



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 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

8/4-6: Clergy Days

8/4: SHC Mass at 12:10pm

8/5: SHC Adoration at 11 am followed by 12:10pm Mass

8/6: SHC 12:10pm Mass. (No Thursday AM Adoration)

8/8: ICC Farewell Potluck for M. Salvation 5:30-7:30pm

8/18: First Day of School for FNSB

8/19: First Day of School for Fairbanks Catholic Schools

8/24: UAF First Day of Instruction

8/27: UAF Party in the Park 12-3pm. Explore what UAF has to offer! Stop by the CSA Booth!



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! – Seven Lively Virtues

Mini Explanation –The virtues that counteract the Seven Deadly Sins (which we also call capital sins) are known as the Lively virtues (or “capital” virtues). Although this list is not as well known, the Fathers of Mercy name the virtues as: Humility, Generosity, Meekness & Patience, Temperance, Kindness, Diligence. Can you name the sins each of these virtues counteract? (Answers on back page.) ascensionpress.com

AUGUST 2, 2026

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



First Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-3*

The Lord will renew his covenant with the descendants of David.

Responsorial: *Psalms 145:8-9, 15-18*

The Lord provides for his people.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:35, 37-39*

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 14:13-21*

Jesus feeds the crowd with five loaves and two fish.

Music of the Mass August 2

312 Table of Plenty

448 You Are Near

592 Come To The Water

372 Lord, Who At Thy First Eucharist

581 O Bless The Lord, My Soul

Mass Parts – *Heritage Mass* 869-876



CATHOLIC TRIVA JUST FOR FUN:

Question: What are the first 5 books of the Old Testament?
(Answers on back page.)



SUNDAY

Religious Education: 9:15-10:15AM Begins Sept. 20th.
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

LAST Young Adult Summer Activity: Tanana Valley State Fair – Saturday August 2nd! 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.

Are You Feeling Called to Serve Our Parish?

Your parish needs you to assist the ministries on our Sunday 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. There is a possibility that there will be training in the next week or two. If interested contact the SHC office (Cheryl) and give her your name and contact number.



ALTAR SERVER



LECTORS



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

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.



MUSIC MINISTRY

READINGS OF THE DAY

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

“Perfect love of God means the complete union of our will with God’s.” – St. Alphonsus Liguori



On August 7 and 9, we mark the bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima during World War II. Today we have nuclear weapons which are much more devastating than the atomic bombs dropped on Japan almost 70 years ago. Our U.S. Bishops have written courageously about nuclear war. Applying the Catholic Church’s teaching about just war, which has evolved over the past two thousand years, the bishops have concluded that they cannot justify the use of nuclear weapons. Your challenge this week is to look at how you can contribute to a peaceful world so that the threat of nuclear war is made remote and unimaginable. How are you a peacemaker in your home? At school or at work? In your community? In how you engage in civic life? What is one thing you can do this week to make our world safer for everyone? <https://pastoral.center>

Acting With Courage

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
 (Romans 8:38–39)

Adult Question: To whom could you bring the assurance of Christ’s love this week?

Child Question: Jesus fed the crowds today. How does he offer you spiritual nourishment? <https://pastoral.center>

Volunteers Needed for The Fair—August 8th

April Smith is the director of **Right to Life Interior Alaska**. Every year this organization runs a booth at the Tanana Valley State Fair to educate the public about abortion, euthanasia, and other life issues. *Right to Life Interior Alaska is a small organization and has no employees and no office.* They are just a small handful of dedicated volunteers. This year they are asking each church in town to choose a day and commit to providing 6 volunteers to cover 12pm-10pm on that day. Volunteers sit in the booth and encourage people walking by to sign up for a giveaway raffle and to look over the educational information on the tables. Catholics generally make up a good portion of our volunteers thanks to the church’s strong pro-life teaching. St. Mark Parishioners can go to the link below and sign up if you felt the calling and have the time to help out. Sacred Heart Cathedral has volunteered to cover the Right to Life Booth on August 8th at the Tanana Valley Fair. Volunteers are needed to sign up. Please use this link: [https://sign-up.com/go/EoGQcvD](https://signup.com/go/EoGQcvD) to choose a time to volunteer.



Thank you to all who pitched in to help make the Diocesan 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!

There will be a farewell party for **M. Salvation** on August 8 at Immaculate Conception 5:30-7:30pm. We invite everyone to join us to wish her well in her next mission assignment in Washington D.C.
Please bring a side dish to share!



(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
CHOOSING HEAVEN



“Why aren’t there miracles anymore?”

I’ve heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it’s been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sun-dance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don’t know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can’t picture it. Did everyone blink, and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It’s not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that’s what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin’s execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that’s not what the Scripture says.

“His heart was moved with pity,” we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity—this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – July 30, 2026 ©LPi



August 4th-6th - Clergy Days will be held in Fairbanks for priests throughout the diocese. Mass at 12:10pm will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on August 4th – 6th, with 11am Adoration on Thursday. There will be no 7:30am masses on these days.

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



From Diocese of Fairbanks Fr. Edward Gorman, O.P. arrived in Fairbanks this week, coming from the Province of St. Joseph in New York. Please give him a warm welcome to our Diocese when you see him!

Michael Olsta has applied to and been accepted by the Western Dominican Province. His last day with the diocese will be Tuesday, 4 August 2026. Michael has been with the diocese since June 2024. We are grateful for all he has done and send him with our prayers and best wishes as he begins formation. He will enter the canonical novitiate on 18 August 2026. During this time, his communication will be very limited. *If you'd like to send encouragement, snail mail can be sent to St. Dominic Priory 2390 Bush Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.*



A farewell brunch will be held for Michael after Sunday's August 9th 8:00am Mass at the home of Kyle Ketchal. It's in the neighborhood across Airport Way from the Cathedral – 2727 Riverview Drive. Feel free to stop by to help us send off Michael! Breakfast/brunch and lunch for anyone interested. We're celebrating his pursuing his vocation, but it will be a sad day to say “good-bye” to his input in the Young Adult Ministry for the diocese! *Keep him in your prayers during this transition.*

Diocesan Employment Opportunities!

+ Safe Environment/Victim Assistance Coordinator: full-time with benefits or part-time (minimum 20 hours/week).

+ Director of Faith and Family Formation - 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 at Immaculate Conception Church. Contact the ICC Parish Office for details at iccreceptionist@cbna.org or 907-452-3533.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 26: \$ 2,895.65

Parishioner Count: 85

Total Yearly Collection (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 14,840.25

Thank you for your generous support & prayers!



Pope Leo XIV's Monthly Prayer Intention for August 2026

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Pray for the Church – Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Steven Maekawa, OP, Rev. Ross Tozzi, and all pastors, deacons, and religious in our diocese.

- † For all who protect us from harm.
- † For the health and well-being of all in our community.
- † For those who are sick, homebound, and troubled.
- † For the safety of travelers.
- † For the souls of all the faithful departed; remember

Deborah Ann Leabee who passed away on August 6th- 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

"You give them something to eat." (Matthew 14:16)

Jesus calls us to respond to the needs of His people. How is He inviting you to serve and nourish those around you? Reach out to the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or via email: vocations@cbna.org or check out www.facebook.com/FairbanksVocations.

The Seven Capital Sins and their Opposite Corresponding Capital Virtues and Extremes:

Capital Sins (Living too Lax)	Capital Virtues (Living proper and balanced)	Opposite Extreme (Living too rigid)
Pride	Humility	Self-Loathing
Greed (Avarice)	Generosity	Wastefulness
Lust	Chastity	Prudishness
Anger¹	Meekness/ Patience	Serility²
Gluttony	Temperance	Deficiency
Envy³	Kindness/ Brotherly Love	Pusillanimity (Cowardice/Timidity)
Sloth or Acedia	Diligence	Workaholism

¹First Cousin of Pride; ²First Cousin of Self-Loathing; ³Second Cousin of Pride; ⁴Second Cousin of Self-Loathing fathersofmercy.com

CATHOLIC TRIVIA —JUST FOR FUN

Answer: The Pentateuch [means "five books"].

Includes the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

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>

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.



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



Thank You, Fairbanks Community!



A heartfelt thank you to our amazing Fairbanks community for making the Monroe Foundation Super Sale such an incredible success! Over the course of three days, a small but mighty group of dedicated volunteers worked countless hours after months of preparation to sort, organize, set up, price, sell, and clean up.

This would not have been possible without the overwhelming generosity of our community. The large amount of donated items made this event truly extraordinary. We are so blessed by your support!

A very special thank you to Heather Carlson and The Flower Pot for her extraordinary generosity. Heather's donations to both the Super Sale and HIPOW's 57th Annual Auction & Dinner made a tremendous impact, and we are deeply grateful for her continued support.

We would also like to recognize the following volunteers for the incredible amount of work they put in to make the sale a great success:

Kathy & Fred Bast, Jim & Luke Walter, Pat Welborn, Karen Malone, Christine Doval, Risako Bennett, Denise Werle, Ann Hagstead, Lily Patterson, James Trieglaff, Gabe Pena, Alex Kenna, Mike Welborn, Adam Zaveri, Mike Barch, Charlie & Fred Menard, and Brian Bast.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Monroe Foundation and CSF staff for their behind-the-scenes support, coordination, and countless tasks that kept everything running smoothly.



Thanks to Your Generosity!



Thanks to your generosity, we raised a whopping **\$21,000!** to support Catholic education. We are so grateful!

As we turn our attention to HIPOW's 57th Annual Auction & Dinner we are now accepting donations of NEW items for our auction. Our goal is to collect 1,000 total items, and every donation helps create an exciting experience for our guests.

The Gift Card Wall is a new feature this year, and we are looking for 100 gift cards valued between \$25-\$100 to make it a success!



Item donations can be dropped off at Monroe Foundation, INC 218 Betty Street, 9:30 PM-11:30 PM

Thank You!

Donation form found at hipowauction.com