



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

Please take note of dates being corrected.

6/28: 1 PM St. Nicholas Picnic

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)

7/9-11: 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!

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.

June 21, 2026

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:10-13*

Jeremiah expresses confidence that the Lord will protect him.

Responsorial: *Psalms 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35*

God responds to the prayers of those in need.

Second Reading: *Romans 5:12-15*

Sin came into the world through one person; so salvation came through one person for many.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 10:26-33*

Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.

Music of the Mass June 21

407 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

670 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

330 Look Beyond

631 God of Day and God of Darkness

451 Though the Mountains May Fall

Mass Parts – Heritage Mass 869-876



Today, we extend best wishes to all fathers!
May they find in Saint Joseph a model, support, and
consolation, to live their fatherhood well.

Pray for all our fathers, -- spiritual fathers),
grandfathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, and men
who serve as models.

**Don't forget to drop off your Knights of Columbus baby bottle
full of change to benefit the FYNDout Pregnancy Center.**



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: 1st Monday of the Month from 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 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

SATURDAY

SHC Confessions/Adoration: 3-4 PM

Young Adult Summer Activities: July 4th – Fourth of July Feast and Float. 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.

St. Nicholas Parish Picnic is Sunday, June 28th at 1:00 PM. Weather permitting it will be held outside. There will be food, games, and a pulled pork contest. **All are welcome!** Contact (907) 488.2595, ext. 20 to answer any questions you may have.

SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Consider helping the Immaculate Conception Church Soup Kitchen. They need volunteers for their weekend meal service – Saturday and Sunday. Prep begins at 12Noon and walk-up meal service goes from 1-3PM. Consider giving your time, material, or monetary donations. For more information or to sign up, please contact Samantha Reynolds at: Samantha-reynolds@outlook.com. Keep their ministry in your prayers.

It is bittersweet as we say “quyana” and “goodbye” to our two remaining Jesuit priests – Fr. Tom Provincial, S.J. & Fr. Gregg Wood, S.J.. Keep past and present Jesuits for years of ministry in Northern Alaska..



CATHOLIC TRIVA JUST FOR FUN:

Question: 1) What is the term for the pope's teaching authority exercised in union with the bishops of the world?
(Answers on back page.)



Father's Day is a great celebration of the special men in our lives who have been a source of strength, encouragement, protection, and guidance as well as providing, teaching, and admonishing. Being a dad is complex. It isn't something one can plan out and schedule... it evolves and grows as their children do. One cannot study all the right ways to be a great dad. There is something organic and ever-changing in the role of a dad. All people need someone in their life who will love them unconditionally, but many have not had that gift. Today there are children and teens in your community, parish and school that need guidance, love, and security. Your challenge this week is to reflect on how you can be an advocate for these things where you live. Can you mentor after school or volunteer at a Boys and Girls Club? Could you offer to chaperone an event for youth or children at your parish? Could you pray each day for your eyes and heart to be open to the needs of children and youth where you live and work? You may not be a father or a dad... but you have the capacity to love and make a difference.

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Overcoming Weakness

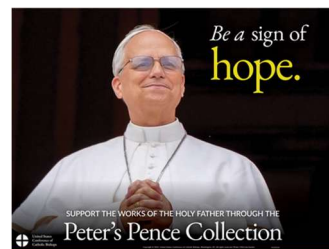
“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.” (Romans 8:26)

Adult Question: What weakness can the power of the Spirit help you overcome?

Child Question: When will you need the help of the Holy Spirit this week?

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Peter's Pence Collection unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obo-lodisanpietro.va/en.html. Here at St. Mark University Parish, we give 3% our June Collection towards this cause.



FATHERHOOD IS A VOCATION IN GOD'S SERVICE
TO BE NOT HELD lightly OR frivolously BUT WITH THE SERIOUS DETERMINATION OF SERIOUS MEN.
Fr. Lawrence Lovasik
catholicALLYEAR.com



“For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children... To keep the way of the Lord.”
Genesis 18:19

“Before I got married, I had six theories about raising children; now, I have six children and no theories.”

– John Wilmot



In the 1883 painting “Mass in a Connemara Cabin,” a small congregation of shabbily dressed faithful is huddled together in a sparsely appointed room. A priest extends his hand over them in blessing. One woman presses her forehead to the ground in prayer.

This painting, created in 1883 by Aloysius O’Kelley, depicts a “station Mass,” offered for the community in a private home. Though this practice originated in the period of the Penal Laws, when Catholic worship was illegal in Ireland, it persisted even after the “emancipation” of Catholics in the 19th century.

I have used quotation marks around the word “emancipation” because we must never forget that just because something is made legal does not mean it is made popular. And it certainly is not made safe.

In the moments that pass immediately after this scene concludes, the altar candles will be extinguished and the faithful will disperse, carrying the Body and Blood of Christ into a world suspicious of him, suspicious of them.

And yet here they are, kneeling. Foreheads pressed to the floor.

This painting sits on my family’s prayer table as a call to reflection. I make my living writing Catholic things for Catholic publications. The people who read what I write are bound to agree with me — they’re usually reading my words in a church. I must confess that in my personal life, I am far less bold. I fear controversy. I dread giving offense. I buckle beneath the weight of discipleship.

It doesn’t matter that most Americans identify as “Christians” — the world we face when we leave Mass is every bit as resentful of true Catholic teaching as the world that lies beyond O’Kelley’s Connemara cottage. And while I do not fear those who can kill my body, I do fear those who can kill my reputation.

“Mass in a Connemara Cabin” illustrates how my ancestors worshipped: in secret, in shadow.

I worship in the daylight.

Which of us acknowledges Christ more fully? More courageously? Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – June 18, 2026 ©Lpi

“The divine fatherhood is the source of human fatherhood; this is the foundation of the honor owed to parents.”

~ Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2214



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

To provide for the faithful of our diocese, I am pleased to announce the following assignments.

- Fr. Randy Arca as Priest in solidum, with Fr. Abraham Nemaia, of St. Catherine, Chefornek and Immaculate Conception, Bethel
- Fr. Raymond Simtong Dayang as Priest Moderator of Sacred Heart, Emmonak; St. Ignatius, Alakanuk; St. Joseph, Kotlik; and St. Peter, Nunum Iqua
- Fr. Shepherd Munaro as Priest Moderator of St. Peter the Fisherman, Toksook Bay; St. Joseph, Tununak; and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Nightmute
- Fr. Charles Olweny as Parochial Administrator of St. Patrick, Utqiagvik (Barrow)
- Fr. Marlowe Rosales as Priest Moderator of St. John Berchmans, Galena; St. Peter in Chains, Ruby; and St. Aloysius, Tanana
- Fr. Joseph Tangka as Chaplain of Pioneer Home, Denali Center, Fairbanks Correctional Center, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, and Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center

Thank you for your prayers and support of our priests. Please continue to pray for vocations to the Diocese of Fairbanks.



Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Steven J. Maekawa, O.P.
Bishop of Fairbanks



From Diocese of Fairbanks Vocations:

I am happy to announce that Mr. Solomon Youngbird will be leaving for Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon to begin his Propaedeutic (Spirituality) year. Solomon is the son of Cheyenne and Jennifer Youngbird and is the oldest of 14 children. The family are parishioners of St. Nichols Church in North Pole. Please pray for Solomon as he deepens his discernment and call to the diocesan priesthood. Continue to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send more workers into His vineyard.

Diocesan Employment Opportunities!

The diocese has two positions they are hiring for: **Safe Environment/Victim Assistance Coordinator** – full-time with benefits or part-time (minimum 20 hours/week) and **Construction and Facilities Manager** full time with benefits. For more information go to: <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings> for job description or contact HR through email humanresources@cbna.org. If you know anyone who might be interested, please pass along this information.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

June 14: \$ 6,532.09

Parishioner Count: 104

Total Collection as of June 14: (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 69,784.12

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 generous support & prayers!



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 fathers everywhere that they may be strengthened in wisdom and faith and that St. Joseph may inspire them to live their vocation with strength and courage.

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

"Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows."
(Matthew 10:31)

Holy matrimony calls spouses to place Christ at the center of their lives and to reflect His love by cherishing and serving one another. Could God be inviting you to this vocation of faithful love and self-sacrifice? If so, seek guidance from a married couple you admire and ask how they live out their commitment to each other and to Christ.

“Happiness is to be found only in the home where God is loved, honored, where each one loves, and helps, and cares for the others.” — St. Theophane Venard

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>

“An almost perfect relationship with his father was the earthly root of all his wisdom.” ~ C.S. Lewis

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



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.

NOW ACCEPTING items for our upcoming **SUPER SALE**,
July 9th, 10th, & 11th.

SUPER SALE Donations can be dropped off anytime between 9am-3pm, Monday-Friday, at 718 Betty Street.

(**HIPOW** entrance, back of school) – look for our reserved parking signs Or drop off at the school's multi-purpose room (gym entrance at back of school).

We are also accepting **HIPOW AUCTION** item donations.

THANK YOU – for helping fill our Super Sale tables and our Auction shelves! Call ahead if you will need help unloading – we'd love to help you bring it in! 907-313-3291.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN

Answers: 1) Magisterium