



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

St. Mark 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.

PASTOR

Fr. Ross Tozzi: 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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/18: 6 PM Jesuit Farewell Mass at Holy Family Chapel
7/12: 9:30 AM St. Raphael Mass 35th Anniversary Mass
followed by celebration with food and games!

Register for the following 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!

In Catholicism, Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture form a single deposit of faith, rooted in the oral teachings of Jesus and the Apostles. It is distinct from the passing human customs of culture (like vestments or devotional styles). The Church teaches that Tradition guides the faithful and preserves them from the shifting, modern trends of society.

June 14, 2026

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6a

God tells Moses that the Israelites will be his special people.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100:1-3,5

We are the people of God.

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11

Christ died for us while we were still sinners and reconciled us to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:36-10:8

Jesus sends the twelve apostles to proclaim the kingdom of heaven.



Music of the Mass June 14

320 Gather Us In

390 Here I Am Lord

388 The Summons

490 Psalm 42

382 City of God

Mass Parts – Heritage Mass 869-876

Welcome to St. Mark University Church!
We are glad you are here to celebrate with us today!



SUNDAY

Summer Park-A-Palooza: 10 AM – 12:30 PM sponsored by St. Nicholas Catholic Church Catholic Moms Group. Contact April at 907-347-1357 for more information.

MONDAY

SHC Book Club: Monthly Sept-June. Contact Jan Fortune for info at: 43janetf@gmail.com

TUESDAY

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

Young Adult Feast and Faith: 3rd Thursday of the month September – May.

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.

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: 6 PM -June 12th at SHC

SATURDAY

SHC Confessions/Adoration: 3-4 PM

Young Adult Summer Activities: June 20th Midnight Sun Fest – Plan on meeting at Immaculate Conception Church at 5pm and then walk over to the festival! Email faith@cbna.org for more info!

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, & Marriage:

Contact the Parish Office at 907-374-9544 for information on instructions or Fr. Ross Tozzi at rtozzi@cbna.org or call (907) 347-3005. Contact Fr. Ross six (6) months prior to wedding date or call the parish office at 907-374-9544 regarding Marriage prep.

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.



There is much in our neighborhoods and communities that needs attention: parks and streets, homes, and businesses. Our bishops challenge us as Catholics to care for God’s creation and to be good stewards of all we have been given.

Make a list of things in your community that you are thankful for. Take time to volunteer with something on the list or to thank those who make it possible for you to enjoy the place you call home. Be a good steward to ensure that those who come after you have the same things to enjoy! <https://pastoral.center>

The Compassion of Jesus

Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. (Matthew 10:8)

Adult Question: What responsibility do you have to the less fortunate, and how actively are you meeting it?

Child Question: In what ways can you be generous to others this week?

<https://pastoral.center>



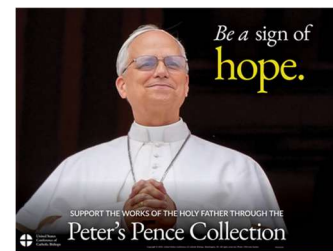
St. Mark University Parish supports **UAF Catholic Student Association (CSA)** – a student faith organization supporting students in practicing and growing in their Catholic faith while enrolled at the

University of Alaska Fairbanks campus. Weekly mass and meetings during Fall and Spring semester on campus. If you think you might have something to offer (talent, time, or donation) – contact our office at stmark@cbna.org or call (907) 374-9544 and we can help answer any questions you may have. Keep them in your prayers!

Please pray and fast for these intentions in June.

- † For all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and father figures.
- † For greater devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For our country as it prepares to celebrate 250 years on July 4th.
- † For the safety of summer vacationers and travelers.
- † For those called to religious life.

Peter’s Pence Collection goes to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html. Here at St. Mark University Parish, we give 3% our June Collection towards this cause.



CATHOLIC TRIVA JUST FOR FUN:

Question: What is the term for the changing of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus during Mass?
(Answer on back page.)



“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.”

This excerpt from Matthew’s Gospel has become a catchphrase in the modern Church. We give ourselves vertigo with the amount of head-shaking we do over the much-lamented “decline in numbers.”

Which numbers, you ask? Well, take your pick — numbers of baptized Catholic children who continue to profess their faith in adulthood, numbers of registered parishioners, numbers of priests ordained each year. All are a fraction of what they were generations ago.

That last one — the priests — that’s a particular worry for us, isn’t it? So we pray, “Send us laborers, Lord! Make them holy. Make them earnest.”

And then we add, in the silence of our hearts: “Make them perfect.”

It’s no secret that part of the reason the pews are empty is because we often find it hard to love the Church if we find it hard to love a particular priest, a particular bishop, or a particular human representative of the Church.

Because that’s the thing about priests and bishops and all the laborers in the field: they are human. They are sinners. Just like you and me.

We must consider this: today’s Gospel lists the Apostles whom Jesus sent out in ministry to heal, console, and evangelize, and right at the end — like a record scratch — comes the name of Judas Iscariot, the betrayer. If ever a laborer failed in his work, it was Judas.

And surely, when he did, his fellow laborers were so demoralized and so disenchanted that they considered laying down their tools and leaving the harvest to wither and die.

But they did not, and we must not.

Without cost we have received, and without cost we are called to give.

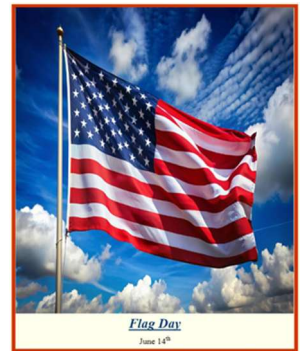
So we labor on, for the day is drawing to a close, and the threshing time is near. Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – June 11, 2026 ©Lpi



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(Matthew 9:36-10:8)

FLAG DAY

What tradition will prevail?



Flag days have been celebrated since 1879, before any official declaration. President Woodrow Wilson established June 14 as Flag Day and Harry Truman officially made it a National Day of Observance. That date was selected because on June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes for the American flag. It is also the birthday of the U.S. Army.

Church Traditions for the Month of June: Besides being a month for a patriotic tradition celebration, it is also an important month in the Church’s liturgical calendar. It is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. And there are many other important feasts in June, including Corpus Christi, The Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Conception of Mary, and this year, the USCCB, the American bishops consecrated the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In addition, there are several important celebrations of saints. These include the birth of St. John the Baptist, St. Barnabas the Apostle, St. Justin Martyr and Saints Peter and Paul.

Passing on Tradition: Tradition can mean many things, from passing on beliefs and ideals to group functions and individual behaviors. Whether it be religion, culture or a sense of nationhood, “tradition” has always been the responsibility to pass on to the next generation. We need to publicly battle the effort by others trying to undo “traditional” traditions with “progressive new woke traditions” that promote in the name of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Public Catholic traditions of rosary rallies, Corpus Christi procession with the public exposition of the Eucharist, and pro-life activities help to reinforce our traditions. These are public displays of our faith.

Sacramentals – relics, rosaries, crucifixes, icons, holy water, the sign of the cross, etc. are used daily. According to the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (1667) “*Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church to prepare us to receive the fruit of the sacraments and to sanctify different circumstance of our lives.*” Sacramentals provide daily reminders of our faith, modeling faith traditions for our family. These are necessary to counteract the cultural narratives that go against our “Traditional” values.

Continue to counteract the cultural narratives that go against “traditional” traditions. Catholicstand.com

“Let us pray for our nation,
asking God to guide our leaders and bless our country,
as we strive to live out our faith
through acts of patriotism and service.”
– Mother Teresa Catholic Community



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 3: \$ 956.53

Parishioner Count: 83

June 7: \$ 1,230.11

Parishioner Count: 101

Total Collection as of June 7: (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 63,272.03

3% of our June Collections will go towards Peter's Pence, a way to support the Universal Church. This collection, supported by Catholics around the globe, funds the ongoing activities of the Holy See and helps the Holy Father reach out to people suffering in our world. Please be generous. If you wish, you can also write a check to St. Mark University Parish – with the notation "Peter's Pence."

Thank you for your continued support & prayers!



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

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

(Moving to 1:30 beginning July 1st.)

***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

Ph. (907) 457-6603

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

Ph. (907) 488-2595

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



St. Mary's of the Lake Mass at Harding Lake - (located on the south side of the lake)

Sunday, at 3:00 PM until September 6, 2026

Covered by Saint Nicholas, North Pole




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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.

VOCATIONS

"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few."
(Matthew 9:37)

Jesus calls laborers to work in His abundant vineyard. Priests and religious men and women are called to serve God's people with dedication and joy. As members of the Church, we are invited to pray for an increase in holy vocations so that more may answer this call. Could God be calling you to serve as a priest or in consecrated life?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office (907) 374-9504 or via email: vocations@cbna.org. Check out www.facebook.com/FairbanksVocations.

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

"Behold this Heart which has loved men so much, and yet men do not want to love Me in return. Through you My divine Heart wishes to spread its love everywhere on earth."

– Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN

Answer: Transubstantiation ©LPi

Immaculate Conception Fulton Sheen Catholic Bookstore

Contact ICC Office for hours of operation.

Ph: 907-452-3533

Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Drive has one more week before it bottles need to be returned on Father's Day!

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/bishop-abuse-reporting>