



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

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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

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

8/15: 12:00 PM Funeral Mass at SHC for Deborah Leibe followed by Potluck Reception.

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 Gifts of The Holy Spirit**

Mini Explanation – The 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit are Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. We receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit through sanctifying grace in the Sacrament of Baptism, and they are strengthened in us at the Sacrament of Confirmation. They make us more habitually docile to the movements of God's grace in our souls so that we can be capable of greater holiness. (See back page for description.) ascensionpress.com

AUGUST 9, 2026.



First Reading: *1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a*

The Lord appears to Elijah in a whisper.

Responsorial: *Psalms 85:9-14*

The Lord is the source of salvation.

Second Reading: *Romans 9:1-5*

Paul speaks of the blessings that have come to the Israelites.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 14:22-33*

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.

Music of the Mass August 9

443 Table of Plenty

524 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

350 Spirit and Grace

210 Hail, Holy Queen

565 Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens

Mass Parts – *Heritage Mass* 869-876



Please Note the following:

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!

Please keep **Micheal Olsta** in our prayers as he follows his vocation with the Dominicans. St. Mark Parish has benefited from his knowledge and enthusiasm working with our young adults on campus during his time with the Diocese!
Congratulations on responding to this sacred call!

CATHOLIC TRIVA JUST FOR FUN:

Question: How many books are in the Catholic Old and New Testaments combined?

(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.

THURSDAY

Adoration of Our Lord, Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament: 8AM – 12Noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Drop in and spend time keeping Jesus company.

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 Activity: TBA

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.

ALTAR SERVER
 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.

LECTORS
 After Confirmation you can assist as Lectors or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
 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.



LECTORS



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER



MUSIC MINISTRY

READINGS OF THE DAY

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



On August 14 we celebrate the feast day of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe. He gave up his life in a concentration camp during World War II, offering to take the place of a father who was selected for the gas chamber. He was canonized a saint in 1982. Your challenge this week is to give up something on behalf of another person. It won't be your very life as it was for St. Maximilian, but it might be something you really like. Maybe you are called to give up television to help someone with their homework, or to sacrifice a meal in order to pray for a loved one suffering from cancer. It might be taking money you saved for a smart phone or tablet and donating it to people suffering from a hurricane or typhoon. What are you willing to give up for others? you can do this week to make our world safer for everyone? <https://pastoral.center>

Faith in the Lord

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"
 (Matthew 14:31)

Adult Question: When have you doubted the loving care of God for you as the apostles did in the boat?

Child Question: How do you know that Jesus is with you at all times?
<https://pastoral.center>

Religious Education at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Classes for ages 7-17 – Communion through Confirmation
 Registration is now open for this year's religious education program. Classes will be on Sundays from 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral. *The first day of classes will be September 20th.* They are looking for catechists to help teach. If you are interested, please contact the sisters or email servidoras@cbna.org for more information! Register now – sacredheartak.org/re-registration or scan the QR code.



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.

THE ASSUMPTION (AUGUST 15th)

The Assumption refers to the Blessed Virgin Mary being assumed – body and soul – into heaven at the end of her earthly life. “Assumption” is different than “ascension” because one is passive (i.e. one is assumed) and the other is active (i.e. one ascends). It is by the power of God Mary was assumed.



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.

(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
LOOKING FOR GOD



What do we think when we see Jesus coming to save us?

The first thing the Apostles scream is “Ghost!” when they catch sight of Jesus walking towards them on water. That always makes me laugh. After all they have witnessed thus far as the companions of the Messiah, they see someone walking on water and they still react like extras in a bad episode of Scooby-Doo.

We are always more quick to believe a bad thing than a good thing. We can easily believe gossip and hearsay about a friend, but we fear being taken for a fool when it comes to faith. We would rather look cynical than stupid.

“Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck,” reads Psalm 69. “My eyes fail, from looking for my God.”

I think back on my life, on all the various ways that God has rescued me from slipping beneath the surface. Rarely did it ever occur to me, in the midst of it, that I was being rescued. In fact, I usually thought I was being held underwater. Did I hear His voice directing me, or did I only hear my own despairing? “Save me, God.” Was I looking for Him, or were my eyes shut in fear? “My eyes fail, from looking for my God.”

It’s never until after the fact — sometimes years after, or decades — that we see things clearly. That we see Christ in the situation, making his way toward us, hand outstretched.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – August 5, 2026 ©LPi

“We therefore surely give great pleasure to the Mother of God and draw down upon ourselves and our families many blessings from God when we recite the rosary- St. Maximilian Kolbe



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 will enter the Canonical Novitiate on 18 August 2026. *If you would 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 is 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 are 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.*

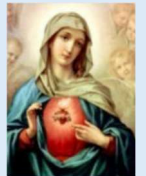
Diocesan Employment Opportunities!

+ 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.

Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, every listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially...(special intention).



Come Celebrate the
800th JUBILEE
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NATURE WALK
AT
CREAMER'S FIELD



AUGUST 22ND **3:00 – 4:00 PM**

We will gather at Creamer's Nature Trailhead at 3 PM and begin our walk with prayer, reflecting on the beauty of God's creation.

Afterwards we will drive over to Sacred Heart Cathedral for the 4:30 PM Mass followed by food and fellowship.

We hope you join us in celebrating the gift of this Great Saint.

CELEBRATING FAITH. HONORING CREATION. LIVING THE GOSPEL.

"Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth."
— St. Francis of Assisi

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For further info, please contact Gloria Sigale OFS at stclare4@gmail.com

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 2: \$ 1,104.00

Parishioner Count: 82

Total Yearly Collection (7/2025-6/2026): \$ \$ 15,924.25

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 are suffering from devastating wildfires.
- † That our youth may find moments for prayer and meet God in the quiet, sacred silence of their hearts...and deepen their trust in Jesus.
- † For all who feel they are sinking under the weight of physical illness, mental anxiety, and fear, that they may never feel abandoned.
- † For the safety of all who are travelling.
- † For all in our parish who are dealing with illness; we pray for the recovery of Dcn Paul Perreault from his surgery after his motorcycle accident, Aug. 5th.
- † For the souls of all the faithful departed; especially remember Deborah Ann Leibee 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

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27)

In the midst of uncertainty and challenge, Jesus calls us to trust in His presence. Vocations invite us to step out in faith, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage, placing our lives in His hands and allowing Him to guide us. How is He calling you? Talk to the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or via email: vocations@cbna.org or check out www.facebook.com/FairbanksVocations.

What are the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

1. Fear of the Lord: this is a reverential fear, not a servile fear. This gift helps us to reverence God properly and avoid temptations towards sin out of love of him.
2. Piety: the honor and worship we show to God through our reverence
3. Fortitude: supernatural courage! The ability to persevere through spiritual, physical, and mental difficulties.
4. Counsel: reception to God's guidance in our moral decisions, and obedience to his answer out of pursuit of the good
5. Knowledge: a sense of the faith. Knowing what's of God and what's not
6. Understanding: a deeper understanding of the faith
7. Wisdom: judging and ordering all things in life according to God's revelation

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

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>

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Answer: 73 books (which includes 7 deuterocanonical books not found in standard Protestant Bibles.