

In times like this, what should we do? What can we do?

The answer is simple: pray the Litany of Trust.

“What?” you think. “What does trust have to do with my anxiety?”



Actually, trust is the remedy for fear. We fear because we do not trust in God. The Litany of Trust is a prayer which flings the soul wholly upon God. It asks Jesus to grant us the sweet grace of complete faith in Him, Who is our security and support. It helps us to face and renounce our reluctance to rely on Jesus.

The Litany was written by Sr. Faustina Maria Pia, a member of the [Sisters of Life](#). During a time of inner turmoil and anxiety, she contemplated the root of her distress and discovered it to be a lack of trust. After she consciously placed all her trust in Jesus, relinquishing her desire to control everything herself, peace returned to her soul. This experience inspired her to compose a prayer that anyone can repeat in times of need, or on a regular basis.

*Right now, in the midst of natural disasters and the election season, we need to trust God's Providence more than ever!*

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

### The Seven Sisters Apostolate

Everyday, three members of the Apostolate pray a holy hour for a specific clergy. This year, the Holy Hours are devoted to prayers for Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P.

If you love Intercessory prayer, consider joining the Seven Sisters Apostolate. Contact Katie Reed at 907-348-7300 for more information.



Please pray for those affected by the devastation brought by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. Prayers go out to all those who have lost friends and family, those injured, those that have lost their homes, and communities who are struggling with the aftermath of this devastating storm season.

Catholic Schools of Fairbanks appreciates all involved in making HIPOW a success. Mark your calendars for **Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Monroe Holiday Bazaar** supporting Monroe Athletics from 10 AM-4 PM at Monroe Gym next Saturday.

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)  
**Possessions**



When I was a kid, before smartphones and Amazon, it was the toy catalogs that we waited for.

They arrived in the mail, smiling children's faces splashed across the cover, like a silent promise that real happiness could be purchased within these magical pages. We fought over who got to look at them first. We imagined playtime with this Barbie or that Easy Bake Oven.

Without realizing it, we expected that these toys — and the fun they would create out of thin air, the excitement they would inject into our days — would give us new lives. Make us new people.

The toys we did get were fun enough, but they never made us new people. They never gave us new lives. And before long they broke or needed new batteries. They lost their allure, and they went to the attic. And then, many years later, when we got married or moved houses, we found them, and we sighed — more junk to get rid of.

It's the same now, thirty years later, as much as I hate to admit it. The catalogs have become social media, and the toys have become promotions or pay raises or home improvement projects. I scroll through the feed and my mind lights up. *What if we had this? What if we could buy that? What if we could go there?*

The rich young man was not sad as he walked away from Jesus because he was losing his riches. He was sad because he wasn't — because he *couldn't*. He couldn't give them up. Such is the dark magic of materialism: it takes hold when you're not looking. He thought he was being a good person and doing good things. But he had given his heart away, and he hadn't given it to God. And now he couldn't get it back.

Whatever of this world we seek to possess — dollars, cars, clothes, prestige — will come to possess us, in the end.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman –September 26, 2024©Lpi

### 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

# RESPECT LIFE

*St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!*

[respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org)





**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**  
October 6, 2024: \$ 1,571.00  
Actual Collection YTD  
(7/1/24-6/30/25):  
\$ 25,46391  
Parishioner Count: 129

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

In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. The Mission Sunday collection is always taken on the next to last Sunday during the month of October. That day is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world. *St. Mark Parish will give 3% of October donations towards this cause.*



**Pope Francis' October Prayer Intentions: For a shared mission.** We pray that the Church continues to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

**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.

- + The protection of human life, from conception to natural death.
- + Pray for living in areas affected of conflict zones and civil unrest.
- + The recovery of those living in areas recently hit by storms and natural disasters; and those working in the recovery process.
- + Fr. Sean Thomson, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, IVF, Cedric Grace, Kerri Cerney, Fr. John Hinsvark, Fr. Dick Tero, Fr. Eric Weissman, and Fr. Scott Medlock.
- + 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 – Deacon Sunday**

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Pray for those men who serve us as deacons. By answering a call to the diaconate, a man seeks to follow Jesus' path by serving and enriching the lives of others. If you are called to the serve as a deacon, speak with your pastor.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**“So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.” Genesis 2:19**

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, Stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

**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

ORATORY  
**ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY**  
THURSDAY  
**31**  
OCTOBER  
AT SACRED HEART

5:30PM HOLY MASS  
6:00PM CARNIVAL GAMES  
DOWNSTAIRS  
7:00PM PINATA  
7:30PM TRUNK OR TREAT  
IN PARKING LOT

**COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT!**

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED SAINT!  
(INDIVIDUAL AND AS A FAMILY)

Enjoy the party and have fun [exploring options!](#)

Prepare for the **All-Saints Day Party** on the 31<sup>st</sup> of this month by getting to know the saints and choosing one you can identify with and share the story with others. Get online for ideas to make the costume. There are [several sites](#) to help you out and keep it simple.

Donations needed for **Regional Soup Kitchen at Immaculate Conception Church** to help in the cold:

**Clothing items:** New warm socks, long underwear, hats, scarves, gloves, travel size toothpaste.

**Food items:** Hot chocolate, sugar, tea, coffee, rice, pasta, fruit, protein bars.

For more information about the soup Kitchen go to <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitch> or call 907-452-3533 to speak with someone in the office at ICC.

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.

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

**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

**BULLETINS**

For more accurate up-to-date information at area Catholic news & activities, go to their websites for more information: [Sacred Heart Cathedral](#), [Immaculate Conception](#), [St. Raphael's](#), and North Pole's [St. Nicholas Catholic Church](#) **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>