



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 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@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

Catholic Definition: Deacon

The term literally denotes "sending" and covers a variety of meanings, all somehow expressing the idea of a going forth from one person to others in order to effect some beneficial change in their favor. At the highest level are the divine missions of the Trinity: the visible mission of the Second Person, sent by the Father in the person of Jesus Christ, and the invisible mission of the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father and the Son. Christ then sent the Apostles to make disciples of all nations. Their mission was to preach the Gospel, baptize, and teach the people "to observe all the commands I gave you" (Matthew 28:19-20). The Apostles, in turn, personally and through their successors have been sending other faithful to continue the work of the Master in evangelizing the human race. Mission, therefore, is the purpose of vocation. All who are called to follow Christ are sent by Christ, in the person of his Church, to extend the Kingdom of God. (Etym. Latin *missio*, a sending.) <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/dictionary/>

CALENDAR of EVENTS:

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

10/26: 10-12PM Altar Server Training at Sacred Heart

11:2: 9-10:15 AM Baptism Class 1 of 3

11/5-7: CLERGY DAYS

October 20, 2024

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

MARK 10:45

young-catholics.com

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.



29th Sunday Music of the Mass

321 Gather Us In

331 One Bread, One Body

322 Look Beyond

331 In The Breaking of the Bread

542 Sing to the Mountains

Heritage Mass parts are found on pages 890-897.



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

We welcome Jasper Joseph Peters into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Jasper's parents are Roger and Harmony Peters, and his Godparents are Alex and Harmonie Harvey. Marilis and Jim Bennett are their proxies this Sunday.

We will celebrate this happy occasion next Sunday (10/27) at our monthly social after our 5:30pm Mass.

UPCOMING HOLY DAY ALL SAINTS MASSES

October 31st: 5:30 PM Children's Mass

November 1st: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 7:0 PM

"Love never says: I have done enough."

~ St. Marie Eugenie de Jesus.



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 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 or call (907) 987-9595 for more info.

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 7th - 12:30 PM downstairs in SHC Community Room 1st Monday of the month. For more contact: 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

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 are 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.

Letter from Most Reverend Steven J. Maekawa, O.P. Bishop of Fairbanks

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Due to the changing needs of the Diocese of Fairbanks and to provide for the faithful of our diocese, I share with you these clergy assignments.

- **Fr. Jay Von Handorf** will serve St. Lawrence Parish, Mountain Village; St. Charles Spinola, Pilot Station; and St. Mary's Parish, Saint Marys, effective 1 November 2024.
- **Fr. Peter Bang** will provide pastoral and sacramental support for the ministries in the Fairbanks area.
- **Fr. Kamil Kiszka** as a part of his ministry will assist Fr. Stan Jaszek at St. Joseph's Parish, Kotlik.
- **Fr. Stan Jaszek** continues in his assignment which includes pastoral and sacramental support for St. Ignatius Parish, Alakanuk; and St. Peter, Nunum Iqua.

Thank you all for your prayers and support of our priests. Please continue to pray for vocations to the Diocese of Fairbanks.



Choir practices for the Christmas concert will be on **Saturdays at 11:00am @ SHC** beginning **October 12th!**

for kids and adults!

The Christmas Concert will be **Thursday Dec. 26th**

907-987-9598
iccsecretary@cbna.org



Justice Challenge: Saturday is National Make a Difference Day (celebrated the fourth Saturday in October). All of us want to leave our mark on the world in some way. Your challenge this week is to choose one action you can take to make a difference in the life of a person who is a victim of injustice in your community. It might be a student victimized by bullying, or a worker who is denied a fair wage. You may see racism alive and well and choose to do something to break that cycle. Whatever you choose, see if you can make a difference so someone experiences more justice than he or she did before. <https://pastoral.center>

Connecting to the Gospel...

... **to the First Reading:** These verses from the fourth Song of the Suffering Servant (also read on Good Friday) foreshadow the fullness of the servanthood accepted by Jesus on our behalf: he gave his life for us. Because of this self-gift, God glorified him: "he shall see the light in fullness of days." ... **to experience:** The tendency toward self-promotion is part of our human nature. Jesus teaches us by his own life and ministry that discipleship, however, is not about seeking places of honor but about serving others. And serving others is the only path to real glory. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Quiet Sacrifice

Jesus said, **"Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all."** (Mark 10:44)

Adults: Why is it hard to do good works if you will not be acknowledge for them?

Kids: Are you willing to do a good deed even if no one knows that you did it? Why?



Which little-known missionary was known as “the man with the kind heart”?

A little island in the Pacific was astonished by the virtues of St. Peter Chanel.

Peter was one of those young men who unconsciously brought attention to themselves because of their sincere piety. His parish priest, seeing Peter’s devotion to Our Lord, helped him receive a good education so that he could enter the seminary.

During his school years, Peter read accounts and letters about the missionaries working in the Pacific. His heart beat fast—one day, he hoped to be one of those missionaries, caring for the poor souls out in the Pacific and bringing Christ to them.



St. Peter Chanel being taken to heaven, accompanied by angels

He was ordained in 1827 and eagerly joined the Society of Mary four years later—then was assigned to work in a seminary. For five years, Peter obediently taught at the seminary, while his mind roamed the islands of the Pacific. He did not grow discouraged but remained hopeful of obtaining a mission someday.

At last, in 1836, he was sent to the Pacific islands. His charge was the island of Futuna, to which no missionary had gone before.

The chief—who was also the high priest of the island’s religion—received Peter kindly at first. Peter immediately set to work, caring for the sick and the poor. He loved them unconditionally and demonstrated a greater sweetness, patience, and true goodness than the Futunans had ever dreamed of. That is why they called him “the man with the kind heart.”

Over five years, the people grew to love their holy stranger and eventually to request baptism. Peter was overjoyed—but the chief was not. He felt threatened in his position as high priest. He banned Christianity—and then his own son and daughter sought baptism. This was the last straw.

One night, Peter’s little hut was attacked by the chief’s henchmen. They clubbed the priest to death. Peter received the blows with the same sweetness of temper and perfect resignation. His martyrdom inspired most of the island to embrace the Faith.

We are not all called to be missionaries in foreign lands or undergo physical martyrdom, but we are all called to set sail with Christ on the adventure of life.

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

“Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” Luke 6:38

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
Made to Serve



I thought it often in my first year as a mother, when I was every day discovering what this new life of parenthood looked and felt like: doing anything with kids is a hundred times harder than doing it without kids. But it’s a thousand times better.

From eating dinner to going to Mass to taking a walk around the block — every single outing, even the simplest ones, had an extra level of logistical complexity. I had to bring diapers and food and extra clothes, I had to be ready to distract, to comfort, to settle, to de-escalate. Before, I just showed up, did the thing, and went home. Now, I had to be ready to coordinate.

I had to be ready to serve.

But even while everything had become so much more complicated, so much harder, there was suddenly a joyfulness to these experiences that had not been there before. Yes, I was a mom now, a servant if there ever was one, constantly tending to someone else’s needs, and it was difficult. Sometimes terribly so. But it was beautiful (not in a physical way — I was usually covered in baby spit-up — but my soul had that glow, you know?).

It was the first time in my life that I really understood what it was to serve, and the power of that vocation to which we are all called.

This isn’t just true of parenthood. It’s true of every relationship. When we find someone, we can meaningfully, wholeheartedly serve — our spouse, our best friend, our employees, our students, our patients, whoever it is — the effort becomes nothing compared to the joy and the fulfillment we find in the work.

We were made for greatness, and Christ tells us that to be great is to serve. So don’t be afraid of greatness. Don’t be afraid to serve.
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman –October 17, 2024©Lpi

World Mission Sunday 2024
October 20th
GO AND INVITE EVERYONE
to the banquet
(Mt 22:9)

YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:

- 38,340 missionaries
- 8,750 schools and universities
- 12,000 health centers
- 844,000 Catholics
- 258,540 religious sisters

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“Unless souls are saved, nothing is saved; there can be no world peace without soul peace.” ~Bishop Fulton Sheen



PARISH STEWARDSHIP
October 13, 2024: \$ 982.00
Actual Collection YTD
(7/1/24-6/30/25):
\$ 26,415.91

Number of Parishioners: 97

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

World Mission Sunday 2024

Catholics in every parish around the world are invited to participate in World Mission Sunday through prayer and support. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is rooted in the Gospel of Matthew:

"Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet," reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God's love to everyone. *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 zones and civil unrest
- + The recovery of those recently hit by storms and natural disasters; and those working in the recovery process.
- + For the sick...Fr. Sean Thomson, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, IVF, Cedric Grace, Kerri Cerney, Fr. John Hinsvark, Fr. Dick Tero, Fr. Eric Weissman, and Fr. Scott Medlock, and those with long term illnesses.
- + 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. 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 – Mission Sunday

"What do you wish for me to do for you?" Listen closely to your heart. Is God calling you to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Let the grace of prayer encourage you. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Director at rfath@cbna.org.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more to" "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share." This change to Stewardship will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

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)

Prepare for the **All-Saints Day Party** on the 31st 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.

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

Regional Soup Kitchen

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve meals from 1-3PM on the weekend (Sat & Sun). For more information on how you can help and what is needed to serve these meals, go to <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> or you may call 907-452-3533 to speak with someone in the office at Immaculate Conception Church.

Fairbanks Community Food Bank Distribution: Sacred Heart Cathedral volunteers distribute food boxes each Friday on Fridays between 12-1PM. Clients call the church at 10AM (907-474-9032) to order their food boxes. Foodbank delivers boxes to SHC for pick up. Volunteers are needed to help unload and load boxes. If you can help between 12 and 1PM on any given Friday, please consider volunteering.

Bread Line

Food, supplies, money & time are given to help make it possible to feed people in Fairbanks.

Join Our Team: Eielson AFB Chapel is seeking a **Catholic Program Coordinator**. Apply now to make a difference working part-time with the Priest, with programming and administration. Contact Eielson AFB Chapel at 907-377-2130.

Your prayers and cards help get the families through these difficult times!

Letters to **Fr. Sean Thomson** and his family can be sent to:
Diocese of Spokane
Attn: Fr. Sean Thomson
525 E. Mission Ave
Spokane, WA 99202

Letters to **Cedric Grace** and his young family can be sent to:
Cedric & Miranda Grace
129 Fork Mountain Rd
Parsons, WV 26287

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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

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>