



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: 907-374-9564

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

7/18: Young Adult Murphy Dome Hike.

Gather at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 10AM. **Register**
for the following iccfairbanks.org/summer2026

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

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

To request a Mass Intention contact St. Mark (907-374-9564)
or Sacred Heart (907-474-9032) Parish Offices.



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! –

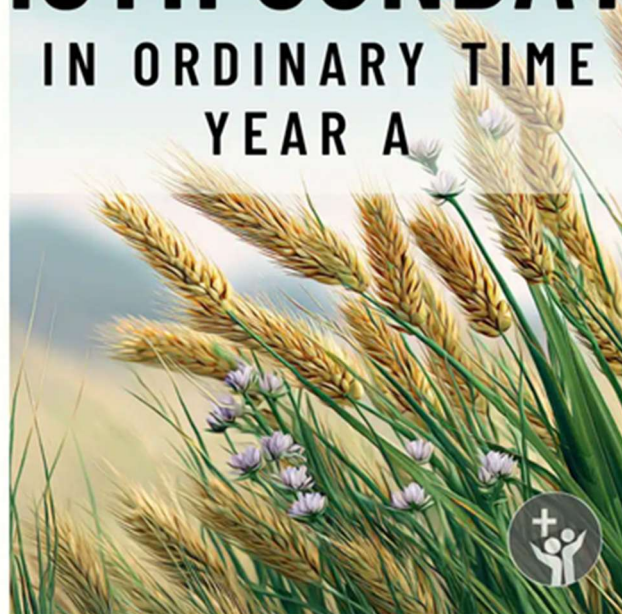
Theological Virtues

Mini Explanation – The 3 theological virtues are faith, hope, and charity (love). “Theological” means having to do with God. These 3 virtues unite us directly to God, who infuses them into our souls at Baptism with his sanctifying grace. We cannot gain these virtues through our own human effort, but we can pray that they may be deepened within us.

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JULY 19, 2026

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



First Reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

Responsorial: Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16

A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

Music of the Mass July 19

434 - I Sing the Mighty Power of God

442 - O God, You Search Me

490 - As the Deer Longs

568 - All Creatures of Our God and King

Mass Parts – Heritage Mass 869-876



CATHOLIC TRIVA JUST FOR FUN:

Question: From where do we get the teachings of our faith?
(Answers on back page.)



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 18th – Murphy Dome Hike.** Meet at the parking lot of Sacred Heart Cathedral at 10am. 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.

Are You Feeling Called to Serve Our Parish?

Your parish needs you to assist the ministries on our Sunday



LECTORS

evening at 5:30pm Mass. When we gather to celebrate Mass, we gather in a variety of ministries and roles. Baptism is our rebirth into the life of grace and into the life of the Church.

First Communion qualifies members to serve at the altar during Mass by assisting the priest. After Confirmation you can assist as Lectors or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Join the Choir and help enhance the Mass experience by

supporting the congregation in singing – “praying twice.”

Should you wish to give more time and become active in the service – please Email your name to stmark@cbna.org or talk to Mary Pat Boger after Mass.



ALTAR SERVER



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER



MUSIC MINISTRY

Right to Life for Interior Alaska will be having a booth at the Tanana Valley State Fair. They are looking for volunteers at their booth on August 8th. Scan the QR code or click on link <https://signup.com/go/EoGQcvD> to sign up.



Check out our website for our July Bulletin insert with all the activities in July on UAF Campus and neighboring parish events.



Saint Camillus de Lellis, whom we honor on July 18th, is one of the patron saints of those who are sick. He himself was afflicted with illness, yet he reached out to care for those who were suffering—in hospitals, on plague-ridden ships, even on battlefields with injured military troops. He risked his own life to relieve the pain of others. Your challenge this week is to reach out to someone who is suffering—from physical pain, from depression or sadness, from alienation or bullying. Can you be the gentle hands and compassionate heart of Jesus for him or her? Who is it in your family, neighborhood or community who needs a healing touch

<https://pastoral.center>

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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S U M M E R 2 0 2 6

Summer ORATORY

Girls & Boys

CAMP

Popular MISSION

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 for more information.

Thank you to all who pitched in to help make these summer programs a success. Participants of religious education and summer diocesan programs are more likely to have stronger faith as they age when they see adults set an example for them by participating in church events and prayer at home!



Save the Date!

ICC Farewell party for M. Salvation to wish her well in her next mission assignment – **Saturday, August 8th at 5pm**

(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)

THE WEEDS WE NEED



Driving up my street in late spring, you can see which yard is mine from a whole block away: it's the one covered in dandelions. And I like it that way.

I fear neither my husband's shame nor the snarky comments of neighbors: I will never apologize for my dandelion-filled yard. "It's for the pollinators," I say, but it's a total lie. I just think it looks lovely. Who doesn't like a splash of yellow after a long, dreary winter?

People call dandelions "weeds," but it's just not true. Weeds are, by definition, any plant growing where it isn't wanted. A rosebush is a weed if it's in the middle of a cornfield. I want my dandelions. Plants that are commonly considered weeds can even have beneficial properties. They attract pollinators, for instance, and they promote nutrient cycling, whereby soil health is improved.

We all have metaphorical "weeds" in the garden of our lives. I certainly do facets of my personality I loathe, realities of my life I resent, limitations in my abilities I dread—these are my weeds, and their roots run deep, coiling closely around those of the plants I try to cultivate. But if I could rid my garden of any one of these weeds, would it really benefit me? And if I examined them all closely, could I tell them apart—the blessing from the curse, the struggle from the triumph?

One day, it will all become clear: what is the wheat, and what is the weed. We will be put to our ultimate purpose, and we will see ourselves for what we are meant to be.

Until then, we need the weeds. It's not harvest time yet.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – July 16, 2026 ©Lpi

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

by Saint Alphonsus Liguori



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

READINGS OF THE DAY

For readings of the day please go to: www.usccb.org



From Diocese of Fairbanks Vocations:

Please pray for Mr. Solomon Youngbird as he deepens his discernment and along with fellow class members as they answer the 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 them in your prayers during this first stage – known as “*propaedeutic stage*.”

Program for Priestly Formation describes the stages of Seminary formation as propaedeutic discipleship, configuration, and vocational synthesis. The Propaedeutic stage of seminary formation at Mount Angel Seminary helps lay a foundation for a new way of life by developing prayer, study, fraternity, and appropriate docility to formation.

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.



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 Pray for the work they do in their ministry.



PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

As we pray for peace and an end to violence throughout the world, we as a parish community will pray the Prayer to St. Michael after Mass. The prayer will be prayed after the Final Blessing and before the Recessional.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.



FULTON SHEEN CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE is now open in Murphy Hall. Contact Immaculate Conception Parish Office for details at iccreceptionist@cbna.org or 907-452-3533.

Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppress anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Ghost and raises man to Heaven.

~ St. Ephrem



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 12: \$ 595.00

Parishioner Count: 89

Total Yearly Collection (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 1,213.00

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 lives lost in the earthquakes in Venezuela; **wisdom and courage to leaders, rescuers, and families** as they recover from the devastation in Venezuela; **the gift of vocations** in the church; **the end of violence; all traveling** during summer break; **and all who are sick or hospitalized** (Deborah Leabee and Fr. Gerald Ornowski, MIC).

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. (Fr. Tom Gallagher, SJ – 6/15/26 – spent 49 years ministering in Alaska)

VOCATIONS

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed."
(Matthew 13:31)*

Small acts of faith can grow into great vocations. A call to a particular vocation often begins quietly, but as you pray and nurture it, it can blossom into something beautiful. Is God placing a vocation in your heart? 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.

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.

"Humility is nothing, but truth and pride is nothing but lies"
St. Vincent de Paul (1581-1660)

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>



Pray for
happy, healthy, & holy priests



To support those who have experienced devastation by the earthquakes in Venezuela, funds can be donated to [Catholic Relief Services](https://www.catholicrelief.org/). At this time, it has been reported that the number of known dead has risen to 5,000 victims; 17,000 people are wounded, and 21,120 are living in shelters. Catholics from around the world have joined in efforts to assist Venezuelans struggling.

"Let us all join in prayer that Our Lady of Coromoto, patroness of Venezuela, will comfort and protect her children and that compassionate international assistance will arrive swiftly."

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

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.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA —JUST FOR FUN

Answer: Tradition, the Magisterium and Scripture