



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



Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. Our "daylight" will come sooner with the clocks turned back an hour!

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

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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

Feast of All Saints Masses at SHC :10/31 (Fri) - 6pm; 11/1 (Sat) 9am & 10:15am Oratory Mass [all welcome to attend]



Clergy Formation Days: (November 4-6)

Sacred Heart Cathedral will have 12:30PM Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Adoration on Wed at 11am. *No other local masses in Fairbanks/North Pole during the clergy gathering.* This is an opportunity for priests to gather as a community for professional development, fraternal support, prayer together, and exchange of ideas giving them the spiritual and practical tools necessary for serving their parishes. *Pray for all who are attending!*

CALENDAR of EVENTS .

11/4-6: Priestly Formation Days (Clergy Days)

11/22: Annual Family Day – N.P. Middle School 10am-5pm

11/23: Christ the King

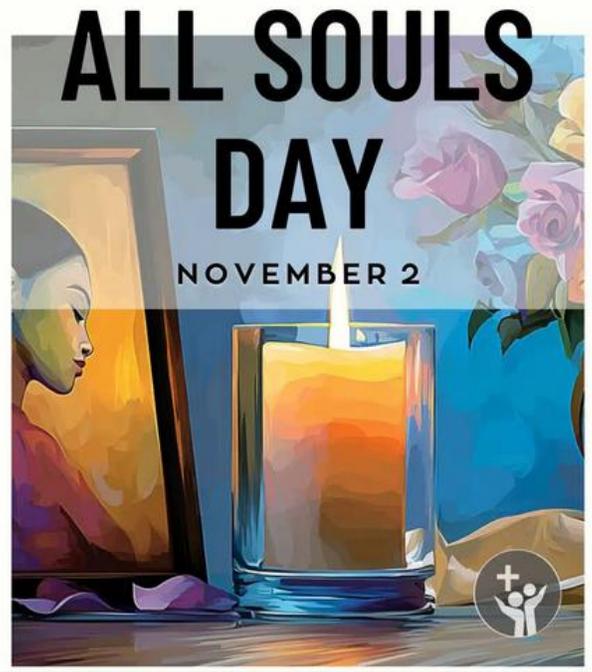
11/27: Thanksgiving [*Chancery & Church Offices Closed*]

12/6: Diocesan Women's Retreat

12/11: Veterans Day Mass – SHC 5:30-7:00 pm with Eucharistic Holy Hour and Sung Night Prayer

12/11: Las Mananitas to the Virgin at 11:30

12/12: Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe - 6pm at SHC



First Reading: *Wisdom 3:1-9*

The just are safe with God, appearing dead only to the foolish. They are tested like gold and will be greatly blessed. In the future, they will shine and rule, forever guided by God's love and wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 2:3-1a, 3b-4, 5, 6*

Second Reading: *Roman 6:3-9*

Through baptism, we die and rise with Christ, freeing us from sin's grip. This unites us with His resurrection, confirming that death no longer holds power over Him or us.

Gospel Reading: *John 6:37-40*

Jesus assures that anyone who comes to him will not be turned away. He is doing the will of the Father, which is to lose none that the Father gives him but to raise them up at the last day. Eternal life is promised to those who believe in him.

Music of the Mass – November 2

674 – I Know That My Redeemer Lives

450 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is

451 – Shepherd Me, O God

628 – Abide With Me

598 – Sing With All the Saints in Glory

**Chant Mass Parts #840-846*





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 TBA at SHC.

MONDAY

SHC Book Club: 1st of the month from 12:30-2:30 pm in SHC Community Room. Nov 3rd – Part II of *Secrets of Heaven*. Contact Jan Fortune for info at: 43janetf@gmail.com

Diocesan Bible Study: Study Matthew at 6:30 pm in the Mary Chapel of SHC November 3, 2025. *(Every Monday)*

TUESDAY

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

OCIA Classes: Every Tuesday at 7:00pm at SHC

Young Adult Feast and Faith: 3rd Tues of the month at Miguel's Authentic Mexican Cuisine. Food & beverages provided; alcohol not included. [Register for Nov. 18th at 5:30pm.](#)

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 – Oct 25th at 6:00 pm held at Immaculate Conception Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Diocesan Women's Retreat –Saturday, Dec 6th starting at 9am. Contact molsta@cbna.org for more information.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat –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: This week we celebrate both All Saints and All Souls Days. On November 1, we honor the Communion of Saints. Many of the saints found their path to holiness by serving God's most vulnerable. Your challenge this week is to choose a saint whose life modeled justice, compassion, and love for those in need. Use a book on the lives of the saints (we recommend *All Saints—Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets, and Witnesses for Our Time* from Crossroads Publishing) to find a saint who inspires your whole family/household. Read the life of this saint, then discuss one thing you can do to emulate the saint in his/her outreach to those in need. Then commit to doing it—at least once. But also challenge yourselves to make this an ongoing action for your family. <https://pastoral.center>

Focusing the Gospel ...

Key words and phrases: I am not like, I fast ... pay tithes, be merciful to me a sinner, justified, humbled, exalted.

To the point: The Pharisee is faithful to pious practices, but he misses the heart of prayer: inward turning to God that carries us outward to right relationship with others. We cannot honestly pray to God if we judge harshly and set ourselves apart from those we meet every day. The tax collector is justified because he admits that he has not been in right relationships (“me a sinner”). True humility is honesty about who we are before both God and others. True prayer leads to God exalting us (“went home justified”) because we have humbled ourselves before the Most High and have exalted others through our just actions toward them. liturgy.slu.edu



All Souls

“For this is the will of the Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.” (John 6:40)

Adults: How have those you have known who have died taught you how to live a holy life?

Kids: How can those who died help us learn to be more like Jesus? Ask an adult to tell you stories of someone they knew. <https://pastoral.center>

The month of November is dedicated to the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**. This practice of praying is rooted in scripture and remains a staple in Catholic spirituality. *Not just in November, but every day.*

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: In Matthew's Gospel, the Beatitudes are the beginning of which sermon by Jesus?
(Answer found on last page.)

It is a corporal work of mercy to bury the dead and a spiritual work of mercy to pray for the living and dead.

Catholic Answers

Question:

What is the difference between a memorial and a feast on the Church calendar? The key says solemnities, feast days, and memorials are capitalized. How do you know which are feasts and which are memorials and what is the difference?

Answer:

A solemnity is the highest rank of celebration and is identified in the calendar with an S. Easter, Christmas, All Saints Day, the Ascension, Corpus Christi, and other celebrations of events in our Lord's life on earth and certain saints are solemnities. The Gloria and Creed are always said on such days. Solemnities are like Sundays, though most of them are not days of obligation.

Feasts are the next rank down and are identified with an F. They consist of the celebration of certain saints like the feast of the Archangels or most of the Apostles. The Gloria is required on these days, but not the Creed.

Memorials are the lowest rank and are simply the celebrations of most of the saints. The Gloria is not said on these days. Obligatory memorials, identified with a capital M, must be observed. Optional memorials, identified with an m, may be observed but such observation is not required. www.Catholic.com



(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
THE SEMICOLON

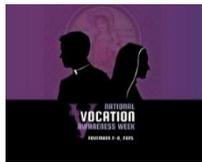


My grave is in the corner of a cemetery in rural southeastern Wisconsin. For at least a mile in every direction, all you can see is farmland — cows, barns and quiet country roads. It's beautiful, serene. I imagine the hand of God writing me into existence — *she lived, she died* — using for ink the very dirt that fills this grave. The dust from which I was created.

Surrounding my grave are the burial plots of other family members — Rachel, Georgiana, Julian, and Josephine. I visit the cemetery to pray for them, knowing they are there, but also not there. And when I visit their graves, I stand on my own. I look out at the tree-lined horizon and the farmland. I think of how, in a thousand years, none of this will be here. But I will be here, God's hand paused against the page, preparing to write the rest of the story not in dirt but in his own blood. For Christ does not lose anything of what the Father has given him.

Not a soul. Not a bone. Not a lock of hair.

She lived; she died; she lived again. No longer is there a period after the words *she died*, but instead a semicolon. And the semicolon is the grave, that mystical place where the Blood mixes with the dust of the earth, where life meets death, and then meets life again. And the story continues.
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – October 30, 2025©Lpi.



Prayer for Vocations

God our Father,
we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Catholic Definition: VOCATION

A call from God to a distinctive state of life, in which the person can reach holiness. The Second Vatican Council made it plain that there is a "Universal call [vocatio] to holiness in the Church" (*Lumen Gentium*, 39). (Etym. Latin *vocatio*, a calling, summoning; from *vocare*, to call.) <https://www.catholicculture.org/>



During the month of November please pray for all who have died; especially those among our parish family.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

John Fox, Kerri Garcia (*the daughter of Jim & Mary Cerney*), Ron Johnson, John Hebard, Fr. Kasparaj Mallavarapu, and Mary Beth Perreault.

National Vocation Awareness Week, November 2-8, 2025, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 13 in 2013. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.
www.usccb.org

This month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls of Purgatory.

Think of this – if we do not teach our children to pray for the poor souls in purgatory, who will remember to pray for us when we are there?



October 26: \$ 1,1018.00
Actual Collection YTD
7/25-6/26: \$ 27,628.63
Parishioner Count: 114

Thank you for your generous contributions.

\$137.45 was b3% of our October Collection which goes to World Mission Collection. Thank you for your help. Visit WeShare for online giving at: <http://www.stmarksuaaf.org>.

Stewards Prayer

"...because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me...." JOHN 6:38

When Stewards pray the "Our Father", say the words slowly so you truly recognize what you are saying. Every day when praying this prayer, we repeat what Jesus said in the scripture passage – "thy kingdom come, thy will be done." Even though we say these words, do our actions reflect those words? This is the difference between saints and the rest of us. Saints were faithful and obedient to God's will. Start today – start aligning your words and actions with God's will for you.



NOVEMBER 2025 PRAYER INTENTION

For the prevention of suicide.

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Please include in your prayers...

- ...our leaders that they may have the wisdom in finding peaceful solutions to world wars and tensions.
- ...recovery of Western Alaska villages and safety of the displaced villagers.
- ...the homeless, the addicted and all who are suffering physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.
- ...the safety of all dedicated to protecting our lives and freedoms.
- ...respect for life from conception to death.
- ...all who are sick, homebound, undergoing or recovering from surgery, medical procedures, treatments or testing.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

National Vocation Awareness Week

"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." (John 6:40)

As we celebrate All Souls' Day and begin National Vocation Awareness Week, pray for the souls of the departed and more holy vocations. Reflect on whether Christ may be calling you to guide and shepherd the living as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to a priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 907-374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful

That we are faithful and persistent in discerning God's will for us on earth.

"GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, AN EVER-PRESENT HELP IN DISTRESS."

Almighty God, Creator, and preserver of our world. We ask you to hear our humble prayers for all those affected by our recent storms and flooding in western Alaska and Caribbean. Protect those in need of your mercy and bring relief to all affected by the destruction. Heal those broken in body and spirit and protect the most vulnerable. AMEN.

VETERANS DAY MASS & EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

As a community with a strong history of military service, come together on Tuesday, November 11 to celebrate the Feast of St. Martin of Tours and Veterans Day in honor of those who have answered the call to serve our country in the United States Armed Forces. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 5:30 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, followed by a Eucharistic Holy Hour, sung Compline (night prayer) and Benediction. Support those who have faithfully served, and continue to serve, our country and pray for peace in the world.

2025 FAMILY DAY is coming up on November 22nd! This year it will take place at North Pole Middle School and run from 10am-5pm. There will be formation talks for adults, games and crafts for the children, and the main events will be the Eucharistic procession, and the Holy Mass. Lunch is included in the registration fee. All ages, and all states life (single, married, families young and old) are invited to come and take advantage of this event to help us grow in our Catholic faith.

CATHOLIC RESOURCES: Information regarding other catholic parishes in the area can be found at the following [websites](#) regarding 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>

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: Sermon on the Mount.

Prepare for Confession with Ignatian Examen:

1. Ask God for Light
2. Give Thanks
3. Review your Day
4. Reflect on Shortcomings
5. Look Toward the Day to Come

Use these steps in doing a frequent examination of conscience to strengthen your relationship with Christ. What went right today and what went wrong? What can I do to avoid this in the future? Become self-aware and humble.