



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.

Sunday Mass: 5:30 pm at SHC

Unable to receive normal hosts? Please arrive before mass and see the priest or sacristan (Jennifer Chown) about the availability of low gluten.

Confessions: Saturdays 3-4 PM at SHC and ICC.

PASTOR

Fr. Ross Tozzi: rtozzi@cbna.org Ph: 907-347-3005

Fr. Piotr Oprych: poprych@cbna.org Ph: 907-347-9805

DEACON

Warren Lucero

Catholic Student Association

7:00pm Wednesday Mass – in UAF Upper Lola Tilly.

Religion Education for students – Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi if you have questions rtozzi@cbna.org or Ph: 907-347-3005.

LATIN MASS SCHEDULE:

Held at 6:00pm at SHC –

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS:

5/5: Registration Deadline for Summer Oratory

5/6: 12:30pm SHC Book Club downstairs Community Room

5/9: The Ascension of the Lord (Thursday)

5/10: 10th Annual Agape Benefit Dinner 5:30pm @ Westmark

5/12: Mother's Day

5/15: Really Free Market 10-11am – Lola Tilly Parking Lot

5/17-19: Spiritual Exercises for Women

5/11 & 25: 6 PM Latin Mass at SHC

5/19: Pentecost Sunday – 11 AM Confirmation at SHC

5/27: Memorial Day

6/5-14: Summer Oratory

6/9: Knights of Columbus Altar Server Picnic 1-5 pm

Catholic Definition: Coadjutor

A bishop appointed to a Catholic diocese or archdiocese to assist the diocesan bishop. Unlike an auxiliary bishop he has the right of succession, meaning that he automatically becomes the new bishop when the diocesan bishop retires or dies. By canon law, he is also vicar general of the diocese. This happened in our diocese when Bishop Robert Whelan announced he would retire within the year and Bishop Michael Kaniecki became the Auxiliary bishop assisting until Bishop Whelan.

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Cycle B



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to Cornelius and his household, and they are baptized.

Responsorial: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

A song of praise for God's salvation.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

God is love.

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another

Music of the Mass

179 At the Lamb's High Feast

333 One Love Released

487 Christians, Let Us Love One Another
Lamb of God

497 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Heritage Mass parts 890-897.



Join us at our 5:30pm Mass next Sunday, May 12th. Our High School Graduates, educators, K-12 students, and families will be blessed as they head into their last week of the 2023-24 school year.



Join Catholics at 4:45 pm for Sunday Vespers at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Vesper Music can be found on our St. Mark website <https://stmarksuaf.org> as well as the QR code. This is an evening prayer of thanksgiving and praise and the oldest and most important of the traditional liturgy of the hours.



Sacred Heart Reading Club: 12:30 PM downstairs in Community Room - 1st Monday of the month – May 6th.
May book: Padre Pio and America by Fran M. Rega c.2008

SUMMER ORATORY

Registrations Due: May 5th, 2024
Fee: \$20 per child or \$50 Per Family

June 5-14, 2024 (*not including weekends*) from 9am – 4pm for youth from ages 6 to 16 years – at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The deadline is May 5th. Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more information. Register online at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/summer-oratory>

Oratory/Religious Education: Every Saturday at Sacred Heart Cathedral Oratory from 1-2:45PM. Ages 5-17. Religious Ed Classes 3-4:15PM. For more info contact servidoras@cbna.org

Confirmation/Youth Group: Rite of Confirmation Pentecost Sunday - May 19th – at 11 AM Sacred Heart Mass.

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group: 6 PM Adoration, Pizza, and formation at ICC for Young Adults 18-35 @ ICC.

Spiritual Exercises for Women – May 17-19 (Fri-Sun) Saint Ignatian Retreat. \$50/person – Space is limited. Contact the sisters at servidoras@cbna.org for more information to register.

Traditional Latin Mass- 6 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral
May 11 & 25 + June 1 & 29

Voice of Hope Prayer Group: 6PM Tues evenings at SHC.

Women's Group: 6:30 PM at the sister's convent every Tuesday (rosary/lecture/refreshment) for women over 18. (Series on the History of the Church.) Contact info: servidoras@cbna.org .

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

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

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 Tuesday Legion of Mary Meetings ~ ICC.

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.

Funerals: Contact Parish Office at SHC – 907-474-9032

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE PREP

When: May 8, 15, 22, and 29 @ 6-7:30pm.

Where: St. Raphael Parish

Why: Those engaged, thinking about marriage. Learn how to have a healthy, happy, and holy relationship.

Contact Elizabeth to register at

elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org or call 907-457-6603.



ALTAR SERVER PICNIC

Please show your support!

Come help us celebrate and give a special thanks to our Altar Servers

When and Where?

June 9th 2024

1:00 – 5:00pm

Tanana Lakes
Fairbanks, Alaska



*Bring Lawn Chairs, Swimming available
Boats and Kayaks for rent*

Please Invite All
Priest, Religious,
Altar Servers, Parish Staff
and Knights.
(Family Friends and Members also)

*Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Drinks
and other items will be available.*

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RSVP-Bill at (907) 590-0338 Text preferred

Pot-Luck Items are not required but are welcome, especially desserts



Justice Challenge: : St. Damien of Molokai is honored on May 10. Damien was canonized a saint because of his dedication and service to the lepers on the island of Molokai in Hawaii. Lepers were considered pariahs who were a threat to healthy people because of their contagious illness. Many of them were torn from their families when they were diagnosed with leprosy. They were taken to Molokai and never saw their loved ones again. (Lepers at the time of Jesus faced a similar alienation. They were often forced to wear a bell around their necks so that people could run from them when they heard the bell.) Damien ministered to the physical and emotional needs of the lepers on Molokai. He followed Jesus' example of reaching out to these rejected human beings, offering them the human contact—the simple touch—which they were denied. Your challenge this week is to look for a leper in your life, but not necessarily in the literal sense of a person with a skin disease. Rather, look for someone who craves human contact and human touch but is denied it. It might be someone who is lonely or angry, smelly, or dirty, mentally ill or imprisoned in some way. Whatever the person's reality, reach out in love and compassion. Offer the human touch which every person on earth needs to survive and thrive. <https://pastoral.center>

Focusing the Gospel...

Key words and phrases: Remain in my love, love one another, lay down one's life, I have called you friends.

To the point: Jesus issues two commands in this gospel: to remain in his love and to love one another. Actually the two commands are one: remaining in his love is to love others. By remaining in his love, we love with his love, laying down our lives. By remaining in his love, we bear the fruit of a very tangible love that is expansive enough to call everyone "friend." Everyone. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Love of Your Neighbor

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

Adults: How is love of others connected to love for God?

Kids: Who needs Jesus' love this week? How can you show them his love?

The month of May is dedicated to the **Blessed Virgin Mary**.

The Catholic Company presents



What are the “Rogations Days”?

Whether Major or Minor, the Rogations are a chance to lift our earthly doings to God.

The Rogation Days are traditional occasions of prayer that occur on April 25th (called the Major Rogation) and on the three days leading up to Ascension Thursday (called the Minor Rogations). Their purpose is to ask God to bestow His mercy on us, to make the harvest of the earth abundant, and to protect us from disasters. The word *rogation* comes from the Latin word *rogare*, which means “to plead.”

The Rogations are of ancient origin in the Church. The Major Rogation dates from her early centuries and the Minor were established not long afterward in the 6th century. They are no longer obligatory in the Church, but many parishes observe them in some way.

The ceremony of the Rogations includes a procession—traditionally around the territorial perimeter of the parish—and a blessing of the land, during which the Litany of the Saints is sung. A special Mass with the liturgical color of violet (the color of penance and supplication) follow.

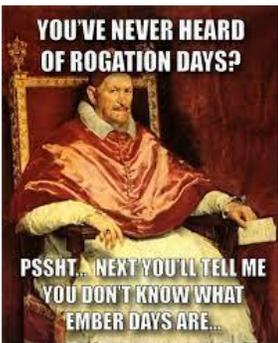
These ceremonies are an impressive reminder of God’s care for us—and our dependence on Him—in all aspects of our lives, including practical, earthly things. The Rogations connect earth and Heaven for us, illustrating God’s authorship of all things and our reliance on His goodness and mercy. They recall the spiritual character of everything we do, even if that’s just plowing fields, going to work, doing the laundry, or tending the garden.



The Rogations are, moreover, a method of entrusting to God those things we rely on but can’t control—such as the clemency of the weather and freedom from pestilence. Without God, we would worry constantly about these things. The Rogation Days offer us a chance to offload our worry, to “cast all our cares upon Him,” as St. Peter says in his first letter, “because He cares for us.”

Keeping holy water on hand is a Church-encouraged way to spiritually protect and bless yourself, your family, your home—even your land, Rogation-style!

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



2024 ROGATION DAYS

April 25th is called the Major Rogation (coincidentally the Feast of St. Mark)

May 6th-8th are Minor Rogation days falling on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday preceding Ascension Thursday.

Traditional days of prayer and fasting.

HELPING ALASKA – 10th Annual Agape Benefit Dinner May 10th at 5:30pm – Westmark Hotel 813 Noble St. Tickets

are available at helpingalaska.org/agape and at their office at 609 3rd St. Tickets are \$65/seat or \$750/table of 8.



As I Love You



This week my children were learning about energy. We set up an experiment with toy cars — one was placed in front of another, and a third was pushed into the two stationary ones.

The forward motion caused the front car to move, but not much. “Most of the energy goes into the car in the middle, not the car on the end,” my daughter concluded.

I asked her why she seems to have so much energy, and I seem to have so little.

“Because you’re old,” she replied confidently.

Most days I feel like that first car, barreling at life with all my energy and love and good intentions, only to have it almost entirely absorbed by the proverbial middle car. It’s so easy to be discouraged. The devil so badly wants us to feel discouraged.

But the law of love is not unlike the law of conservation of energy. Love is neither created nor destroyed. It is only transferred from one form to another. And yes, sometimes it certainly seems like it disappears. It appears to get lost between my hands and the plate of dinner that goes uneaten or evaporates off of my lips as words I fear are never heard. It is spat upon as a commandment the world would prefer I do not keep.

But we are not called to simply love one another — to love when it seems effective and productive and appreciated. We are called to love as Christ loved: recklessly, selflessly, and yes, even without logic. We are called to love with a love that doesn’t give up and is never withdrawn. A love that doesn’t fear death or the world’s hatred. A love that stands willing to argue, to be reviled, to be dismissed.

We are called to be that first car, hurtling ourselves against a world that isn’t ready to accept or understand us. And we trust that, even when we can’t see how, the love that seems to disappear simply changes forms.

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.”
— John 15:12

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – May 2, 2024©Lpi



PARISH STEWARDSHIP
 April 14, 2024: \$ 1,052.00
 Actual Collection YTD:
 \$62,942.24
 (7/1/23-6/30/24)

Thank you for your generosity and continued support! Visit WeShare for online giving at: <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>.
Special Collections: 3% of our collection in April came to \$130.66 that went to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.
Thank you for supporting the Diocesan Special Collections that have influence in the lives of others!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." –John 10:14-16

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation, or do you share freely out of love?

Prayer of the Faithful: That our discipleship is not out of obligation, but rather out of love.



**Pope Francis' May Prayer Intentions:
 For the formation of religious and seminarians.**

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.
Please Pray for (+): Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and all our priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons.
 + Peace in our world.
 + Those preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.
 + St. Mark parishioners, especially those who are isolated, sick, homebound, or confined to nursing facilities and hospitals.
 + Our faithfully departed.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: “The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at (907) 374-9504 and talk to Fr. Robert Fath, the Vocations Director at or email: rfath@cbna.org

**ADORATION TIMES ~ Fairbanks & North Pole
 Sacred Heart Cathedral**

Wed: 11 AM to 12 PM ~ Thurs: 8 AM - 12 PM ~ Sat: 3 PM - 4 PM

Immaculate Conception Church

Tues: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM ~ Wed: 6 - 7 PM ~ Sat: 3 – 3:50 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



St. Raphael will have a Grief Retreat Saturday, May 11th, 9:30am-4:30pm. Keynote speaker will be Deacon George J. Miller. There is no cost to attend. Snacks and lunch provided. Use the QR code to register or contact St. Raphael at 907-457-6603 for more information.



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Chancery Staff Changes

Jocelyn Niedziela has been hired as the new **Safe Environment Coordinator and Victim Assistance Coordinator.**

Maureen Farley has taken the position of **Director of Donor Development** at the Chancery.

Diocesan Employment Opportunities

- 1. Part-time Donations Processing Clerk**, 20 hrs./wk. This job entails all aspects of processing donations received by the Diocese.
- 2. Full-time Maintenance Technician**, 40 hours/week with benefits. This position is part of a maintenance team, providing support for diocesan buildings and grounds in Fairbanks.
- 3. Part-Time Summer Groundskeeper** – responsible for ground-keeping tasks on the Peger Road campus and other properties managed by the Chancery.
- 4. Part-time Digital Content Coordinator** - creates content for the diocesan website and social media accounts and monitors the online presence of the Diocese of Fairbanks.

Visit dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings for more detailed information or E-mail humanresources@cbna.org.

Sacred Heart Part-time Outreach Coordinator

Responsibilities include Stephen Ministry Outreach, Safe Environment, and Emergency contact for citywide callout of priests to respond to people in danger of death or in special need of pastoral visits. Please submit a letter of interest, a resume, and three references to Rev. Ross Tozzi, Sacred Heart Cathedral. rector@cbna.org or Ph: (907) 347-3005 with questions.

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>

Please keep Fr. Piotr Oprych, the Parish Offices of Sacred Heart Cathedral (907-474-9032) or St. Mark's (907-374-9564) informed of anyone who is homebound, hospitalized, seriously ill or wishes to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.



If you are signed up for **Flocknote** but have not been receiving texts or emails from St. Mark's, Email Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org to verify or update information.

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