



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

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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

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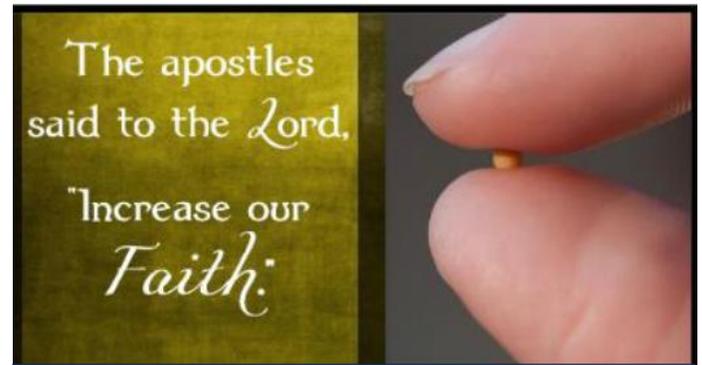
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October 5, 2022

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C



First Reading: *Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4*

The patience of the just man shall be rewarded when he sees the vision fulfilled.

Responsorial: *Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,8-9*

Sing joyfully to God, our salvation.

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14*

Paul urges Timothy to remain strong in the Spirit of faith Timothy received.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 17:5-10*

Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God.

St. Mark Sunday Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass: 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

CSA Weekday Mass: 7:00 PM at UAF Lola Tilly Commons

Low Gluten Host – If you need a low-gluten at Mass, please contact the priest before mass.

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

Eucharistic Adoration at SHC: Thursday 8 AM – 12 Noon

CALENDAR of EVENTS

10/4: St. Francis Blessing of Pets-SHC Parking Lot at 2 PM

10/5: Respect Life Sunday

10/5: Young Adult Game Night @ 6:30 PM held at SHC

10/6: Bible Study on Matthew @ 6:30 PM at SHC

10/11: HIPOW Auction & Dinner at Boileau Hall

More information at www.catholic-schools.org/hipow.html

10/17-19: Diocesan Fall Engaged Encounter at St. Nicholas

10/18: Monroe Catholic Schools Holiday Bazaar 10am-4pm

10/19: World Mission Sunday

10/20: 6:30 PM Bible Study on Matthew at SHC

10/21: 5:30 PM Young Adult Feast & Faith at Miguel's.

10/25: 6 PM Diocesan Movie Night at ICC

11/4-6: Priestly Formation Days

Catholic Definition: Spirit

That which is positively immaterial. It is pure spirit if it has no dependence on matter either for its existence or for any of its activities. God is uncreated pure Spirit; the angels are created pure spirits. The human soul is more properly called spiritual. Although it can exist independent of the body, it nevertheless in this life depends extrinsically on the body for its operations, and in the life to come retains a natural affinity for the body, with which after the resurrection it will be reunited for all eternity. (Etym. Latin spiritus, breath, life, soul, mind, spirit, power.) <https://www.catholicculture.org/>

Music of the Mass – October 5

203 – Blessed By Your Sacrifice

458 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus

327 – One Bread, One Body

450 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is

537 – All Creatures of Our God and King

Heritage Mass 872-879



JUBILEE MASS

Friday, October 3rd, 5:30 PM
Sacred Heart Cathedral
Barbecue and Bonfire to follow

Food provided by the Diocese.

After the October 5th 5:30 pm St. Mark Mass, St. Nicholas Catholic Church will be selling their quilt raffle tickets after Mass. Tickets are \$2.00 a piece-cash or check only.



SUNDAY

Religious Education (SHC): 9:30-10:30am downstairs in the classrooms. *Families of St. Mark are encouraged to attend SHC or ICC religious instruction.*

Young Adult Game Night (SHC): 6:30 PM Oct 5th at SHC.

MONDAY

SHC Book Club: 1st of the month from 12:30-2:30 pm in SHC Community Room. 10/6 – Secrets From Heaven: Hidden Treasures of Faith in the Parables and Conversations of Jesus by Fr. Sebastian Walshe. Contact Jan Fortune for info at: 43janetf@gmail.com

Diocesan Bible Study: Study Matthew at 6:30 pm in the Mary Chapel of SHC on October 6th and 20th.

TUESDAY

Voices of Hope Prayer Group: Every Tuesday from 6 – 8:30pm in the Community Room at SHC.

OCIA Classes: Begin Sept 23rd at 7:00pm at SHC

Young Adult Feast and Faith: 3rd Tues of the month. Next gathering is 5:30 pm on Oct 21st at Miguel's Authentic Mexican Cuisine. Food & beverages provided, alcohol not included.

WEDNESDAY

Mother's Group: 10AM-Noon. Held at St. Nicholas Parish Great Room in North Pole. Child Care provided. Call or Text April at 907-347-1357.

THURSDAY

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

Voces Verbi Teens: 6-7:30pm (ages 13-17).

SHC Holy Hour: 7 PM on 1st Thursday every month.

FRIDAY

Voces Verbi: 6:00-8:00pm Friday at Immaculate Conception Church. (Young Adults ages 18-35).

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

SATURDAY

Oratory & Third Order – Held at SHC from 10am-12noon.

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

Diocesan Movie Night – 6:00 pm at ICC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spiritual Exercises Silent Ignatian Retreat – Oct 9-12 for Women. Sign up at: <https://www.iccfairbanks.org/se>

Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat – Oct 17-19, 2025 & Feb 6-8, 2026, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. For more info and to register online, visit <https://fairbanks.engagedencounter.com/>

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

New policies for sacramental preparation in our diocese can be found at: <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/sacramental-preparation-guidelines>. Contact St. Mark office if you are interested in sacramental training. Proper paperwork, instructions, and planning are necessary.

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.

First Communion & Confirmation: SHC classes are offered during the school year. For more info contact servidoras@cbna.org.

Marriage Preparations – Contact Fr. Ross at rtozzi@cbna.org or call (907) 347-3005 *six (6) months prior to wedding date or call the parish office at 907-374-9544*



Justice Challenge: October is the Month of the Rosary. We honor our Blessed Mother and focus on her role in the life of Christ through the Mysteries of the Rosary. The Second Joyful Mystery, the Visitation, reminds us of how Mary, even when she carried the Son of God in her womb, was still mindful of others. She went in haste to visit and support her cousin Elizabeth, who in her old age was pregnant with John the Baptist. Your challenge this week is to pray this decade of the Rosary, then discuss who needs you to visit and support them. Then do it! At the end of the week, pray the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-56) and, like Mary, praise God for lifting up the meek and the lowly. <https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** The prophet Habakkuk shows us in the [First Reading](#) where our never-finished, increasing faith leads: to life.

... **to experience:** We tend not to listen to those who challenge us to hear the truth about ourselves and how we should live.

But we have also learned that when we take to heart the challenge to listen, we grow toward fullness of life. www.liturgy.slu.edu



Faithful Christians

Jesus said, "So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

(Luke 17:10)

Adults: When have you done more than was required of you in the service of others?

Kids: When have you done something extra for someone in your family without being asked? What did you learn from this? <https://pastoral.center>

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: In the Nicene Creed that we recite at Mass, what is the word that means that Jesus is of one substance with the Father?

(Answer found on last page.)

MONROE FOUNDATION, INC. PRESENTS THE 36TH ANNUAL

HIPOW
Auction & Dinner
MASQUERADE
A Masquerade to Remember

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

DRESS CODE: Black Tie Masquerade Attire Encouraged Not Required

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

The evening includes dinner and dancing, live and silent auctions, a photo booth, good company, and of course, a great cause!

Don't miss out on your chance to be there!

PURCHASE TICKETS: hipowauction.com
907 313 3291

Catholic Answers

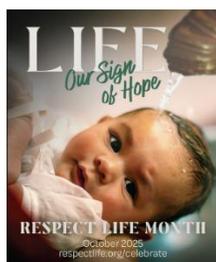
Question:

Is the power of your prayers lost or diminished if your mind wanders while praying?



Answer:

The more fully we give attention to prayer, the more we are praying. But it is good to remember that [praying lies in the will](#). The will to pray is a prayer in itself. Certainly, it is wrong to deliberately encourage distractions while at prayer. But unwanted distractions do not take away the value of prayer. Mother Teresa's sisters pray the rosary as they walk down busy city streets. They are certainly distracted by the need to navigate, but a part of them is still in prayer. www.Catholic.com



“We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus’ mission on earth... We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God’s presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened.”

Fyndout Pregnancy celebrates 35 Years!

Join them at their 2025 Fall Banquet

Date: Friday, October 10th

Time 6-8:00 pm

Place: 8Star Event Center, 1485 30th Ave

Dinner is complimentary - no cost, just register for free online or by phone, events@fyndoutfree.com Space is limited, register now! Ph: 907-455-8255 Every dollar counts, donations accepted.



They ask for all of us to:

- Pray for our building and property
- Pray for the clients that we serve
- Pray for the banquet
- Pray for the speaker at the banquet
- Pray for the staff at the event center.

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
THE FATHER WHO KNOWS WHAT YOU WANT



It’s easy to give your kid what he’s asking for. It’s hard to give him what he wants.

If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, there’s nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he’s grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants — whether he realizes it or not — is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So, you give him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn’t, but either way, you’ll be here. You’ll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you’ll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he’s ready to eat it.

“Increase my faith.” I’ve said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, an acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith — that’s what I’m asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn’t faith at all, and faith that you aren’t strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, “Sure, kiddo, here you go,” and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won’t hand me something I’m not strong enough to hold.

That would be a classic lazy-father move. That would be an ice-cream-cone-at-7:45 a.m. move.

Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul — and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He’s offering. It’s not what I asked for, after all.

But it’s what I want. Luckily, He knows that better than me. Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – October 2, 2025©Lpi.

October is time to rediscover the spiritual weapon that our Lady has placed in our hands. Don’t just carry the rosary in your hands... start praying it!

HIPOW Auction & Dinner MASQUERADE
A Masquerade to Remember

DINNER TICKETS ARE GOING FAST! GET YOURS TODAY!

CHECK OUT OUR RAFFLES:

- 200,000 ALASKA AIRLINES MILES**
Drawing on Saturday, October 11, 2025
Need Not Be Present To Win
\$25/Ticket
500 Tickets Sold
- 50/50 TICKETS**
Grand Prize Deadline: October 18 at 3:00 pm
- 2025 JEEP COMPASS SPORT 4X4**
Drawing on Saturday, October 11, 2025
Need Not Be Present To Win
\$100/Ticket
500 Tickets Sold

Utility Services of Alaska

GENE'S

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!



Stewardship Report

September 28: \$ 853.00
Actual Collection YTD
7/25- 6/26: \$ 23,277.07
Parishioner Count: 102

Thank you for your generosity! Visit WeShare for online giving at: <http://www.stmarksuaaf.org>.

Stewardship Self Control

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good Steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?



OCTOBER 2025 PRAYER INTENTION

For collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Please include in your prayers...

- + Our parishioners who are sick, homebound and those confined to nursing facilities and hospitals.
- + Deceased members of our parish.
- + All who serve our country in the Armed Forces and civil servants who serve to protect the public interest of its citizens.
- + For the unborn children.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Luke 17:6)

God can do great things with even the smallest acts of faith. If you feel a calling to priesthood or consecrated life, have faith that God will provide the strength to follow His will. Talk to a priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 907-374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

Mass Intention Requests –for friends or loved ones, living or deceased can be made by calling the Sacred Heart Cathedral Office at (907) 474-9032.

Do not be afraid to take a chance on peace, to teach peace, to live peace... Peace will be the last word of history.

Blessed John Paul II



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. As temperatures are changing, so are the needs of the people they serve. Contact the Soup Kitchen to see how you can help this mission at iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org or 907-452-3533. Please keep those in need and those who serve in your prayers!

October is Respect Life Month.

Join Catholics nationwide praying a special **novena** for the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

CATHOLIC RESOURCES: Check out other Fairbanks and North Pole Catholic Church [websites](#) to see if they have events that interest you.

Join **Formed** for more content in movies, books, and talks at <https://formed.org/>. The **Diocese of Fairbanks** website is working on bringing us a Diocesan Religious Library <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/religious-education>

"Near us is a celestial spirit, who, from the cradle to the tomb, does not leave us for an instant, guides us, protects us as a friend, a brother; will always be a consolation to us especially in our saddest moments." ~ St. Padre Pio

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. For more information access the Diocese Safe Environment site at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abu>

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answer: Consubstantial. *Wordpress.com*