



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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November 15, 2020 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time B

**5:30pm St. MARK Mass
at SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL**

Using Your Gifts

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 The Ideal Wife

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 The Need for Preparation

Matthew 25:14-30 Parable of the Silver Pieces

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Office Hours: Tues-Fri: 10am – 12noon.

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Reconciliation: Confessions at SHC, Sat. 3 -4pm.

Sacraments & Becoming Catholic:

Contact Mary Pat Boger at stmar@cbna.org

Vocations: See Fr. Robert Fath

Parish Council: Meets 2nd Sun/month after Mass

Parish Council: Cynthia Klepaski, John Fox, Marilis Bennett, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - November 2020:

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that by the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve mankind.



Anointing of the Sick – If you or a family member are sick, going into the hospital, or a nursing home – please contact Fr. Robert Fath or Mary Pat Boger if you wish to be included in our special intentions, prayers or wish to receive communion or a visit.

Welcome to our parish! A warm welcome to all our visitors. We support Catholic Students attending UAF. Due COVID protocols, Sacred Heart Cathedral is our temporary home. If you wish to make St. Mark University Catholic Parish your home, please register by contacting Mary Pat Boger @ stmark@cbna.org .



November 15th Songs for Sunday:

- 303 Gather Us In
- 363 Shepherd of Souls
- 324 Look Beyond
- 385 City of God

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

St. Mark University Catholic Parish Mass is held 5:30pm Sunday at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

RIDES ARE PROVIDED BY CSA: Contact Mary Pat Boger (907-374-9564) to arrange a ride to attend off campus Mass and Catholic activities. Check parish websites for activities. <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>.

UAF COVID Updates:

<https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus/>

Thanksgiving away from home? If you can't make it home but want the traditional meal, contact Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org. Let us bring a traditional Thanksgiving Holiday meal to you on Friday, Nov. 27th. We need to know soon for planning purposes.

GOOD STEWARDSHIP FOR STUDENTS.

Hold yourself accountable. Don't fall into temptation of slacking off, not doing your work, or even worse, cheating. Integrity Is a precious gift that should never be tossed away. No one else is responsible for your actions except you. You are challenged this year by doing much of your classwork from your room/home via distant ed/teleconference, which is more difficult for some. Remember that this is the training ground for your work habits in the future! Develop positive work skills now. *LPi Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

ST. MARK PARISH NEWS

Celebrate the upcoming Advent and Christmas Season! St. Mark will have Advent candles and calendars available for families after Mass on Sunday, Nov. 22nd and Nov. 29th (depending on order arrival). Check webpage for more information. We'll have traditional Polish Catholic Oplatki Christmas wafers for Christmas dinner available again! Contact Mary Pat if you can't attend Mass in person and wish to put something aside. stmark@cbna.org. *Looking for donations to defray costs and have supplies available next year.*



During the Advent Season we are all being asked to work together and help the Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen by participated in the Advent Reverse Calendar! You will be receiving a copy in the mail this week and it will also be posted on our webpage www.stmarksuaf.org. Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Mark parishioners are asking families to fill a box during Advent to help bring warmth to others. Please get the family involved and support the cause.

Neighboring Parish News

Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen needs **volunteers** to help prepare sack lunches and **donations of lunch items**. Contact Nick Shamrell @ iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org



Sacred Heart Cathedral needs volunteers to hand out food boxes on Fridays. Contact:

SAVE THE DATES:

Advent Retreat - Nov 30-Dec 3

Join the local priests of the diocese for an Advent retreat focusing on the four last things: death, judgement, heaven and hell. Each evening at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 6:30pm, the homily for Mass will focus on our preparation for the coming of the Lord at the end of time as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of the Lord at Christmas.

Each Sunday during Advent Nov. 29th at 4:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, join us for sung Evening Prayer.

Advent Reconciliation Services

Each service will be 2 hours in length with Adoration only so people can come and go

- Dec 9 6:30pm Mass at SHC - Confessions 7-9pm
- Dec 15 Confessions 7:00-9:00pm St. Raphael
- Dec 16 Confessions 7:00-9:00pm St Nicholas

The Monroe Athletics program has teamed up with Quality Meats for a Holiday Fundraiser. Get your Holiday Ham, Crab Legs, or Prime Rib and support the Catholic School of Fairbanks! Place your orders by Tue, Dec. 1st and pick up orders on Tue, Dec. 15th. Orders can be made through <https://www.catholic-schools.org/monroe-athletics-meat-sale.html>

*Certified Whole Angus (Boneless Beef Rib, Frozen, 17lbs) \$200; *Box Red King Crab Leg (10lbs) \$275; *Spiral Sliced Ham (Bone-In, 8-9 lbs.) \$35. *All weights are approximate and may vary.*

Items Used at Mass

Roman Missal (Sacramentary): Contains the opening prayer, prayer over the gifts, prayers after communion, solemn blessings, Eucharistic prayers and prefaces for all the Masses, including special occasions. It is placed on the Altar for use during the Mass and moved by the Altar Server to the Celebrant's location during the Greeting, Blessings, and Dismissal. It was formerly known as the Sacramentary.

LOVE, INC

The **GAP (God Always Provides)** Ministry for **November is Winter Gear Closet Month**
Hats, Gloves/Mittens, Warm Boots, Coats of all Sizes, Scarves, Ear Muffs, Socks, and Long Underwear.

You can drop off donations at
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
1030 2nd Ave, Fairbanks, AK 99701
<https://www.loveincfairbanks.org/>



What if your children learn from your example?

The next **Retrouvaille of Alaska** program begins with a weekend experience on Feb 26, 2021 at Big Lake. You

may register by calling 800.863.8000 or send an email to 6001@retrouvaille.org. An online registration process can be completed at www.helpourmarriage.org. Registration fee is \$500 – No couple is ever denied an opportunity to heal their marriage due to financial difficulty.

Stewardship Moment for Nov 15, 2020

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

Connecting the Gospel

... **to the First Reading:** Unlike the “wicked, lazy servant” in the Gospel, this faithful and loving wife works diligently to bring good to others and is judged praiseworthy for increasing the quality of life within and around her

... **to experience:** When facing any kind of judgment, our first response is to be uncomfortable. Upon reflection, when our choices and behaviors have led to fuller Life for ourselves and others, we know we have nothing to fear from a judgment. Indeed, we can even look forward to it. *Working with the Word*

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

SACRAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF CONFIRMATION



Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. Through Confirmation, our personal relationship with Christ is strengthened. We receive the message of faith in a deeper and more intensive manner with great emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the Church for building up the community in loving service.

The Holy Spirit bestows seven gifts—*wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and fear of the Lord*—to assist us in our mission and witness. The impact of these gifts accompanies us in the various stages of our spiritual development.

As the confirmed, we walk with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom enables us to see the world from God’s viewpoint, which can help us come to grasp the purpose and plan of God. It grants us the long-range view of history, examining the present in the light of the past and the mystery of the future. It saves us from the illusion that the spirit of the times is our only guide. The Spirit’s gift of knowledge directs us to a contemplation, or thoughtful reflection, of the mystery of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as well as of the mysteries of the Catholic faith. We are drawn to meditative prayer, where we allow God to lead us while we rest patiently in the divine presence.

The gift of understanding stimulates us to work on knowing ourselves as part of our growth in knowing God. It is what St. Augustine meant when he prayed, “That I may know You, may I know myself.” When the

Spirit pours fortitude or courage into our hearts, we can trust that we will be prepared to stand up for Christ and the Gospel when challenged. As the gift of counsel or right judgment grows in us, we can sense the quiet teaching that the Spirit gives us about our moral lives and the training of our consciences.

The gift of piety or reverence is an act of respect for the Father who created us, for Jesus who saved us, and for the Spirit who is sanctifying us. We learn reverence for God and people from our parents and others who train us in virtue. The Spirit fills us with this gift at liturgy, which is a masterful school of reverence, as well as through popular devotions and piety.

Finally, the gift of fear of the Lord or wonder and awe in God’s presence can infuse honesty into our relationship with God, a frankness that places us in awe before the majesty of God. Yet the gift also imparts an attitude of grateful wonder that God loves us and that we can share in his life.

When we are responsive to the grace of Confirmation and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, we begin to bear the fruits of the Spirit. The tradition of the Church names twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity (cf. CCC, no. 1832; Gal 5:22).

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/confirmation>

During November, as in all Ordinary Time (Time After Pentecost), the Liturgy signifies and expresses the regenerated life from the coming of the Holy Spirit, which is to be spent on the model of Christ’s Life and under the direction of His Spirit. As we come to the end of the Church year we are asked to consider the end times, our own as well as the world’s. The culmination of the liturgical year is the Feast of Christ the King. “This feast asserts the supreme authority of Christ over human beings and their institutions.... Beyond it we see Advent dawning with its perspective of the Lord’s coming in glory.”— *The Liturgy and Time*, A.G. Mortimort

Explore Popular Catholic Church Web Sites:

www.CatholicCulture.org

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/>

<http://catholicnews.com/>

<http://ewtnnews.com/>

<http://ncregister.com/>

<http://catholicexchange.com/>

<http://integratedcatholiclife.org/>

<http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/>

NEIGHBORING PARISH MASS SCHEDULES

Go to *Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska Website* to see recorded and life-streamed masses and parish websites:

<http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/>

Sacred Heart Cathedral 474-9032

Saturday Vigil: *4:30pm (*=Live Streamed)

Sunday: 8:00 & *11:00am

Sunday Spanish Mass: 1:00pm

St. Mark Sunday Mass: 5:30pm

Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:30am

Thursday *7:00pm

Confessions Heard: Sat 3:00-4:00pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thu: 8am-12noon

<https://www.sacredheartak.org/>

Immaculate Conception 452-3533

***All masses are live streamed.**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Mass: 12:10pm

Wed: 5:30pm, followed by Adoration & Confession

<https://iccfairbanks.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ICCFairbanks>

Saint Raphael 457-6603

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:30am – (Inside Church)

Weekday: Tues, Thurs Mass 9:30am; Wed 5:30pm

<https://www.straphaelfairbanks.org/>

Saint Nicholas, North Pole 488-2595

Sign up required to attend for Weekend Masses.

<https://signup.com/go/ZjtAQHb>

Saturday Vigil: *5:00pm – *Specifically for the Elderly and Vulnerable*

Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00pm

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:45am Prayer & Mass;

*Wed 6pm Mass & Adoration w/Rosary

<http://www.stnicholasnp.org/>

Special Prayer Intentions: Pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Chad Zielinski, our priests, religious and all who serve in our Diocese. For our Diocesan parishes in rural Alaska without priests to serve them regularly. We pray for all our parishioners, the elderly, sick and compromised unable to attend Mass in person. Students and all associated with the education of students on the UAF campus and Fairbanks area. For the repose of our departed brothers and sisters.

Please consider whether you may be a person God is calling to service through Priesthood or Religious life. Our diocesan vocations director is Fr. Robert Fath. He can be reached at vocations@cbna.org.

Loving Jesus,

We ask you to send more servants to your people.

Choose from our parishes, from our homes, from our schools and colleges,

An abundant harvest of apostles for your Kingdom Here in Alaska: priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers.

We pray that those you call may never lose awareness of the dignity and need of their vocation.

O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,

Teach to all those the Master calls to say a joyful “yes”, as you did at the Annunciation.

CONTINUE TO PRAY AFTER ELECTIONS:

Prayer is needed after we vote: for our state and nation, for those who will serve as our elected officials, and for our own hearts, that we might be able to accept the results of the election, and will continue to work for life and dignity every day of the year, regardless of who is in office. Voting is one component of faithful citizenship, but faithful citizenship is a responsibility for the other 364 days of the year as well. After the election, the big work of renewing the political life of our state and our nation begins.

Parish Support

For the Week ending Nov. 1, 2020

Total: \$ 1,372.00

Checks: \$ 200/Cash \$122/WeShare \$255

Year to Date (7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 19,326.05

Donations can also be made by Mail or Online:

*St. Mark UAF Catholic Parish PO Box 750166, Fairbanks, AK 99775-0166 or *St. Mark’s UAF Parish website www.stmarksuaf.org - click on “WeShare”.

Please give generously December 29th as we contribute a portion of our donations towards the Diocesan Special Collection.

