



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: All Saints & All Souls

All Saints: A feast now celebrated on November 1 as a holy day of obligation. It originated in the West in 609, when Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon to the Blessed Virgin Mary. At first celebrated in Rome on May 13, Pope Gregory III (731-41) changed the date to November 1, when he dedicated a chapel in honor of All Saints in the Vatican Basilica. Gregory IV later extended the feast to the whole Church.

All Souls: A feast commemorating on November 2, the faithful departed. Begun by Abbot Odo of Cluny in his monasteries in 998, it was gradually adopted by the whole Church. Pope Benedict XV granted all priests the privilege of offering three masses on this day: one for all the poor souls, another for the Pope's intentions, and a third for the intentions of the priest. When the feast falls on Sunday, it is observed on November 3.

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS:

10/26: 7PM *Young Adult Game Night in SHC Social Hall

10/28: 6:30PM *Bible Study (Psalms) in SHC Social Hall

11/1: Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation

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

11/2: 9AM-3PM **St. Nicholas Holiday Bazaar** in North Pole

11/5-7: CLERGY DAYS

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

**10/26 & 28 Led by Office of Family and Faith Formation Michael Olsta, S.T.L*

October 27, 2024

30th 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.

30th Sunday Music of the Mass

554 Sing a New Song

450 Amazing Grace

617 Come to the Water

621 Isaiah 49

558 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Heritage Mass parts are found on pages 890-897.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Join us downstairs in the Social Hall after our St. Mark 5:30 PM to help celebrate the recent Baptism of Jasper Peters (son of Roger and Harmonie Peters) and all who have celebrated a birthday or anniversary in October. Fresh cookies & drinks provided.

Nov 1 - All Saints' Day

Nov 2 - All Souls' Day

Let us not forget to remember and pray for our dearly departed loved ones



Sacred Heart Cathedral Masses

All Saints' Day

Thurs. (10/31) Vigil Mass

5:30pm

Friday (11/1) at 7:30am,

12:10pm, and 7:00 pm.

All Souls' Day

Sat. (11/2) Mass at 7:30am



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

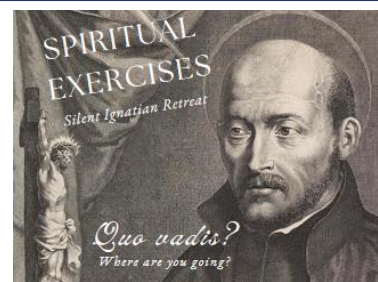
Marriage Preparations – Contact Fr. Ross *six (6) months prior to wedding* - rtozzi@cbna.org or call (907) 347-3005.

All Saints' Day (11/1) Masses at neighboring churches:
Immaculate Conception – 12:10pm and 5:30pm (Nocturnal Adoration for First Friday will be held after the 5:30pm Mass and end with the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday at 7:30am.
St. Raphael -- 9:30am and 6:00pm.
St. Nicholas, North Pole – 9:00am & 7:00pm; All Souls' 7:30am; Saturday All Souls' Mass(11/2) 7:30am.

Choir practice for the Christmas concert will be on Saturdays at 11:00am @ Sacred Heart Cathedral. Kids and Adults are welcome to join! The Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday – December 26th. Contact Immaculate Conception at 907-987-9598 or email iccsecretary@cbna.org for more information.



The next Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat for engaged couples will be 28 February – 2 March 2025 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. For more info go to: Fairbanks.engagedencounter.com.



Women's Silent Retreat
 November 7-11
 Starts Thursday -5:00pm
 Ends Monday - 7:00pm



Contact: servidoras@cbna.org
 Register online at iccfairbanks.org/spiritual-exercises.



Justice Challenge: This week celebrate Halloween. We often focus on treats and tricks when we celebrate this holiday. Your challenge is to find a way to share treats with someone who doesn't get treated very often. Identify a homeless shelter or food pantry in the local community which you'd like to support. If you have children in your family, have each child carry a second bag or container for treats for the homeless or those who need help with food as you go house to house. Ask people to donate treats to them. If you don't have children, buy extra treats, and bring them to a shelter or pantry so the less fortunate can have a Happy Halloween, too.
<https://pastoral.center>

Connecting to the Gospel...

... to the First Reading: In Jeremiah's prophecy the Lord's deliverance of the people is manifested in gathering "the blind and the lame"—indeed, all peoples—and consoling and guiding them. In the Gospel God's deliverance is manifested in Jesus giving sight to Bartimaeus and, indeed, to all the crowd.



... to experience: When we want something badly enough, we tend not to give up in the face of opposition. In spite of many in the crowd rebuking Bartimaeus, he continued to call out to Jesus for healing and received what he wanted—and even more. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

The Eyes of Faith

Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. (Mark 10:52)

Adults: What have your eyes of faith helped you see in a new way?

Kids: What do you like most about the story of Bartimaeus? Why?

The Catholic Company presents



What are the Catholic origins of Halloween?

Though it is often hijacked by the pagan, demonic, and secular, All Hallows' Eve has a treasured place in Catholic tradition...

...but you'd never know it when walking down the street in October, seeing houses gaudily strewn with fake spiderwebs, skeletons, and repulsive cadavers. Some Christians have considered withdrawing totally from this "holiday," since it seems like the domain of the devil.

But the *proper* celebration of Halloween is very much a part of Catholic tradition.

Halloween is another word for "All Hallows' Eve"—the eve of All Saints' Day. In the old Church calendar, the Vigil of All Saints was a liturgical event. It had its own Mass, where the priest would vest in penitential purple, the usual color for vigils. He would do white in the evening for the First Vespers of All Saints, which marked the beginning of the Church's celebration of this great holy day.



Together, the Vigil (October 31st), the Feast of All Saints (November 1st), and the Commemoration of All Souls (November 2nd) formed a comprehensive picture of the Catholic view of the afterlife.

Then, there are the Vespers of the Dead—sometimes called "Black Vespers," since the priest would vest in black, the color of death and mourning. These Vespers were not officially said on



Halloween, but rather after Second Vespers on All Saints' Day, looking toward All Souls' Day. In the Catholic region of Brittany, a devotion developed of saying these Vespers on Halloween itself. It seems these Breton folk were quite solemn on Halloween and kept the importance of

praying for the dead at the forefront of their Vigil doings.

In the British Isles, festive All Hallows' Eve traditions arose that will sound familiar to you. Children would go door-to-door begging for a "soul cake" and promising in return to pray for the deceased of the giver's family. The Halloween tradition of dressing up is also potentially connected with this custom (pictured below: an excellent Halloween/All Saints costume—St. Michael!).

Because of her Protestant leanings, Queen Elizabeth I forbade the traditions associated with All Souls' Day. But these customs escaped her anti-Catholic, anti-fun edicts and have made their way down the centuries to us today.

In the spirit of fall and Halloween, let's embrace the warmth and joy of this beautiful season! Settle in with a good book, some cozy fall décor, and a good cup of coffee!

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

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
The Safety of Darkness



Leprosy and blindness and deafness — oh, my. The disabilities cured by Jesus in his public ministry really are quite something, aren't they? Vividly symbolic and rich food for reflection. It just wouldn't be the same if Jesus had cured eczema or athlete's foot or compulsive nail-biting.

Blind Bartimaeus, sitting by the side of the road, in particular captures my imagination. Because I have a confession to make, sometimes, I like to sit in the darkness, even though I know it isn't very good for me.

Well, listen: it's just easier, isn't it? You don't have to care about or fix the problems you can't see. No one expects you to rush to someone's aid if you don't see their injuries. The darkness is a good place to be, if you don't feel very brave or very smart or very able.

And when Jesus passes you by, if your whole world is darkness, it's easy enough to pretend you just didn't notice him at all.

But Bartimaeus chose not to stay in his darkness. More than that, he cried out to be released from it, even when everyone around him told him to shut up. He was so persistent that he caught the notice of Jesus, and when he heard those words — "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you!" — what did he do? He didn't stammer and run away. He had courage. He got up.

It takes courage to ask for what you need to follow Christ. Because if you ask for it, you'll get it. And then begins the terrifying, wonderful journey of discipleship — testifying to what you have seen. Life in the light, no longer sitting by the side of the road but *on* the road, journeying toward the greatest destination of all.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks us.

Do we have the courage to answer him?

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – October 24, 2024 ©Lpi

Prayer for a Safe Halloween Night

"Dear Lord,

As Halloween night approaches, we seek Your protection over all who venture out. Keep our children safe from harm, guide them through the darkness, and fill their hearts with joy and laughter. May the spirit of fun be accompanied by Your watchful presence, ensuring a night of safety and cherished memories. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen."

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)



PARISH STEWARDSHIP
 October 20, 2024: \$ 959.00
 Actual Collection YTD
 (7/1/24-6/30/25):
 \$ 27,434.91

Number of Parishioners: 97

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

World Mission: St. Mark Parish will give 3% of October donations towards this cause.



Pope Francis' November Prayer Intentions: For anyone who has lost a child.

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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 need for peace and justice in the world, especially in areas of violence and war.
- + Leaders to be committed to the well-being of their citizens.
- + The recovery of those 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, and those with long term illnesses.
- + Families and friends of the St. Mark Community.
- + Those who have passed into eternal life to be embraced by God's unconditional love.

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
 "Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you." Will you share in Christ's saving mission? He may be calling you to a beautiful and sacrificial life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Director at rfath@cbna.org or talk to your priest.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." Mark 10:52

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop a **Stewardship** attitude of gratitude



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.

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.

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

Food is collected and re-distributed to individuals and agencies. Sacred Heart Cathedral volunteers help with distributions of food boxes each Friday at SHC Clients call the church to order their food boxes, the orders are emailed to the Foodbank, and then delivered by truck to the church. Food boxes are marked and given to clients when they drive up, one at a time, and the boxes are loaded.

They need more volunteers to help with the loading and unloading 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.

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

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

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>