



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 early and see the priest 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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2024



First Reading: Kings 17:10-16

Through Elijah, a widow and her son are blessed with enough flour and oil to supply them for a year.

Responsorial Psalm: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

A prayer of praise to God who raises up the lowly.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ died once to take away sin; he will return again to bring salvation.

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44

Jesus notices a poor widow's offering and commends her great sacrifice.

Catholic Definition: Plenary Indulgence

The work of an apostle, not only of the first followers of Christ but of all the faithful who carry on the original mission entrusted by the Savior to the twelve to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). The apostolate belongs essentially to the order of grace. Its purpose is not temporal welfare, however noble, but to bring people to the knowledge and love of Christ and, through obedience to his teaching, help them attain life everlasting.

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS:

11/11: 5:30PM Flag Retirement Ceremony at SHC

11/11: 6PM Veteran's Day Mass at SHC

11/11 & 25: 7 PM OFFF Bible Study at SHC (after Mass)

11/23: 9am-5pm Family Day at Monroe

11/23: 6:00 PM Latin Rite Mass @ SHC

11/25: 6:30 PM a OFFF Bible Study at SHC

11/28: Thanksgiving

11/28-29: Chancery & Church Offices Closed

St. Thérèse Traveling Statue: In Nov/Dec, families of Sacred Heart & St. Mark parishes have the opportunity to commit a week of intentional *prayers for vocations* with their families, including kits, throughout the week. Sign up at <https://iccfairbanks.org/praywiththerese>

32nd Sunday Music of the Mass

215 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

585 We Are Many Parts

601 We Are the Light of the World

464 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

436 Though the Mountains May Fall

Heritage Mass parts are found on pages 890-897.



Join the 4th Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus for our annual **Flag Retirement Ceremony and Veteran's Day, November 11th Mass.** The Flag Retirement ceremony and Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral starting with the ceremony at 5:30PM and Mass at 6PM. There will be light refreshments after Mass.

For more information contact Tom Malone at 907-460-1398.

FREE BOOKS! This month we are making available books we've used for our CSA discussions over the years. Take this opportunity to get some good reading material for Advent. Any donations will go toward the Archdiocese for the Military Service. New books will be added every Sunday! Take advantage and beef up your Catholic reading material at home.





MONDAY

Sacred Heart Book Club Discussion Group – First Monday of the month-12:30 PM downstairs in SHC Community Room. All are welcome! **Nov. 4th** book title is **“Catholic Customs and Traditions”** by Greg Dues. For more contact: 43janetf@gmail.com

Bible Study Monday Nite – 6:30 pm *every other* Monday in the SHC Social Hall, hosted by Michael Olsta (Office of Faith & Family Formation). **Nov. 11th** will start at 7PM due to Veteran’s Day Mass. All are welcome.

Legion of Mary - 6PM **Monday** Legion of Mary Meetings ~ ICC. A group of dedicated women and men doing the Blessed Mother Mary’s work.

TUESDAY

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.

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

Voices of Hope Prayer Group -6-6:30pm in SHC downstairs Community Room, followed by Contemplative prayer and scriptures reflections from 6:30-8:30PM, ending with rosary. All are welcome!

THURSDAY

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

Men’s Group - 7:30 PM at ICC. Adoration - followed by meeting downstairs.

Knights of Columbus - 6:30 PM *2nd Thursday* of the month meet downstairs SHC.

Franciscan Community - 6:30 PM on *1st Thursday* of the month at St. Raphael Church. For information contact Gloria Slagle stclare4@gmail.com

FRIDAY

SHC Friday Food Boxes - Calls taken from 10-11am. *Volunteers needed to unload boxes upon delivery from Foodbank around 12:15pm and distribute them to clients in the parking lot until 1:00 pm.* Please call SHC at 907-474-9032 for details.

Voces Verbi – Meets at 6 PM for Adoration, Pizza, and formation for Young Adults 18-35. Held at ICC.

Voices in the Wilderness - 6:30 PM at ICC. Contact Joe Malen 388-2550 or Annie Dobbs 479-8567.

SATURDAY

Christmas Choir Practice – 11 AM at SHC. Kids and Adults are welcome to come practice for the Christmas Concert that will be Dec 26th at SHC. Contact ICC at 907-987-9598 or email iccsecretary@cbna.org for more information.

Oratory – *Every Saturday* downstairs at SHC from 1-2:45 PM. Ages 5-17. September – April.

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

Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC); Immaculate Conception Church (ICC)

Religious of the Incarnate Word 3rd Order Meetings – 6PM *every other Saturday* beginning November 9th held at Monroe School. Formations talks – Games for kids in the gym. All who are interested are welcome to attend!

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Regional Soup Kitchen at Immaculate Conception - Serving Hours are from 1-3pm. Volunteers and items are needed. Contact ICC at 907-423-3533 ext. 1003, or email iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org

EVENTS & GROUPS OF INTEREST



Religious Family of the Incarnate Word FAMILY DAY – 9AM-5PM at Monroe. Formation, Mass, and Lunch for the whole family! Register at www.iccfairbanks.com/family-day

Spiritual Exercises – Dec. 26-30 Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men Starts Thursday @ 5PM – Ends @ 7PM at ICC. Contact seridoras@cbna.org

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

Fairbanks.engagedencounter.com.



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

ICC Our Lady of Fatima - Contact Shannon Christensen at (907) 388-1825.

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. For more information, contact Katie Reed at 907-348-7300.

Interested in receiving a sacrament or assistance in getting sacramental records? Contact St. Mark Parish Office at smark@cbna.org

For events at St. Nicholas or St. Raphael go to their websites: <https://straphaelfairbanks.org/> and <https://stnicholasnp.org/>



Justice Challenge: : On November 17th we celebrate the feast day of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. She was canonized a saint for her devotion to the poor and her choice to give up a life of luxury to work with the sick and those most in need. Your challenge this week is to examine your own lifestyle. What is one thing you could do to live a more simple life? What could you give up in order to help someone who has so much less than you? Choose just one item in your closet or home to donate to St. Vincent de Paul. Or give up one movie you were going to see, or another activity you were going to do, and give the money that would have cost to Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities, or another worthy helping agency <https://pastoral.center>

Connecting to the Gospel...

... to the First Reading: The First Reading is really about more than a widow who risks the last bit of her flour and oil to respond to Elijah’s need. The story depicts the hundredfold God returns to those who are so exceptionally generous.

... to experience: The law of survival tells us to watch out for ourselves first. Jesus condemns those who live by the law (“receive a very severe condemnations”) and praises those who choose to give even out of their little. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>





Which veteran-saint do we celebrate on Veterans Day?

This American holiday couldn't fall on a more suitable feast day.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, 1918, World War I officially came to an end.

This day came to be known worldwide as Armistice Day, and later on, would evolve into Veterans Day here in the United States—a chance to take a moment and thank all those who have dedicated themselves to the protection and service of our country.

Long before World War I, however, November 11th was already a kind of “veteran’s day” in the Church. That’s because it is the feast day of St. Martin of Tours, a veteran-saint who is now one of the patrons of the military.

St. Martin, a Roman soldier, famously gave part of his cloak to a beggar, then had a dream in which he saw Christ Himself wearing the cloak. Martin later became a priest and then Bishop of Tours.



A watercolor by Léo Schnug depicting St. Martin's act of charity.

This saint is actually officially honored in the U.S. military. Two Corps within the U.S. Army have an “Order of St. Martin” which rewards excellence in service. One is the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps—St. Martin’s identity as a soldier and a minister make him an apt patron of chaplains.

The other is the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps. Quartermasters are in charge of food and supplies, and perhaps St. Martin is their inspiration because he “supplied” a beggar with his needs.

So on this day, let us honor and celebrate the legacy of St. Martin and the service of all veterans. Join us prayer!

St. Martin, courageous soldier of Christ and dedicated servant of your fellow-men, please watch over and strengthen all our veterans.

We especially ask your protection for those who are struggling with the visible and invisible wounds of war, who have lost friends in battle, or who feel isolated and alone.

Please help us as civilians to honor, love, and support them.

Watch over all those still in service, especially those in harm's way, and may God grant eternal rest to all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Amen.

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

“Praying for the souls in purgatory is the highest act of supernatural charity.”

~ St Pope John Paul II

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment) Giving From Abundance



If you’re like me, and you’re far, far below the “having buildings named after you” tax bracket, you might just think that today’s Gospel has nothing to do with you.

You might kick back and relax, thinking of all the poor, rich suckers sitting in the pews, shifting uncomfortably as Jesus praises the meager gift of the widow and disdains those who only give from abundance, those whose charity results in admiration and praise and all manner of temporal reward.

“In this economy, every gift I give is from my poverty,” you might think to yourself with a chuckle.

But you — and let me be clear, I’m talking mostly to myself here — would be wrong. Because we all have an abundance of something, even if it isn’t money.

What I’ve come to realize about myself is that I find plenty of ways to give *only* from my abundance. For instance, if I answer any request with the words, “Sure, I can, but...” chances are high that I’m about to work out a way to give, but only in a way that doesn’t really impact me.

I’m willing to help. I just don’t want to feel it.

But here’s the thing about Jesus: he cares what’s in our hearts as well as what’s in our hands. A good deed, an act of charity? That’s great! But what’s the story behind it? Because a world full of moral actions and selfish hearts doesn’t do anyone any good.

When we give from our poverty — our poverty of money, our poverty of time, our poverty of patience — we are giving the gift of the widow.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – November 7, 2024©Lpi

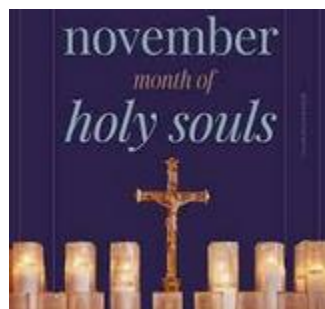
Giving From Our Need

Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

(Mark 12:43-44)

Adults: What are you willing to give out of love for God that would be a hardship for you?

Kids: What would you be willing to give up for someone else?



The month of November we remember our connection to the Holy Souls and dedicate your prayers, sacrifices, and Masses for the souls in purgatory. Our prayers can truly be effective, hastening their entrance into the eternal joy of heaven, where they will surely intercede for us in turn.



Sunday Collections

November 3: \$ 1,337.00

Actual Collection YTD

(7/1/24-6/30/25):

\$ 29,495.41

Second Collection: \$ 764.00

Number of Parishioners: 124

Thank you for your generous support for the Florida Dioceses of St. Petersburg and Venice hurricane relief collection taken up last Sunday (11/3).

We appreciate your generosity and continued support!

Visit WeShare for online giving: <https://www.stmarksuaaf.org>

NOVEMBER:

Archdiocese for the Military Serves (AMS) will receive 3% of our monthly donation.

The Co-Sponsorship Seminarian Program was set up between AMS and cooperating U.S. dioceses to replenish the ranks of Catholic priests in the United States Military and the Church. The Diocese of Fairbanks holds collections for the AMS each year in dedicated support for ministry in the military.



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 Pray For: Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, and all our priests working within our diocese as they gather in Fairbanks this week for Priest Day.

- + Fr. Sean Thomson, Cedric Grace, Kerri Cerney, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, IVE, Deborah Leibee, and all who are sick or with long term illnesses that need our prayers.
- + All Veterans that have served our country to protect our way of life.
- + 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 yourself or someone else, 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 –

“Do not fear: go, do as you have said.” Let the reassuring words of Christ lead you. If you are being called to be a priest or religious brother or sister, courageously say “Yes!” Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Director at rfath@cbna.org or talk to your priest.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.” (MARK 12:43-44)

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your “first fruits” or from what is “left over”?

Need a Priest? - Please contact St. Mark's Office – (907)-374-9564 or Sacred Heart Cathedral Office at (907) 474-9032.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.
Bishop Kaniecki Council 13566
Sacred Heart Cathedral
Fairbanks, Alaska

Help us point the world to Jesus Christ

“If we get the man right, we get everything right – the marriage, the family, the parish, the community. We need men who will say ‘yes’ to | their God-given vocation.”

- Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly



<https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/learnmore.html>



St. Thérèse

TRAVELING STATUE

pray for vocations

Commit to a week of intentional prayers for vocations with your family by receiving a statue of St. Thérèse to accompany you through the commitment to pray the prayers included in the kit throughout the week. Sign up for a week with your family by contacting <https://iccfairbnks.org/praywiththerese>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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. Help with the loading and unloading of food boxes. If you can help between 12 and 1PM on any given Friday. Contact SHC at 907-474-9032.

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> for more information.

“If you are in danger, if your hearts are confused, turn to Mary; she is our comfort, our help; turn towards her and you will be saved.”

~St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

1st U.S. citizen to be canonized (1946) by the Catholic Church. <https://hallow.com/saints/frances-xavier-cabrini/>

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>