



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

7/4: 12 pm Young Adult Fourth of July Feast & Float

Meet at Graehl Park. Contact faith@cbna.org

7/11: World Youth Day Fundraiser Bake Sale after weekend masses at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

7/12: 9:30 AM St. Raphael Mass 35th Anniversary Mass followed by celebration with food and games!

7/14: 25th Ordination Anniversary for Fr. Ross Tozzi!

7/14: 1:30 PM Immaculate Conception Picnic at Pioneer Park

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!

Young Adult Summer Activity for July 4th!

Fourth of July Feast and Float! We'll be meeting at Graehl Park at 12pm, floating down to Chena Small Tracts and afterwards grill out at the Dukes residence nearby. Registrations for this event is on the Diocesan website. For more information contact Michael Olsta at faith@cbna.org.



July 5, 2026



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord shall come to reign in Zion.

Responsorial: Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14

A prayer of praise to God who is our king.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9,11-13

Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

Music of the Mass July 5

539 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

532 There is a Balm in Gilead

591 Like a Shepherd

632 For the Healing of the Nations

585 Sing to the Mountains

Mass Parts – Heritage Mass 869-876



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

We welcome Hannah Harvey and James Ipalook into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this Sunday at our 5:30 pm Mass on July 7th.

Their parents are Alex and Harlee Harvey. Congratulations to the Harvey family on this special day! You are in all our prayers as we witness this special occasion.

In honor of Independence Day the Chancery and Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd. Enjoy the long weekend!



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. Next event will be Dome Hiking on Saturday, July 18th. 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.

Today is a new beginning for our church fiscal year. It is a time to take the opportunity to think about ministries or activities you would like to be involved in. **We are short of volunteers to help** with EOM – Extraordinary Minister of the Cup; Lecture – reading of the word; Altar Server; and Musicians or singers in the choir. Training will be provided. Thank you in advance for stepping forward to the call. Contact our office at stmark@cbna.org

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.



CATHOLIC TRIVA JUST FOR FUN:

Question: What is the difference between a cathedral and a basilica?
(Answers on back page.)



Family reunions happen a lot during the summer months. You may have seen signs or notices in parks where families have reserved space to come together to catch up on news, share family stories and food and to celebrate their heritage. When we take time to nurture relationships and to support and celebrate our families, it is a blessing. Our families are the first places we learn about faith and what it means to be a part of God's family. There are some things we know about being a part of God's family: we must feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to those who thirst and visit those in prison. Our families help us do this good work. How has your family been a witness to you of being Christ in the world?

<https://pastoral.center>

Body & Blood / Corpus Christi

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."
(John 6:51)*

Adult Question: What does it mean for you right now to be bread for others as Jesus was?

Child Question: In what ways can Jesus' presence in the Eucharist help you do good things for others?

<https://pastoral.center>

St. Raphael Church would like to invite everyone to join us on July 12th to celebrate our **35th anniversary as a parish family**. A special Anniversary Mass at 9:30am followed by a Pork BBQ Cookoff contest, flag raising, music, games and fun for kids and adults, and a bouncy house for kids.

S U M M E R 2 0 2 6

Summer ORATORY **Popular MISSION**

Girls & Boys

CAMP

July 14-17 2026	July 20-23 2026	July 26-31 2026
📍 Sacred Heart Cathedral 🕒 9:00am-3:00pm 💰 \$40 (child #1-3) \$20 (child #4+) 👤 Age 7-17	📍 Camps near Fairbanks 🕒 Drop off: Monday Pick up: Thursday Overnight 💰 \$75 👤 Age 10-17	📍 Immaculate Conception 🕒 Sunday-Friday 💰 FREE 👤 ALL ages (Adults and Children)

REGISTER NOW ➔ iccfairbanks.org/summer2026

Contact Immaculate Conception Director of Religious Education - M. Way of Salvation, SSVM at servidoras@cbna.org if you would be willing to help with lunches during the week of July 14-17.

(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
THE SMALLNESS OF GREAT FAITH



My children attend Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for their faith formation. Because of its Montessori basis, CGS atriums, which are something like classrooms, contain lots of objects made from real materials — authentic glass, wood, and ceramic.

This is a polite way of saying there are lots of breakable things in there.

So when my four-year-old entered the atrium on her first day of CGS, my whole body tensed, wondering what she would shatter first. I had to restrain myself from crying out, “Don’t touch anything!” She spotted the prayer table — the low, wooden stand which holds an open Bible, candles, a vase with flowers and a statue of the Good Shepherd. It’s the centerpiece of every atrium.

She knelt before the table. She made the sign of the cross. And she sat there, still and silent.

I stopped dead in my tracks. How had she known to come here? And where did she learn to make the sign of the cross? (Obviously we’ve tried to teach her, but she does it wrong every time!) And why was she sitting there so quietly, so expectantly, in front of a book she can’t read?

A thought came to me so clearly: *Well, Colleen, you can read that book. But can you understand it?*

It is so easy for us to forget that great faith does not require great intelligence. It does not require great knowledge of the world and its workings. Great faith does not require the believer to possess any answers.

Great faith only requires the believer to know his own smallness.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – July 1, 2026 ©Lpi



From Diocese of Fairbanks Vocations:

Please pray for Mr. Solomon Youngbird as he deepens his discernment and call to diocesan priesthood at Mount Angel Seminary. Continue to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send more workers into His vineyard. Please keep him in your prayers.

Diocesan Employment Opportunities!

- † **Safe Environment/Victim Assistance Coordinator:** full-time with benefits or part-time (minimum 20 hours/week).
- † **Maintenance Technician** – full-time with benefits.
- † **Data Processing Clerk:** full-time with benefits.

Go to <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings> for more details or email humanresources@cbna.org. If you know anyone who might be interested, please pass along this information.

After nearly 29 years of service, Dale Chapman is retiring from the Diocesan Maintenance Team. We wish him a restful retirement after his many years of dedicated service!

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 would love to help you bring it in! 907-313-3291.



As we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the USCCB joins in the celebration by lifting up the contributions of Catholics and the impact of our faith on the history of this country.



U.S. bishops consecrated the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026. Take the opportunity to view the America 250 Video Series the Catholic Current has put together.

Go to www.usccb.org/weholdthetruths on the USCCB site and view the 5 episodes, as well as other articles and activities that can be participated in.

May this help remind you of the values that makes our nation great!



MassTimes Ministry is an app available to help find churches while traveling. Find a Catholic Church at your destination. www.masstimes.org/location

From our family to yours ★
MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED
4TH OF JULY!



Pope John Paul II:

“Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.”



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

June 21: \$ 802.00

Parishioner Count: 96

June 28: \$767.00

Parishioner Count: 94

Total Collection as of June 14: (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 71,353.12

Thank you for your generous support for the Peter Pence Collection. 3% of our June collections came to \$279.34.

Thank you for your generous support & prayers!



Pope Leo XIV's Monthly Prayer Intention for July 2026

For respect for human. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Pray for all celebrating our independence on the 4th of July.

Pray for our newly baptized Hannah Harvey & James Ipalook, children of Alex and Harlee Harvey.

Pray for protection from destructive fires and weather.

Pray for all traveling that they may stay safe.

Pray for the sick; Fr. Gerald Ornowski recovering from a heart attack.

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

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Christ invites each of us to lay down our burdens and find true peace in Him. In every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, we are called to follow Him with trust, allowing His grace to strengthen us and renew our hearts. Take a moment today to listen to His call and rest in His loving presence. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or via email: vocations@cbna.org or check out www.facebook.com/FairbanksVocations.

"Let us preserve freedom. Let us cherish freedom. Freedom of conscience, religious freedom...it has been given to you by God himself." ~ Pope Francis



FYNDout Free Center is having a **YARD SALE FUNDRAISER!**

When: 9 am Saturday July 18th

Where: FYNDout Free, 4474 Pikes Landing Rd
You can drop off donations on Friday, July 17th

between 10 AM- 5 PM. Located across the road from the Princess Hotel.

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>

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH - JULY

The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. It is the time when crops planted in the Spring are maturing and growing. Just as the crops are dependent upon summer rains not only to grow but to survive, so our spiritual development is dependent upon our frequenting the sacraments and receiving the Blood of Christ. www.cahtolicculture.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

(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

Please pray and fast for these intentions for our families in July.

- ~ Our parish families and the growth of our church.
- ~ The sacred gift of life from God.
- ~ Healing of the sick in our community.
- ~ Peace and freedom – may we never take either for granted and work diligently towards both for all people.
- ~ The safety of all traveling and enjoying vacations.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN

Answers: A Cathedral is a Bishop's church. A basilica is a church that has been given special privileges by the pope, such as a church that has relics of a saint, etc.!