



# 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.

### PASTOR

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**Pastoral Council:** Marilis Bennett, Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker, Fr. Ross Tozzi.

**Finance Council:** Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker, & Fr. Ross Tozzi

### St. Mark Sunday Mass Schedule

**Sunday Mass:** 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

**Confessions:** Saturday at 3pm at SHC or before 5:30pm Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration at SHC:** Thursday 8 AM – 12 Noon

### CALENDAR of EVENTS

**8/11&13:** Beloved Marriage Classes at ICC – 7-8:30 PM

**8/14:** Legion of Mary Summer Celebration 7pm @ ICC

**8/15: Feast of the Assumption – Holiday of Obligation**

**8/18&20:** Beloved Marriage Classes at ICC – 7-8:30 PM

**8/19:** FNSBSD First Day of School

**8/20:** Fairbanks Catholic Schools First Day of School

*(8/20-22 – Early Dismissal, 12:50 PM)*

**8/21-24:** UAF Orientation for New Students

**8/24:** Young Adult Berry Picking Outing – 2 PM

**8/25:** First Day of Instructions.

*Look for the first week of September for the return of many of the regular youth and young adult activities.*

**8/28:** UAF Party in the Park 12-3 PM welcoming students!

**9/7:** Canonization of Carlo Acutis & Peter Giorgio Frassati

**10/2-5:** Men's Spiritual Exercises [ICC Silent Ignatius Retreat]

**10/11:** HIPOW Auction & Dinner

### Catholic Definitions: JUDGMENT

In general, an act of the mind affirming or denying something. Philosophically, judgment is the mental act of combining two ideas in affirming their agreement, e.g., God is good, or separating them in denying their agreement, e.g., God is not evil. In ethics, judgment is a right decision about what is just or proper or prudent. It is also the decision of a superior in a natural society (such as the State) or a supernatural society (such as the Church), prescribing what should be done or administering justice.

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

August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C



Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

young-catholics.com

**First Reading:** *Wisdom 18:6-9*

The Hebrew people awaited the salvation of the just.

**Responsorial:** *Psalms 33:1,12,18-22*

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19*

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 12:32-48*

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

**Music of the Mass – August 3**



**320** – Gather Us In

**483** – We Walk by Faith

**563** – Be Not Afraid

**481** – Psalm 42

**431** – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Friday, August 15*

*Masses at Sacred Heart: 7:30 AM, 12:10 & 7 PM*

Please Support **Senate Bill 1298** and **House Bill 2672**

**Religious Workers** by writing letters to our Representative and Senators in Washington, D.C. Our Diocese depends heavily on missionary priests. Please read Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P. letter on the St. Mark website <https://www.stmarksuaf.org/> Your letters of support can help pass these important Bills! *Make this a priority in your schedule to get the message to those who vote on the decision!*

Thank You for your support!



**Religious Education** will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sundays from 9:30-10:30am beginning in September. Oratory will be held Saturday mornings. Registration begins in August. For more info: [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org).

Faith Formation doesn't end after leaving home. The Diocese of Fairbanks has partnered with the Franciscan University Catechetical Institute to further your knowledge on various Catholic topics. Check out <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/faith-formation>

**MONDAY**

**SHC Book Club:** Returns in the Fall. For more info on book titles, contact Jan Fortune at: [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com)

**TUESDAY**

**Voices of Hope Prayer Group:** Every Tuesday from 6 – 8 PM in the Community Room at SHC.

**THURSDAY**

**Adoration:** 8 AM – 12 Noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

**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.

**SATURDAY**

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

**Young Adult Summer Programs** – The next event will be a berry picking weekend -Aug 24<sup>th</sup>. Please check the website for more details to join 18–35-year-olds for fun outings. <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/young-adult-summer-outings>

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Spiritual Exercises Silent Ignatian Retreat** – Men's – Oct 2-5, 2025; Women's – Oct 9-12, 2025 Held at Chena Camp. Cost \$200. Sign up at: <https://www.iccfairbanks.org/se>

**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

Contact our office or let Fr. Ross Tozzi know if you are interested in Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, or Marriage. Proper paperwork, instructions, and planning are necessary in planning.

**Baptism:** Three-part Baptism class for parents of infants and children under the age of 7 offered at SHC. Contact email Fr. Peter Bang at [pbang@cbna.org](mailto:pbang@cbna.org).

**First Communion & Confirmation:** SHC classes are offered during the school year. For more info contact [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org).

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

**31 Biblical Virtues to pray for your kids.**

**31. A heart of missions.** “Lord, please help my children to develop a desire to see your glory declared among the nations, your marvelous deeds among all peoples” (Ps. 96:3).



**Justice Challenge:** Pope Paul the VI said “If you want peace, work for justice.” In a world that has wars, terrorism, violence, and fear, the Christ-like way to fix it is to be people of peace. This only happens

when we work for justice. When everyone has enough food, decent shelter, hopes for an education, meaningful work, and healthcare, then justice will be the norm. Many people have given their lives to the work of justice in the world. Your challenge this week is to do a Google or other internet search of people who work for justice. You may find names of people you have heard of and many you have not. Take time to learn about justice and peace workers this week. Keep as a role model or mentor someone you discovered in your search. Share their story and keep their dream alive. <https://pastoral.center>

**Connecting the Gospel ...**

... **to the First Reading:** The “holy children of the good” were putting God's plan into effect just as the “faithful and prudent steward” in the Gospel was putting into effect the Master's will.

... **to experience:** There are many treasures found in this life, for example, family, home, community, friendship, integrity. Good as these are, they are nonetheless exhaustible. What the Father offers us is an inexhaustible Treasure: the fullness of the Life of the risen Lord. [www.liturgy.slu.edu](http://www.liturgy.slu.edu)



**Running the Race of Faith**

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

(Hebrews 12:1–2a)

**Adults:** Other than Jesus, which of the ancestors of Christian faith has served as the greatest example to you? Why?

**Kids:** Which person of the Bible has been a good example to you of how to live? <https://pastoral.center>

**Weekly Prayer of the Faithful**

That we may invest more of our time and our talent in building up our treasure in heaven.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Question:** What is the name for the short stories Jesus would tell to teach a spiritual lesson based on familiar life experiences?

(Answer found on last page.)



‘No matter how sinful one may have been, if he has devotion to Mary, it is impossible that he be lost.’  
– St. Hilary of Poitiers (315-368)



## What is the difference between meekness and weakness?

Meekness is, arguably, the most misunderstood virtue.

The average dictionary will tell you that meek people are patient, gentle, and humble; and then add that they are easily imposed upon. This leaves you with the impression that meekness is a nice form of weakness.

If meekness is weakness, and Our Lord calls Himself “meek and humble of heart” in Matthew’s Gospel, does that mean Our Lord is weak? When He exhorts us through the Beatitudes to be meek, is He telling us to let ourselves be walked on like a doormat?

St. Paul would answer, “God forbid!” and rightly so. The first thing to remember is that meekness is not weakness, it’s the opposite.

Meekness is the restraining of one’s power for another’s sake. It indicates a strong and prudent will. It involves mercy on the part of a stronger or more authoritative person towards his subordinate. Meekness helps us control our anger towards others and bear injustices peacefully. It takes a great deal of patience, yes, and also fortitude.

We have no greater example of meekness than Our Lord Himself.

Here He is, the God-Man, Might and Power and Wisdom Itself, with every right to squash fallen creation and start afresh. Yet He chooses to come to us in human form, to be reviled and despised and persecuted, without once calling upon His legions of angels, so that He may save us and gently gain our love.

The Eight Beatitudes are part of our roadmap to paradise. Keep the Beatitudes in a visible place, where its daily reminder will fortify you in your spiritual battles. <https://getfed.catholiccompany.com>

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)  
**ARE YOU TALKING TO ME?**



Last summer I was at the National Eucharistic Congress when Fr. Mike Schmitz delivered an impassioned call to repentance in his keynote address during an evening revival session. The crowd received his message with great enthusiasm. Their applause and the cheers shook the Lucas Oil Stadium.

The next night, Sr. Josephine Garrett took the stage and, in her address, got into the nitty-gritty of what it means to be a disciple, what it means to live repentance — or, as she so beautifully put it, to embrace the hunger.

And in doing so, she called back to the previous night’s thunderous approval of Fr. Mike’s message.

“When I heard you clapping when Father said we need repentance, I was worried you thought he was talking about your neighbor’s repentance,” she said. “He is not.”

In other words: he’s talking about your repentance.

We all love a message about The Right Thing To Do. We all love when a priest or a nun or any Catholic with a microphone gets up and talks about the truth. We rise to our feet and applaud.

And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else. You know...the others. The ones who need to hear it. The ones who aren’t being vigilant.

In today’s Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, “Is this parable [of the absent master] meant for us, or for everyone?” (Luke 12:41). And Jesus answers him with a question. In so many words, he says this: “Do you want it to be for you? Are you ready to hear it?”

Whoever we are. Wherever we’re from. Whatever our life looks like. However we pray. He’s talking to us.

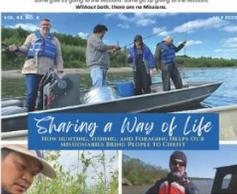
Are we ready to hear him?  
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – August 7, 2025©Lpi.

### A Call for Altar Servers!

Please contact St. Mark Parish Office at 907-373-9544 or email: [mboger@cbna.org](mailto:mboger@cbna.org) or talk with our priest if you are interested in helping at Mass. Training classes are provided for those serving at Sacred Heart Cathedral by Elizabeth Crail.



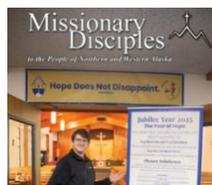
### THE ALASKAN SHEPHERD



Keep up with Diocese of Fairbanks missionaries and disciples working in the rural Alaska and on the road system, as well as news from the chancery offices with their publications.

[Alaskan Shepherd](#) and [Missionary Disciples](#)

[Disciples](#) Magazines can be found posted on the Diocesan website at: [www.dioceseoffairbanks.org](http://www.dioceseoffairbanks.org) . If you think you have a story to share – contact David Schienle at [dschienle@cbna.org](mailto:dschienle@cbna.org) . Read to get a better understanding on what goes on around the diocese.





## Stewardship Report

August 3: \$ 794.00  
Actual Collection YTD  
7/25- 6/26: \$ 14,162.66  
Parishioner Count: 95

*We are grateful to the many parishioners who continue to support the parish week after week! We rely on this support to promote our mission of supporting students!*

### Stewards Let Go

***“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” LUKE 12:34***

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? Stewards invest more in the things of heaven. You must let go of some of the things of this world.

### AUGUST 2025 PRAYER INTENTION

#### For mutual coexistence.

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



**Pray for...** Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Steven Maekawa, OP. Fr. Ross Tozzi, and all priests, religious, deacons, and volunteers working in our diocese.

...priests returning to their parishes after time spent in gathering with brothers to address challenges and spiritual renewal.

...all participating in the Alaska International Senior Games this week.

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

...safety of all as they enjoy their summer traditions and gatherings.

...all who are sick, homebound, or hospitalized; especially those dealing with addictions or mental health issues.

...all who have died that they may celebrate everlasting life in Christ Jesus.

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” (Luke 12:40)***

The call to serve can come unexpectedly. Be open to the ways God may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 907-374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org).

*“It is necessary to pray for priests because they are so often forgotten by the living, since Christians often consider that priests do not need prayers.”*

~ St. Joseph Moscati

The Legion of Mary invites all Active & Auxilliary members to a **Summer Celebration** on Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 7:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church, Murphy Hall. Come early for Adoration and stay for cookies and ice cream! To Jesus through Mary! RSVP to 907-385-7114 or 901-388-1825.



### Job Opening with the Diocese of Fairbanks

**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](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org). If you know anyone that may be interested, please direct them for description of position to <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings> or have them email. [humanresources@cbna.org](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org).

### Job Opportunity at Eielson AFB Chapel

Eielson AFB Chapel is look for someone to join their team as **Catholic Program Coordinator at Eielson AFB Chapel** (907-377-2130). Help make a difference working part-time with the Priest, with programing and administration. Contact today at Trinitee Bee, LLC at (937) 234-7269 for details or email: [triniteebec.llc@outlook.com](mailto:triniteebec.llc@outlook.com).



### The Seven Sisters Apostolate

What is it that we do? Well, everyday one to three members of the Apostolate pray a holy hour for a specific clergy member. Each Seven Sisters member chooses a day to offer their Holy Hour and then continues on that day for the entire year. This year, our Holy Hours are devoted to prayers of support and for the intentions of Father Ross Tozzi. If you love Intercessory Prayer, please consider joining the Apostolate. It is a very rewarding ministry as it is both beneficial to Father Ross' intentions and is also edifying to your prayer life. For more information, Contact Jan Fortune at [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com).

**Soup Kitchen** has been serving the needy from Immaculate Conception Church for over 30 years. They serve from 1-3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. With this extended heat and increase in meals served in the summer (500-650) they can use all our help. Contact [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org) or 907-452-3533 for more information.

**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 emailing [vac@cbna.org](mailto:vac@cbna.org). For more information access the Diocese Safe Environment site at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abu>

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