



# 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 also provides reliable information for non-Catholics inquiring about our faith and contributes to inter-faith discussion and ecumenical action.

### PASTOR

Fr. Ross Tozzi: [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) Ph: 907-347-3005

### DEACON

Rev. Dcn. Warren Lucero

**PARISH OFFICE:** ph: 907-374-9544

**Office Hours:** 10:00 AM– 12noon

**Parish Admin:** Mary Pat Boger – [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org)

**Bookkeeping:** Marilis Bennett

**Music Director:** George Stefan

**CSA Advisor:** Devan Larson

**Finance Council:** Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker,

Fr. Ross Tozzi

**Pastoral Council:** Marilis Bennett, Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick, Sean & Jen Tucker, Mary Pat Boger

### St. Mark Sunday Mass Schedule

**Sunday Mass:** 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)

**Campus Mass for Catholic Student Association (CSA):**

*Held in Upper Lola Tilly Building on UAF campus  
Fall & Spring Semester*

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**5/26: 5:30 PM Young Adult Feast & Faith**

**6/6: Young Adult Baseball Night – 6:45 PM** Growden Park

**6/7: Corpus Christi Procession – 2:30** SHC start to ICC

**6/9, 11, 14:** Movie at Regal Cinema

**6/12:** 6 PM Special Mass [Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus/USCCB](#).

**6/18:** 6 PM **Jesuit Farewell Mass** at Holy Family Chapel

**Register for the following** [iccfairbanks.org/summer2026](http://iccfairbanks.org/summer2026)

**7/14-17:** Summer Oratory (ages 7-17)

**7/20-23:** Girls & Boys Camp (ages 10-17)

**7/26-31:** Popular Mission (All ages)

**7/2-11: Catholic Schools of Fairbanks SUPERSALE**

*\*Drop off details:*

*Mon-Fri. Hours: 9AM-3PM*

*Location: 718 Betty Street*

*Ph: (907) 313-3219*



*Accepting donations NOW! Support our Catholic Schools!*

**THE LAST FEAST AND FAITH BEFORE THE SUMMER WILL BE  
TUESDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:30 PM AT MIGUELS!**

Bishop Steve will be our guest again for this final talk, I look forward to gathering the young adults of the diocese again to hear from him!



### First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

### Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34*

God's Spirit renews the earth.

### Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Reading: *John 20:19-23*

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### Music of the Mass May 24

**412** Send Us Your Spirit

**Sequence:** 201 Come, O Holy Spirit

**417** Come, O Holy Spirit

**350** Spirit and Grace

**651** O Breathe On Me, O Breath of Life

**203** Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid

*Mass Parts – [Heritage Mass](#) 869-876*



### *Memorial Day is traditionally a time to honor and remember those who have died in military service.*

Catholics embrace a broader spiritual significance rooted in faith, prayers, and the communion of saints. We are encouraged to offer Masses, recite prayers,



and visit cemeteries as an act of remembrance. We remember all who have sacrificed for others: martyrs, missionaries, and saints. Those who have dedicated their lives to serving others! This is our spiritual opportunity to reflect on sacrifice, freedom, and the power of prayer.

*~Fr. Joseph R. Gibino - St. James Cathedral Basilica*



### SUNDAY

Contact Mother, Way of Salvation at: [sevidoras@cbn.org](mailto:sevidoras@cbn.org)  
For registration for Fall classes and activities.

**Corpus Christi Procession:** 2:30 PM start at SHC.

### MONDAY

**SHC Book Club:** Contact Jan Fortune for info at:  
[43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com)

### TUESDAY

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

**Faith Formation (OCIA):** Contact Fr. Peter Bang at:  
[pbang@cbna.org](mailto:pbang@cbna.org).

**Young Adult Feast and Faith:** May 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Meet at Miguel's Authentic Mexican Restaurant. Bishop Steve will be our guest again for the final talk! *3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month!*

### THURSDAY

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 8:00 AM – 12 PM at SHC.

**First Thursday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament** will resume on June 4<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 AM – 12Noon.

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

### 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

**SHC Confessions/Adoration:** 3-4 PM

**Young Adult Summer Activities:** June 6<sup>th</sup> Goldpanners Game

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation:** Contact the Parish Office at 907-374-9544 for information on instructions or Fr. Ross Tozzi at [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) or call (907) 347-3005

**Marriage Preparations:** Contact Fr. Ross *six (6) months prior to wedding date or call the parish office at 907-374-9544.*

**On Becoming Catholic:** Contact the Parish Office at 907-374-9544 or Fr. Ross Tozzi at (907) 347-3005.

### Jesuit Farewell Mass

**From Fr. Pascal Tosi and Fr. Louis Robaut (1886) to our final two Jesuits Fr. Gregg Wood and Fr. Tom Provinsal (2026) – we say “Good-Bye” as they say “quyana and goodbye” to Alaska for good!**

After almost 140 years of spreading the Gospel in northern Alaska, the mission of the Society of Jesus will be coming to an end. In gratitude for their many years of service, join us for a farewell Mass and reception to offer thanksgiving to God for their missionary efforts:

**When:** Thursday, June 18, 2026

**Where:** Holy Family Chapel – Catholic Schools of Fairbanks

**Time:** 6:00 PM

A reception following Mass will take place in the school commons.



**Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church.** It is a celebration of the day the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and believers in the upper room after the Resurrection. Each person was given gifts to use to share the good news of Jesus with the world. One of the first challenges the early Church faced was finding the time to distribute food to the hungry. The apostles saw this action as a priority, but their preaching and teaching were taking time from helping the poor. So, they appointed special deacons whose task was specifically to serve the poor. Your challenge this week is to look around and see a human need in your parish family which your pastor does not have the time to address. How can you serve someone in distress—physically, emotionally, or spiritually? What can you do to help? <https://pastoral.center>

### Connecting the Gospel ...

**... to the Second Reading:** The Second Reading alludes to the same empowering force as does the gospel: the Spirit bestows “spiritual gifts,” calls us to “different forms of service,” and manifests “different workings” such as forgiveness. All this for the benefit of the Body of Christ.

**... to experience:** We often think Jesus’ mission is given only to professional parish staff and other church ministers. All of us are called, however, to take up the mission of Jesus because of the Holy Spirit given to us at our baptism. [www.slu.edu](http://www.slu.edu)



### Gift for Service

**Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord.**

**(1 Corinthians 12:4–5)**

**Adult Question:** What gift of service have you received from the Holy Spirit and how well are you using it right now?

**Child Question:** What gift do you hope to receive from the Holy Spirit? How could you use it to serve others?

<https://pastoral.center>

### FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**With Consecration to the Sacred Heart**

During the Spring meeting of the USCCB, the American bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We invite everyone to gather for Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral for our local consecration and to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the cathedral in Fairbanks. Mass will be followed by a barbeque sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



**WHEN:** Friday, June 12, 2026

**WHERE:** Sacred Heart Cathedral

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

*A barbeque, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will follow Mass and consecration. All are welcome!*

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** The Feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated when?

*(Answer on last page of bulletin.)*

## Catholic Answer

### Question:

What are the advantages and disadvantages of confessing to a priest who is not from the church you attend?



**Answer:** You are free to confess to any priest who has the faculties to hear confessions. It makes no difference whether you go to your own parish or another. Even so, it is usually good to go regularly to the same priest, since he can help you more knowingly, and, if he already knows your story, you may not have to repeat yourself if there are things you need to explain. [www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com)

## PENTECOST

*Receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit*

**WISDOM** – The ability to see things as they truly are in an open-minded manner.

**UNDERSTANDING** – A heart that accepts, cares, listens, understands, forgives.

**KNOWLEDGE** – The ability to comprehend the truths of the universe.

**RIGHT JUDGEMENT** – The ability to make good and wise decisions.

**COURAGE** – The strength to do what is right in spite of challenges.

**REVERENCE** – A deep respect for God, for others, and for all creatures.

**WONDER & AWE in GOD'S PRESENCE** – A sense of the greatness and majesty of God coupled with a deep realization of His nearness.

*Go Forth and Serve the Lord*



St. Mark University Parish supports **UAF Catholic Student Association (CSA)** – a student faith organization supporting students in practicing and growing in their Catholic faith while enrolled at the

University of Alaska Fairbanks campus. During Fall and Spring semester there is a weekly mass & meeting on campus. They also participate in Catholic opportunities off campus and are involved with liturgical ministry at the St. Mark 5:30 pm mass held off campus at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Officers are currently meeting this summer planning for the upcoming school year. If you think you might have something to offer (talent, time, or donation) – contact our office at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) or call (907) 374-9544 and we can help answer any questions you may have. Keep them in your prayers!



“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13

(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)



## SIGNS OF LIFE

If you're asthmatic, you know the phrase “as natural as breathing” doesn't always make a lot of sense.

Maybe that's because breathing isn't always natural. Sometimes, it's supernatural.

I come from a family of asthmatics. In my earliest childhood memories, my sister's nose and mouth are covered with a bulbous plastic mask connected by clear tubes to her transportable nebulizer. The machine whirs loudly as it vaporizes the medication that will open her lungs. In these memories, I watch my sister — her little eyes wide, her chest contracting and constricting with great difficulty — and wonder what it feels like.

Because I don't have asthma, and I don't think about breathing, unless I'm climbing a flight of stairs or chasing down one of my kids. It's such a utilitarian thing, breathing. It's unimpressive, unremarkable. Literally anyone can do it.

Until they can't.

Dead men don't breathe. That's what I think as I read the words of John's Gospel: “He breathed on them.” (John 20:22) So much of what Jesus does in his resurrected Body is extraordinary and superhuman, making it unmistakable that here is a Body no longer playing by the rules of the physical world. He's passing through locked doors. He's in two places at once.

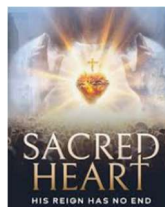
But today, he's just breathing.

So, we have to ask ourselves: why? His Blood no longer requires oxygen. If he were asthmatic, neither bonfire nor damp night air could cause his lungs to constrict. His Flesh has been perfected.

But here we see a reality that is as spiritual as it is physical: where there is breath, there is life.

In Genesis, God breathes into dust and creates man. In today's Gospel, He breathes His Spirit onto man and creates a Church.

*Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – May 21, 2026 ©Lpi*



**MOVIE TIME:** There will be a movie documenting the history of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus playing at the **Regal Goldstream** on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 and 6:30pm!

[Sacred Heart: His Reign Has No End \(Dub\) Movie Tickets and Showtimes Near Me | Regal](#)



### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 17: \$ 1,102.00

Total Collection (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 59,784.78

Parishioner Count: 93

**Thank you again for your continued generosity!**

**Chancery & Church Offices will be closed Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day!**

### Good Stewards

**“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7**

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words, and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many.

blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more “God-centered stewards” and less “self-centered” and our lives truly reflect God’s light, love, and mercy. [www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org)



### Pope Leo XIV’s Monthly Prayer Intention for May 2026

#### That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**Pray for the Church** - Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Steven Maekawa, OP, Rev. Ross Tozzi, Dcn. Warren Lucero. and priests and religious within our diocese.

**Pray for** All who have sacrificed for their faith in serving others; families with students as they finish the school year and begin summer break; Individuals who are homebound, hospitalized, or sick, and their caregivers and family members; our departed and their families.

### VOCATIONS

**“Receive the Holy Spirit.” (John 20:22)**

On the day of His resurrection, Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into His disciples, empowering them to continue His mission of love, truth, and service. In priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony, the Holy Spirit strengthens hearts to answer God’s call courageously, guiding, inspiring, and sanctifying their work in the world. Pray for an outpouring of the Spirit, that more men and women may be filled with His grace and step boldly into their vocations.

**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/bishop-abuse-reporting>



Never stop praying for men to enter the priesthood! St. John Vianney, pray for them!

May almighty God bless the memory of every hero who gave their life for our freedom.

### DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES! NOW HIRING!

The diocese is hiring for the following positions:

- 1) **Accounting Assistant/Donations Processing Clerk**
- 2) **Controller.**

If you know anyone that may be interested, please direct them to the Diocesan website

<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings> for job description or contact HR through email [humanresources@cbna.org](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org).

### Neighboring Parish Mass Times

**Sacred Heart Cathedral** ~ Ph. (907) 474-9032  
1300 Peger Rd (Corner of Peger Rd & Airport Way)

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 AM

Spanish Mass at 1:00 PM

\***Weekday:** Mon-Fri: 7:30 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM



### Immaculate Conception

Ph. (907) 452-3533

2 Doyon Place

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Latin Rite Mass 6 PM – TBA

Sunday: 7:30 & 9:30 AM, 12:00 PM

\***Weekday:** Mon – 8:30 AM

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 12:10 PM



### Saint Raphael

1125 Old Steese Highway (Intersection Hagelbarger & McGrath Rds.

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM

\***Weekday:** Tue, Th: 9:30 AM,

Wed 5:30 PM/Fri: 6:00 PM



### Saint Nicholas, North Pole

707 Nicholas Dr. (off the Richardson Hwy)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 & 12:00 PM

\***Weekdays:** Mon, T, Th, Fri: 9:00 AM, Wed 7 PM



Did you know?

Each spring, Monroe Foundation hosts a fundraiser specifically aimed at supporting our teachers and increasing salaries.

Find out more about our efforts and the amazing donors who support the mission!

Special thank you to Skip & Linda Johnson, Bert & Becky Bell, Rick & Cheryl Schikora, Dan and Joyce Gavera, Jim & Sandy Moselberger, and Jesuits West for contributing \$77,500 to launch the Campaign!



Give Now!



Summer vacation is here! MassTimes ministry is an app available to help find churches while traveling. Find a Catholic Church at your destination. [www.masstimes.org/location](http://www.masstimes.org/location).

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### CATHOLIC TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN

**Answer:** Third Friday after Pentecost.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart is a reminder of all that we owe to the love of our Lord.