



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

8/22: Legion of Mary Summer Outdoor Function
at 3pm at ICC Grotto

8/22: 800th Jubilee Year of St. Francis Nature Walk. Meet at
Creamer's Field Trailhead at 3 PM. All are welcome!

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!

8/28: Oratory 1-3pm at ICC. (2nd & 4th Fridays)

9/29: 10am-12Noon Altar Server Training at SHC

9/1: 6:30pm CSA 6:30pm Adoration & 7pm Mass @ UAF Lola
Tilly Bldg. - St. Mark Parishioners invited to join CSA
and meet the students! Potluck to follow.

9/7: Chancery and Church Offices closed for Labor Day

9/20: 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Education at SHC

10/16-18: Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat

Religious Education

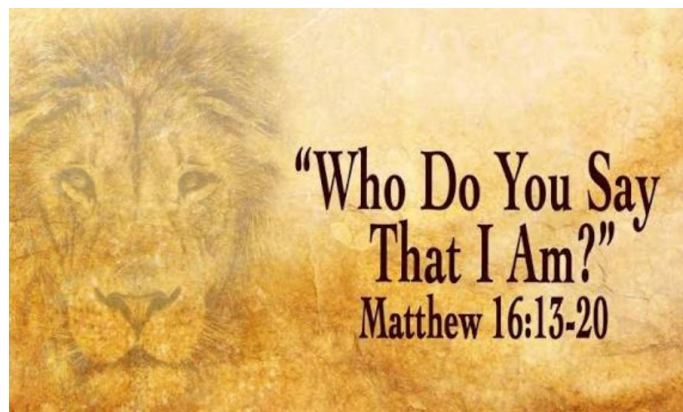
Classes for ages 7-17 – Communion through Confirmation

Religious Education will be held on Sunday from 9:15-10:15 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 Sr. Humilde at servidoras@cbna.org if you have questions. for more information! Register now – sacredheartak.org/re-registration or scan the QR code.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time AUGUST 23, 2026.



First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial: Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8

God's kindness is forever.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Music of the Mass August 23

573 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

631 God of Day and God of Darkness

656 Come to the River

205 Immaculate Mary

213 Praise to the Lord

Mass Parts – Heritage Mass 869-876



Welcome to St. Mark University Mass!

May your time with us be filled with Christ's peace and abundant blessings to you!

Contact our Parish Office by email at stmark@cbna.org to register with us or if need more information regarding instructions for receiving sacraments.

CATHOLIC TRIVA JUST FOR FUN:

Question: Apart from the Resurrection, what is the only miracle mentioned by all four Gospels?

(Answers on back page.)



SUNDAY

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

Young Adult Game Night: TBD

MONDAY

SHC Book Club: Meets September 7th due to Labor Day. Discussion will be on Joan of Arc. Contact Jan Fortune for info at: 43janetf@gmail.com

TUESDAY

Voices of Hope Prayer Group: 6 – 8:30 PM in the Community Room at SHC.

Young Adult Feast and Faith: 3rd Thursday of the month September – May.

THURSDAY

Voces Teens: Starts 8/20 – 6-7:30pm. Youth ages 13-17.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 1st Thursday of the month from 7-8 PM.

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.

Voces Verbi: Starts 8/21 – 6-8pm Young Adults ages 18-30.

Oratory: Starts 8/28. 2nd and 4th -1-3pm at ICC. Ages 6-17.

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.

What is the meaning of the Catholic Cross on the head, lips, and heart with our thumb before the reading of the Gospel?

The cross is a sign of redemption in and through Jesus Christ – an outward act professing our inward faith in the Trinity. The sign declares that, through our baptism, we belong to God.

We cross our head asking that the Word of God may be in our thoughts and purify our minds.

We cross our lips so that our speech may be holy and incline us to share the Gospel with others.

And we cross our hearts to invite God to strengthen our love for Him and others. All of this is to that we might know, proclaim and love Jesus Christ even more.

So, knowing the meaning of this action, remember to pray that *'The word of God be ever in my mind, proclaimed by my lips, and pierce my heart leading me to deeper communion with you, Jesus.'* lifeteen.com

FULTON SHEEN CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE is at Immaculate Conception Church. Contact the ICC Parish Office for details at iccreceptionist@cbna.org or 907-452-3533.

UAF CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Catholic Student Association (CSA) is a community of faith and caring; interested in growing and practicing our Catholic faith.

Our mission is to support students on campus who are Catholic and those wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Mass will be offered on campus at Loly Tilly once a week to encourage community and spiritual growth while pursuing academic goals.

Welcome back to new and returning students to UAF!

Please join us at the following events!

Find CSA representatives at the following events on campus this week to help answer any questions you may have:

8/25 (Tue): 11:30am – 1:00pm at Wood Center tabling event.

8/27 (Thurs): 12 – 3 PM at PARTY IN THE PARK.

Stop by our table to meet our group and see what we have to offer to help make your college experience more complete!

Meet current members and our Campus Paster Fr. Ross Tozzi.

INVITATION to St. Mark Parishioners

Who: Those interested in meeting the students!

What: Join CSA for their weekly Adoration & Mass followed by a potluck (CSA will provide the burger).

Where: Upper Lola Tilly on campus.

When: Tuesday, September 1st – 6:30pm Adoration, 7pm Mass, followed by potluck.

** CSA is awaiting UAF permit approval.*

Why: Meet the students and hear about the year they have planned. Learn about their graduation goals!

St. Mark's 5:30 PM Sunday Mass is held at Sacred Heart Cathedral – 1300 Peger Rd (Peger and Airport Rd intersection). If you need a ride, talk to fellow CSA members or contact stmark@cbna.org 24 hours in advance so we can arrange a ride. Consider participating in our Mass Ministry – Altar Server, Lector/Reader, Extraordinary Minister, or Choir member! Training will be provided.



Saint Rose of Lima (August 23) and **Saint Monica** (August 27) are both known for the power of their prayer. Saint Rose is believed to have prevented a devastating earthquake from destroying Lima by praying for the safety of the city.

Saint Monica's persistent prayer helped in the conversion of her son, Augustine, who turned from his hedonistic life and became a Father and Doctor of our Church. Your challenge this week is to tap into the power of prayer. Prayerfully choose an injustice which you see—in your local community, in our country, or in the world. Then pray every day this week for an end to the injustice. Open your heart and listen to what God wants you to do to help end the injustice. <https://pastoral.center>

Representatives of Christ

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:15–16)

Adult Question: If you were asked, how would you explain Jesus to a person who had not heard of him?

Child Question: Who do you tell people Jesus is?

<https://pastoral.center>

"The fact that our heart yearns for something earth can't supply is proof that heaven must be our home."
C.S. Lewis

(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
ONLY PETER HAS THE ANSWER



“What do you think of the Pope?”

After the election of Pope Leo XIV in 2025, all my non-Catholic friends texted me this question. The result of the papal conclave was dominating the news cycle, and everyone was curious about this man who would now be so prominent on the world stage, making me temporarily popular with people who apparently need more (and better) Catholics in their lives.

In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus entrust Peter and his heirs with the stewardship of the kingdom here on earth, creating an unbroken line of authority that stretches through the millennia all the way to our current Pope — whoever he is at the time you are reading this.

I don’t know if you like the Pope. The same goes for your local bishop and your pastor. If a friend texted you, “What do you think of him?” I have no idea how you would respond.

All I know is this: it doesn’t really matter. What really matters is what we would say if a friend texted us the same question about Jesus Christ: “What do you think of him, and why?”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus doesn’t ask his disciples to take an IQ test. He doesn’t try to find out which one is the nicest, the hardest worker, the most humble, or even the holiest.

He asks a very simple question: “Who do you say that I am?”

Peter has the answer.

I am not Catholic because I like the Pope. I am not Catholic because the human representatives of the Church have anything to offer me (they often do, but this is beside the point).

I am Catholic because only Peter has the answer.
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – August 20, 2026 ©LPi

Diocese of Fairbanks Employment Opportunities

+ Director of Faith and Family Formation - full-time with benefits.

If you know anyone that may be interested, have them go to <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings> for more details or email humanresources@cbna.org.



+Safe Environment/Victim Assistance Coordinator has been filled. Melissa Welsh will begin August 18th. She can be reached at mwelsh@cbna.org or 907-374-9500 ext.111.

If you would like to send encouragement to **Michael Olsta** - snail mail can be sent to St. Dominic Priory 2390 Bush Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.



Letters to **Fr. Gerald Ornowski** can be sent to PO Box 951, Stockbridge, MA 01262. If you are sending a package, send it to 2 Prospector Hill Rd, Stockbridge, MA 01262,

Nature Walk and Reflection

The Secular Franciscans of Fairbanks are offering a special event to honor the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi. **We will gather for a nature walk at Creamer’s Field Trail from 3 to 4 PM on Saturday, August 22nd.** We will meet by the White Barn. We will read and reflect on prayers written by Saint Francis as we walk the Wetlands Trail. Afterwards all are invited to attend the 4:30 PM Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral followed by food and fellowship in the Social Hall downstairs. For further information please contact Gloria Slagle at stclare4@gmail.com.

SAINTS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Saint John Henry Newman: Ever been to a Newman Center on a college campus? It’s named after Saint John Henry Newman, who famously converted from the Church of England to Catholicism, losing a lot of worldly power and honor along the way (which was then restored as a cardinal in the Catholic Church). He was himself an academic and wrote [*The Idea of a University*](#).



Knights of Columbus are selling tickets for their 30th annual **Pot ‘O’ Gold cash raffle**. You can be a winner by purchasing a \$20 raffle ticket after SHC masses August 22 and 23; or contact Tom Malone at 907 469-1398 for more information. Grand prize is \$15,000 and fifteen additional cash prizes of at least \$500. Drawings will be held Sept. 7th and Dec. 12th.



The Seven Sisters Apostolate

Every day from one to three members of the Apostolate pray a holy hour for a specific clergy member. Each Seven Sisters member chooses a day of the week to offer her Holy Hour and then continues on that day for the whole year. This year, our Holy Hours are offered for the intentions, support, and health of Father Gerardus Hauwert, IVE. If you love intercessory prayer, please consider joining the Seven Sisters Apostolate. This ministry’s rewards are twofold as it is not only beneficial to the clergy for whom we pray; but is also edifying to our own prayer lives. We will choose a new clergy to pray for in June 2027. For more information, Contact Jan Fortune at: 43janetf@gmail.com.

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 23: \$ 901.00

Parishioner Count: 112

Total Yearly Collection (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 17,369.90

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.

† ...for the unborn child and sanctity of life of all.

† ...for all at UAF and for the success of another year our Catholic Student Association (CSA) and all they have planned.

† ...those living with physical illness, mental anxiety, and fear – may they never feel abandoned.

† ...repose of the souls who have gone before us that they may rest in peace.

VOCATIONS

**"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."
(Matthew 16:18)**

God does not call the perfect or extraordinary. Like Peter, ordinary men and women are invited to play extraordinary roles in His plan through priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Whatever your gifts or weaknesses, God can use you to build His Church and bring His love to the world. Talk to the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or via email: vocations@cbna.org or check out www.facebook.com/FairbanksVocations.

Pray for our Priest: "God, help them to navigate whatever challenges they encounter. Be their comfort and my rock. Guide them to do Your will and be an instrument of your peace today and each day. Amen."



Feast Days for the week of August 23rd:

August 24: St. Bartholomew – "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." John 1:49

August 27: St. Monica – "Nothing is far from God."

August 28: St. Augustine – "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

August 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist – I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, Make straight the way of the Lord." – John 1:23

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, 9:00 & 11:30 AM

***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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www.masstimes.org/location



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA —JUST FOR FUN

Answer: The miracle of the loaves and fishes