



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.

May 18, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C



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St. Mark Mass & Confession Schedules

Sunday Sung Vespers: 4:45 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Sunday Mass: 5:30 PM at SHC

CALENDAR of EVENTS

4/30 - 6/4: Spring 2025 Beloved Marriage Pre classes on Wednesday 6-7:30pm at St. Raphael Parish. Contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org or 907-457-6603.

5/15-18: Men's Silent Ignatian Retreat at ICS

5/25: Join us for Ice Cream after 5:30pm Mass.

5/26: Memorial Day

6/7 (Sat): 11:00 AM Confirmation at SHC.

6/9-13: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Summer Oratory at St. Nicholas Parish in North Pole for ages 6-17.

Catholic Definitions: AUGUSTINIANS

A general name for a number of religious institutes of men and women who base their way of life on the Rule of St. Augustine. Among the men are Augustinian canons, since the eleventh century; Augustinian hermits or friars, to whom Martin Luther had belonged; Augustinian recollects, or discalced hermits; and Augustinians of the Assumption, better known as Assumptionists. There are fourteen distinct communities of Augustinian religious institutes.

www.catholicculture.org

32 Biblical Virtues to pray for your kids.

19. Humility. "God, please cultivate in my children the ability to show true humility toward all." (Titus 3:2)

"This is my Commandment that you love one another as I have loved you."

John 13:34

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27*
Paul and Barnabas proclaim the good news in many places.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13*

A song of praise to God.

Second Reading: *Revelation 21:1-5a*

John describes his vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

Gospel Reading: *John 13:31-33a, 34-35*

Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another.



Music of the Mass – May 18, 2025

590 Alleluia No. 1

426 God is Love

425 Christians, Let Us Love One Another

422 What Wondrous Love Is This

585 The Strife Is O'er



Welcome Pope Leo XIV
In illo uno unum



*****As we approach the summer months some activities are suspended until Fall. If in doubt, please contact church offices.*****

SUMMER ORATORY!

June 9-13, 2025, 9 AM – 3 PM

At St. Nicholas Catholic Church

Fee: \$30 per child up to \$100 maximum per family

MONDAY

SHC Book Club: Meets on the first Monday of the month in SHC Community Room. The last meeting will be in June. For more info, contact Jan Fortune at: 43janetf@gmail.com.

Bible Study Monday Nite – On break until Fall.

TUESDAY

Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA): 7—8:30 PM.

Voices of Hope Prayer Group: 6:00-8:30PM downstairs in SHC Community Room every Tuesday. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY

Beloved Marriage Prep – 6:00 – 7:30 PM at St. Raphael's (April 30 – June 4). Contact Elizabeth to register at elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org.

THURSDAY

Youth Group - Meets May 22, & 29 from 6-8 PM at SHC. Questions—contact Mother, Way of Salvation at: servidoras@cbna.org

FRIDAY

To request Food Boxes - people may call in orders at (907) 374-0572 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM and pick up their food boxes from 12:15 – 1:00 PM.

Voces Verbi – 6 PM on May 16 & 23: Adoration, Formation, & Pizza for Young Adults 18-35 at ICC.

SATURDAY

Young Adult Game Night – May 17 at 7 PM in SHC Social Hall. Contact Diocesan OFFF Director Olsta at 907-374-9526 or olsta@cbna.org.

Confessions & Adorations of the Blessed Sacrament – 3:00 – 4:00 PM at SHC.

Religious Education: Will return in the Fall. Questions—contact Mother, Way of Salvation at: servidoras@cbna.org

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism Classes: The three-part Baptism class is for parents of infants and children under the age of 7. For more information, email Fr. Peter Bang at pbanng@cbna.org.

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

May you continue to learn and progress in your faith journey, as well as to pursue continuous education in your chosen vocation. Continue to glorify God by your lives.



“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.” ~ St. Catherine of Sienna

NOTICE TO ALL: MEMORIAL DAY IS NEXT WEEKEND – May 26th. Chancery and Church Offices will be closed. There will still be Monday morning regularly scheduled mass as Sacred Heart Cathedral.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS! We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. Celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Easter, the global church to pray for and support those discerning a call to serve God and others. Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Please pray for an increase in vocations in the Diocese of Fairbanks!

Justice Challenge: We can do no lasting good for the world on our own. We need the support of a loving community. Only communities, not individuals, produce great works. We build up the kingdom of justice by being a kingdom of love. Jesus commanded us to love one another for good reason. It is from love that justice blossoms. The challenge this week is to do something that builds unity in your family and in your parish. Without love uniting you to others, you are a silent symphony to the world. <https://pastoral.center>



Connecting the Gospel...

... **to the Second Reading:** When we live Jesus' new commandment of love, the results are dramatic: “a new heaven and a new earth,” “new Jerusalem,” indeed, “all things new”

... **to experience:** We are keen on underscoring obligation—we must “love one another.” This is only possible because of the power and grace which come from our first being loved by God. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Love One Another

Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” (John 13:34)

Adults: When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation?

Kids: Do you believe love is stronger than hate? Why? <https://pastoral.center>

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is another name for a priest's sermon?
(Answer on page 3.)

The world needs Christ's light.
Humanity needs Him to be the bridge so that God and His love can reach us. ~ Pope Leo XIV



Saint Matthias: The Apostle You Might Have Missed

From follower to Apostle, by lot.

When Judas Iscariot's betrayal left the group of the Twelve incomplete, the early Church faced a practical and spiritual decision: how to restore the number of Apostles chosen by Christ. In the Acts of the Apostles, we find the account of how Saint Matthias was selected to fill that role.

Before choosing a new Apostle, Peter outlined specific qualifications: the man must have accompanied Jesus and the other disciples throughout His ministry—from His baptism by John to His Ascension. This requirement ensured that the new Apostle could bear firsthand witness to Christ's Resurrection, a central task for the Twelve.

Two men were proposed: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. After prayer, the apostles cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias.



Though Matthias is not mentioned again by name in the New Testament, early Church tradition holds that he faithfully carried out the mission of the Apostles: preaching the Gospel and building up the Church. Various sources suggest he evangelized in regions such as Judea or possibly as far as modern-day Georgia or Ethiopia, though details remain uncertain.

Saint Matthias's quiet obedience and faithful witness filled a real need in the early Christian community. He represents the countless disciples who have served the Church faithfully without acclaim, yet whose contribution was essential to the spread of the Gospel.

His feast day is celebrated on **May 14** (today!), and he is the patron saint of those called to unexpected vocations and roles.

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



Join us next weekend (5/25) as we celebrate the end of the school year and Memorial Day weekend. We will have ice cream and drinks outside after mass. For those who will be on the road enjoying the break – we will be thinking of you!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answer: Homily. @Lpi

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
[Resembling Jesus](#)



I once wrote an article about several women residents of a local nursing home. In researching the piece, I discovered that they had grown up in the same neighborhood as my grandmother, and that one of the women was, in fact, my grandmother's dearest childhood friend.

When I visited this woman to take her photograph, she took a long look at my face, and I could see in her eyes that she was reaching back in her memory across the years.

She said: "You resemble her."

I wept on the way home.

My grandmother died when I was nine, and for the last several years of her life she suffered from Alzheimer's disease. I have always deeply grieved the time we lost, the relationship we could have had. I have hazy fragments of memory from before her illness that lead me to believe we loved each other very much.

Being told I look like my grandmother by someone who knew her well — being identified as belonging to her in some way — was one of the more beautiful things to happen to me.

When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as theirs somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

The only way we can resemble Jesus is through love. It is his most recognizable quality, his most famous trait. *This is how all will know that you are my disciples.*

As Catholics, we are always talking about finding ways to live our faith boldly, unapologetically, publicly. Good — we should! But if we want people to know we are Catholic, we should love them. Bravely. Recklessly. Sacrificially.

As he loves us.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – May 15, 2025©Lpi.

THANK YOU to the Sacred Heart Hospitality group behind the Hospitality Bake Sale on Mother's Day weekend! We appreciate the work that went into the baked goods!

If you are looking for a way to use your time and talent, this Ministry helps with events at SHC and Diocesan events held there. Contact k_placha@yahoo.com for more info.



Our Stewardship Report

May 11: \$ 934.00

Actual Collection YTD

(7/24- 6/25): \$ 62,823.60

Parishioner Count: 105

Thank you for your continued support!

If you still have your CRS rice bowl collection, you can still turn it in before the end of the month!

Stewardship Moment

***"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."
Acts 13:52***

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others will notice and be attracted to!



MAY 2025 PRAYER INTENTION

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Pray for... Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Steven

Maekawa, OP. Fr. Ross Tozzi, and priests in our diocese.

...religious brothers, sisters, deacons, and volunteers serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks.

...all 2025 graduates of high school and college that they are prepared for what life brings them next.

...safe summer traveling of visitors and families.

...respect for life from conception to natural death.

...families who are grieving and mourning the loss of a family member.

...those our sick, hospitalized, or facing medical treatment

... all who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again.

5th Sunday of Easter

"I give you a new commandment: love one another."

(John 13:34)

Love is at the heart of every vocation. Take time to reflect on how God may be inviting you to live out His new commandment of love in a way that serves others. What does that call look like for you? Talk to your priest to your priest or reaching out to Fr. Robert Fath in the Vocation Office at rfath@cbna.org.

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful

That the coming of the new heaven and new earth will be hastened through the holy lives and faithful witness of all those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

Rosary Novena for Healing

Please join us in a time of prayer for the healing of all those in our communities who have experienced abuse. A Rosary Novena for Healing starts on May 23 and concludes on May 31, the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parishes are encouraged to gather and pray the Rosary Novena for Healing at a time that works best for their local community. Recordings will be available daily at 8 am on the diocesan Facebook page and YouTube channel to allow the faithful to pray along with Bishop Steve and our priests.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Diocese of Fairbanks Job Opening - **Chief Financial Officer (CFO)**. This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits for the Diocese of Fairbanks. To apply, submit a cover letter, résumé, and three references to humanresources@cbna.org For a detailed list of job duties and other information, please visit <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>.

Know someone who with the accounting degree and would fit this job? Pass this information on if you know someone who might be interested.



"Heavenly Father, we lift up in prayer for our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, sacrificing their own lives for the protection and safety of others. We are grateful for their service. May they inspire us to live selflessly in our own lives, as Christ calls us to do. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen."

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:

<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse>

"A man is no true Christian if he has no devotion
to the Mother of Jesus Christ." ~ St. John Eudes