



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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The Baptism of the Lord

Our Parish 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. We provide a convenient and hospitable space for students' sacramental life, prayer life, fellowship and growth in faith. St. Mark's also provides reliable information for non-Catholics inquiring about our faith and contributes to inter-faith discussion and ecumenical action.

Regular Sunday Mass: 5:30pm

Margaret Murie Building Auditorium

Reconciliation: Before Mass and by appointment.

Parish Council: Meets 2nd Sun/month after Mass

Pastor: Fr. Robert Fath

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Parish Administrator: Mary Pat Boger

St. Mark: Ph.: 907-374-9564 CSA: 907-987-9427

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

Bookkeeper: Marilis Bennett Ph. 590-9291

Music Director: George Stefan

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January 2020:

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Please Pray for: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad; Fr. Fath; priests, religious, deacons, seminarians in the Diocese of Fairbanks and Alaska; for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack; Robin Eagan; Ben Orr; Gail Reidman; Shane O'Rourke family; Dot Keith; Tweet Burik; Mission Churches in Alaska; for the transition back to school for parents, children, educators; and for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack.

The Baptism of the Lord *Pleasing to God*

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 The Servant of the Lord

Acts 10:34-38 Peter's Discourse;
the Good News of Peace

Matthew 3:13-17 Baptism of Jesus

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

Monday, January 13th, **Spring Semester** students will be back on campus and in dorms.



Feast and Faith – Young Adult gathering will be held Jan. 14th, Feb. 11th, and March 10th at Miguel's Mexican Restaurant on Airport Way; 6-8:30pm. Join us for free food and

discussions about the faith. Create new friendships with others while supporting your faith.

No classes on January 20th – Alaska Civil Rights Day

Spring Break – March 9-13, 2020

Support you Lady Nanooks Basketball Team! Thu, January 16 at the Patty Center against the Montana State Billings Yellowjackets.

Learn to Cross Country Ski – Sat, Jan 18 at 10:00am UAF Nanook Recreation, 1920 Tanana Loop.

St. Mark University Catholic Parish

Parish Council Meeting –after 5:30pm Mass this Sunday. Please contact Mary Pat Boger at uaf.stmark@gmail.com if you have any questions, otherwise join us after Mass and make a difference.

Anyone looking for **volunteering**, contact Immaculate Conception Church. The Soup Kitchen needs volunteers. Contact: Grayce Barnard, Soup Kitchen iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org.

STEWARDSHIP

****Donations made for the 2019 fiscal year need to be made by the last day in December! Thank you for your generosity & continued support!**



St. Mark Parishioners: This semester we will work as a community to collect non-perishable items to donate to the University Food Kitchen for students. Look for the box at the entrance of the auditorium where you can place your donation. Mary Pat Boger will drop off donations every Monday. Thank you for helping!

Nanook Diversity and Action Center

About the Food Pantry - The Food Pantry serves any UAF student with a [Polar Express Card](#). Students may pick up one bag of food per week. The Food Pantry is stocked with canned food (beans, soup, vegetables, etc.), other shelf stable food items (pasta, granola bars, oatmeal, etc.), and hygiene products (toilet paper, shampoo, soap, etc.) Donations are always appreciated! (Please make sure donations are unopened and not expired.)

Fall 2019 hours

Monday: 10am - 12pm
Tuesday: See front desk staff
Wednesday: 5pm - 7pm
Thursday: 10am - 12pm
Friday: 12pm - 2pm

From the Chancery

Job Openings for Executive/Tribunal Assistant, Director of Mission Outreach and Accounting Technician. For more information, please contact humanresources@cbna.org.

Looking for a great place to work? The Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking an Accounting Assistant. This position is full time with benefits and supports the Accounting department by performing clerical tasks, including processing and recording transactions, fielding communications with parish personnel and vendors, fact checking, filing, and other duties as needed. Working knowledge of Microsoft Office required, including Excel, and application of Quick Books is preferred. Position will remain open until filled. To apply please send resume to humanresources@cbna.org

Office of Faith and Family Formation

The next Retrouvaille Marriage Healing Program in Anchorage begins Feb. 28, 2020. Phone 907-863-8000, or go to: www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Tips for Traditions - Following the liturgical calendar creates a fun way to gain a better understanding of the seasons of the Church and the holidays (holy days) we commonly celebrate. Make an effort to wear an item of clothing with the same color corresponding to the liturgical season. Generally during Ordinary time, the priest will wear green, so wear green, during Christmas and Easter seasons wear white, etc. If you have any family traditions you'd be willing to share, please send your suggestions to the Office of Faith and Family Formation at family@cbna.org.

Fides Formation Now Available and



Free! -Religious education for adult and catechist formation is available in the Diocese of Fairbanks and is free thanks to our generous benefactors. The certificate program consists of five courses. This is an excellent program for catechists, catholic and home schoolteachers, young adults, and other laity seeking to increase knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith at your own pace. Go to Fide Formation at: <http://campus.fidesformation.com/> or contact the Office of Faith and Family Formation for more information: family@cbna.org or 374-9511.



Feast and Faith

When: January 14th, February 11th, and March 10th Time: 6:00-8:30 pm
Where: Miguel's Authentic Mexican Cuisine (1235 Airport Way- next to Planet Fitness) Feast and Faith is a monthly gathering of young adults (18-35'ish) coming together for **free** food and discussions about the faith. Come meet other young adults who have a desire to create lasting relationships and support each other in the faith. For more information contact the Office of Faith and Family Formation at 374-9511 or email family@cbna.org

*Join Fairbanks Right to Life's Annual
Prayerful March for Life- Friday -January 24th
11:00AM - Noon and 5:30PM-6:30PM
Cushman Street Bridge & Barnette Street Bridge
Warm up, vigil candles & signs in Murphy Hall- ICC
Church on the River*

St. Raphael Catholic Church

St. Raphael Parish Spiritual Retreat to begin the New Year as Nancy Hanson continues the message of Fr. Jim Sichko and focusing on trust, faith and the call of Jesus. Saturday, January 25th, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ending with a potluck lunch. All are invited to attend. Let's take time, together, to explore further the ideas Fr. Sichko introduced to us. The Gospel for Saturday, January 25th is the conversion of Paul the Apostle. The Gospel for Sunday, January 26th is Jesus calling his first disciples; Simon (Peter) and Andrew, James and John. These are two powerful stories of TRUST and will be part of the retreat. Most important, though, is looking within, reflecting on our own stories, listening to Jesus calling us, asking us to TRUST. Come and join us in this New Year time of reflection. All are welcome.

January 12, 2020 - Baptism of the Lord

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Second Sunday after Epiphany: Feast of the Holy Family

(Jesus) came to Nazareth and was subject to them" (Gospel).

Subject to them is the awe-inspiring phrase which sums up His Life. Humbly did He abide by the decrees of human law! Obedience to *My Father's business* must come first, as a guide to all other business, if heaven is to find our family unbroken (Prayer)

If Jesus withdraws from us as a test of our love, or if we lose Him by the commission of sin, we will not regain the joy of His Presence amid the distractions of *relatives and acquaintances*; but we will find Him *in the temple* at Confession and Communion.

So-called "modern" ideas and practices are evicting Christ from the home. As an antidote, at the family meal let us read aloud from the New Testament.

Let the word of Christ dwell in your home (Epistle). Then will your family, even though living in "obscurity" as did the Holy Family, advance *in wisdom and ... grace before God and men* (Gospel). — Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood



Catholic Masses in Fairbanks Area

Saint Mark University Parish

Sunday: 5:30pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am

Spanish Mass: 1:00pm on Sunday

Daily Masses: Monday—Friday 7:30am

Saint Raphael

Sunday: 9:30am; Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm Weekday:

T, Th. 9:30am & Wed. 5:30pm

Immaculate Conception

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Confessions - Saturday 3-3:45pm, 5:30pm

Latin Mass (twice a month)

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

Wed 5:30pm, followed by Adoration & Confession

Saint Nicholas, North Pole

Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9:00am,

Wed 5:30pm

Our Lady of the Snows, Eielson AFB

Sunday: 10:30am.

Catholic Adoration in Fairbanks Area

Sacred Heart Cathedral: Thu. 8:00am -12:30 pm

Saturdays 2:30 -4:00pm

Immaculate Conception

Wed 5:30pm, Mass 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Adoration with Confessions

First Friday Devotions

5:30pm Mass

6:00pm -6:00 AM Adorations

6:00am Patriotic Rosary

7:00am Benediction & Mass

St. Raphael

2nd Thursday 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Good Shepherd: Thu. 6:00pm -7:00pm (Most weeks)

St. Nicholas: Wednesday 7:00 -8:00pm

What Happens at Mass



The next part of the mass is the apostolic greeting. Here the priest greets the people with the phrase: "The Lord be with you." All the people greet the priest in return, saying, "And with your spirit." These are not meant to be exchanges of what might occur between just any large group gathered and one who stands up in front with something to say to everyone and so begins with a "Good morning" or "Good evening." This is an exchange uniquely belonging to the Christian community and peculiar to this moment in the community's life when it begins to celebrate the source and summit of its life. It is an exchange that immediately acknowledges the roles that will be played in this ritual action. The priest greets the people not as an individual; rather he greets them in his sacramental role of representing Christ at the head of his body, as Christ who will lead his body in prayer. This is called the apostolic greeting because the words come from greetings which the apostle Paul used in his letters. The apostles for their part passed this on to their successors, the bishops; and bishops share their apostolic ministry of leadership with priests. This greeting is to remind us that the faith in which we stand comes to us from the apostles. If the priest's greeting to the people is on such an exalted level, the people's response is no less highly pitched. They answer, "And with your spirit." This response is not meant to say something to the effect of "the same to you." It means much more. The people are addressing the "spirit" of the priest; that is, that deepest interior part of his being where he has been ordained precisely to lead the people in this sacred action. They are saying in effect, "Be the priest for us now," aware that there is only one priest, Christ himself, and that this one person who represents him now must be finely tuned to perform his sacred duties as well. Only in the dignified courtesy of this exchange between the priest and people can we begin this liturgy, for the exchange expresses and establishes the unique harmony between ourselves, the priest, and the Church throughout the world.

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Sacred Heart Cathedral will offer marriage preparation classes this coming February and March on Saturday mornings at the cathedral from 9:00-10:30 AM. Dates are February 1, 8, 15, 29 and March 7 and 14. Catholic Engaged Encounter will host a retreat weekend at St. Nicholas Church in

North Pole on the weekend of Feb. 21-23. If you are planning a summer or fall wedding, please let your pastor know of your plans. For additional information, please contact Fr. Ross at (907) 474-9032 or

Sacred Heart Cathedral Book Club meets the first Tuesday of the month downstairs in the community room. Please consider joining us at our next gathering. February 4 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Contact Jan at 43janetf@gmail.com for information. All are welcome and encouraged to join us.

January - *The Walls Are Talking: Former Abortion Clinic Workers Tell Their Stories*, by Abby Johnson.

February - *Common Sense 101: Lessons from G.K. Chesterton* by Dale Ahlquist.

March - *Out of the Ashes: Rebuilding American Culture* by Anthony Esolen.

April - *The Day is Now Far Spent* by Cardinal Sarah

May - *My Life In Poetry* by Ezio M Tozzi.

June - End of the year luncheon.

Love in the Name of Christ

Attention parents of children! Kid Fest is coming, and we want you to bring your Youth & Children's ministries! Love INC is filling the Carlson Center with Inflatable Bounce Houses, nerf wars, and lots of fun. January 17th -19th. A fun filled weekend for all involved and a great fundraiser for Love In the Name of Christ. We are offering you a special church pricing package. **Just \$10 per child! Wristbands must be purchased in advance by January 16th.** Adult Chaperones do not need a wristband! Call the Love INC Office 452-3876. **Hours:** Friday January 17th 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Saturday January 18th 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Sunday January 19th 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. **Waivers must be filled out by all participants. See attached.**

Feast of the Baptism of Christ - Day Nineteen

Today we celebrate the baptism of Christ in the Jordan. This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany. The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan. — *The Light of the World* by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.

