



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.

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.

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

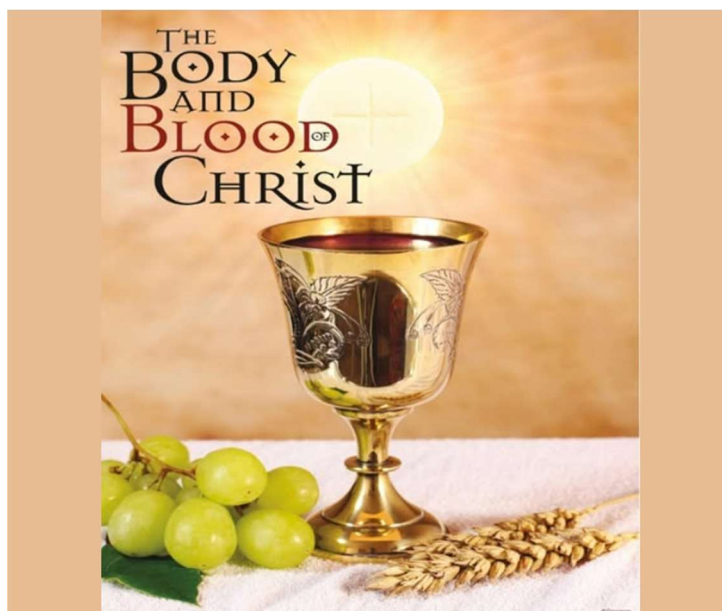
CSA Advisor: Devan Larson

Finance Council: Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker,

Fr. Ross Tozzi

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

June 1, 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS

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](#).

6/12: World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

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!

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a

Moses tells the people to remember how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt.

Responsorial: Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

Praise God, Jerusalem!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Though many, we are one body when we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

Jesus says, "I am the living bread."

Music of the Mass June 1

177 At the Lambs' High Feast

373 Panis Angelicus (Latin verses)

372 Lord, Who At Thy First Eucharist
Anima Christi

368 Shepherd of Souls

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



Welcome to St. Mark University Church!
We are glad you are here!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN:

Question: What does the feast of Corpus Christi celebrate?
(Answer on back page.)



SUNDAY

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

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 6th Goldpanners Game

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.

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 60th anniversary of the establishment of the cathedral in Fairbanks.

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!

See <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/jesuit-farewell>.

CONTACT SHC at 907-474-9032 if you would like to join the special choir. There will be practice prior to Friday.

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.



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 or call (907) 374-9544 and we can help answer any questions you may have. Keep them in your prayers!



The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is a powerful reminder of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We celebrate the gift of the Eucharist, the sacrament in which each of us is nourished and sent forth. This day reminds us

that we don't do things on our own power – but from strength gained from the Eucharist. Before Jesus died, he asked his disciples if they could drink from the cup. He was asking if they were willing to endure what might come if they chose to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, heal the sick and blind and set captives free. They said YES. The Body and Blood of Jesus is a gift to us, yet it is a challenge too. Ask yourself this week, “How does the Eucharist nourish and strengthen me? How am I being sent like the disciples? To whom am I being sent?” Reflect on how you have responded to these questions in the past. What will your response be from now on? <https://pastoral.center>

Gift for Service

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. (Matthew 10:39)

Adult Question: When have you felt more fully alive by giving of yourself to another?

Child Question: When have you been able to put what someone else needs ahead of what you want for yourself? <https://pastoral.center>

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.



"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you- for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart... don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love.

~ Therese of Lisieux

World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests is a special moment to pray for Priests and the Gift of their Vocation on June 12th. Established by Saint John Paul II in 2002, this celebration occurs annually on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On this Day, the Church encourages priests to prayerfully reflect upon the gift of their vocation. The faithful are also invited to mark this celebration by praying for all priests that they may live lives of holiness and fidelity to Christ and his Church.



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 9th and Thursday, June 11th at 6:30pm and Sunday, June 14th at 3:30 and 6:30pm! ****Free event for youth groups. Tickets will be paid for by Diocese of Fairbanks office of Faith & Family while supply lasts. Contact office at faith@cbna.org or 907-374-9526 for more information.**

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



Corpus Christi PROCESSION 2026

We invite all to participate in the Eucharistic Procession for Corpus Christi going from Sacred Heart Cathedral to Immaculate Conception

SUNDAY JUNE 7TH
2:30pm

Start: Sacred Heart
End: Immaculate Conception

If you or your parish group would like to volunteer to set up one of the Benediction Altars please contact the ICC parish office.
907-452-3533



ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Raphael Catholic Parish will host their 35th Anniversary Celebration Picnic on July 12th. Come join the fun - Mass at 9:30 am, food, barbecue cookoff, games and more. Bring a side dish to share. Hope to see you there.

(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
TRUE FOOD



Like most millennial women, I have a bizarre relationship with food.

I'm so busy and distracted that most days, I forget to eat — until nighttime, when I make some very questionable decisions, usually involving cake. I also came of age in a time when any woman without a visible eating disorder was labeled as "curvy" (and curvy was understood by everyone to be A Very Bad Thing). Thus, I have a deep feeling of shame whenever I do eat, even when I am hungry, and even when it's something good for me.

I'm so messed up when it comes to food that I often wonder if I even have a good point of reference for understanding the Eucharist. What is "true food" and "true drink," when you live in a society where bodily nourishment is so plentiful — at least for certain fortunate people like me — that we reject it out of pride, that we feel a shame for needing it, and that we use it as a balm for feelings of boredom, pain, and fear?

But I suppose there's no better way to understand the Eucharist, when you really think about it. The Israelites survived on manna from Heaven — what they would have given for a grocery store. What they would have given for redemption.

I am given both. I appreciate neither to the extent that I should.

True food, true nourishment, true life — physical and spiritual — these are things we all desperately want. And so many of us have them. But our ability to understand what they mean — well, it's hampered. This isn't Eden, after all.

We are reading a book missing half its pages, singing a harmony missing half its parts. We stumble forward, knowing that the fullness can come, will come — one day.

If we keep trying. [Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – June 4, 2026 ©Lpi](#)

June brings readings about trust, welcome, and placing Jesus at the center of life. We hear how God feeds His people, loves them, and gives them strength in hard times. We learn that faith grows when we stay close to Jesus, serve others, and share His message with kindness.



Small acts of love matter, and God blesses those who open their hearts. The month invites us to walk with courage, hope, and steady trust in God's care.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you for your continued support & prayers!

May 31st & June 7th Collections will be reported next week.

Total Collection as of May 26: (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 61,085.39



Pope Leo XIV's Monthly Prayer Intention for June 2026

For the Value of Sports. Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and

that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Pray for our youth and their families as they relax during summer break.

Pray for all traveling -- that they may stay safe.

Pray for the Dead – Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

VOCATIONS

World Priest Day - June 12, 2026

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (John 6:56)

Priests spend their lives praying for us, celebrating the sacraments, and guiding us closer to Christ. On World Priest Day, take time to pray for them, asking God to bless their ministry and grow their holiness as they continue to serve the Church with love and dedication. Consider offering your prayers, sacrifices, or acts of service in gratitude for priests today.

Never stop praying for men to enter the priesthood!

St. John Vianney, pray for them!



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.

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>

CATHOLIC TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN

Answer: The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus draws its daily devotions from the [Litany of the Sacred Heart](#). Each day reflects on the wisdom of saints and pontiffs on the Sacred Heart and offers opportunities for prayer and action, framed by Pope Francis' encyclical *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us) and Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation *Dilexi Te* (I Have Loved You). The novena concludes with the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



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



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.

"Do not let the past disturb you. Leave everything in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and begin again with joy." – St Teresa of Calcutta

"The door of Heaven is the Heart of Jesus. The key to this door is prayer and love." – St. Andre Bessette