



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

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

8/29: 10am-12Noon **Altar Server Training** at SHC

9/1: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

9/1: 6:30pm **CSA 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

9/14: Feast of Exaltation of the Cross

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

9/24: Catechetical Sunday

10/1: Feast of St. Therese, patroness of our diocese"

10/10: Annual Catholic Schools **HIPOW** Fundraiser

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. *St. Mark families are encouraged to enroll their children in these classes or at ICC. If you have any questions, please contact our office at stmark@cbna.org.*

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2026.

My soul is thirsting for you
O LORD MY GOD

Psalm 63



First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God's name.

Responsorial: *Psalm 63:2-6,8-9*

Our souls yearn for God.

Second Reading: *Romans 12:1-2*

Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Music of the Mass August 30

727 Hail, Redeemer, King Divine

160 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

721 At the Name of Jesus

205 Immaculate Mary

196 Go Make of All Disciples

Mass Parts – *Heritage Mass* 869-876



September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

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: In addition to Jesus' mother Mary, which
saint is depicted more than any other?
(Answers on back page.)



SUNDAY

Religious Education: 9:15-10:15AM Begins Sept. 14th.

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.

Catholic Student Association (CSA): Mass – Adoration-6:45pm; 7:15pm Mass held at UAF Upper Lola Tilly Commons.

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA): Classes begin 9/22, at 7pm in basement of Sacred Heart Cathedral – Classroom 8.

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.

Fairbanks Catholic Engaged Encounter Team: Monthly meeting on 1st Thursday of the month; 6-8pm in SHC Community Room. Open to all couples. Marriage enrichment starts at 6:30pm.

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

Altar Server Training: 8/29 at SHC from 10am-12noon.

SHC Confessions/Adoration: 3-4 PM

Young Adult Activity: TBA

SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP

Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat: 10/16-18 at St. Nick's.

Silent Ignatian Retreats: Oct. 1-4 for Men; Nov. 5-8 for Women.

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.

Why the Different Bodily Posture at Mass?

Following is our quick guide to Postures at Mass (GIRM 43):
Entrance/Opening Prayer: Stand – Welcoming Christ into our midst.

Liturgy of the Word: Sit for readings/homily; stand for Gospel – Listening as one family.

Our Father: Stand with hands folded in prayer – United in the prayer Jesus taught us.

Consecration: Kneel – Adoring the Real Presence.

Communion: Stand to receive (or kneel if preferred); sit/kneel after for thanksgiving.

We also avoid imitating the priest's gestures, like extending hands in the orans posture during the Our Father or Eucharistic Prayer. These are reserved for him in his sacred role as he stands in persona Christi (in the person of Christ)

UAF CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION (CSA)

*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 Lola Tilly once a week to encourage community and spiritual growth while pursuing academic goals.

Join individuals like yourself at Lola Tilly every Tuesday who embrace their faith in Adoration and Mass. Hear about other activities available in town to participate in.

SCHEDULED EVENTS ON CAMPUS

9/1 (Tue): 6:45 pm Adoration, 7 :15 pm Mass; followed by potluck with St. Mark Parish.

9/8 (Tue): 6:45 pm Adoration, 7 :15 pm Mass and faith formation

Week of Sept 12-13th CSA plans on seeing The Passion of Christ at the theater!

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 CSA students and hear about the year they have planned. Learn about their graduation goals!

St. Mark University Sunday Mass is held at 5:30 pm 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 as an Altar Server, Lector/Reader, Extraordinary Minister, or Choir member! Training will be provided.

SAINTS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274):

Thomas was a Dominican friar, considered one of the most brilliant minds that Christianity has ever produced. The “Universal Teacher of the Church,” he dedicated his life to teaching, preaching, and writing. Born in Italy, Thomas was both a saint and genius. He was also a composer of several religious hymns – *O Salutaris* and *Pange Lingua* the most familiar to us. He is the patron saint of Catholic universities, colleges, academies, and schools.



The Gospel for Sunday reminds us that discipleship isn't easy. It will often require us to share in the Cross of Jesus. We are called to deny ourselves, to lose our lives for the sake of the Gospel. Your challenge this week is to take

up your cross and walk in solidarity with someone who suffers on a daily basis. Can you journey with someone who is poor or homeless, someone who is a victim of prejudice or discrimination, an undocumented immigrant, or someone in prison? Reflect on someone who is in deep physical or emotional or spiritual pain and offer up your own suffering this week for that person. <https://pastoral.center>

(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
TO CARRY THE CROSS



Carry the cross? Absolutely. I'm happy too! Hand it over. Here's the thing: I just might...set it down for a second, from time to time. That's okay, right?

How else am I supposed to have both hands free to gesture in anger? I can't do that if I'm carrying the cross. Well, fine, then let me just shift its weight, so I can catch my breath and say what I think about this person who's got it all wrong — I'll just lean it against the wall here. No? Okay, fine, I won't put it down! I'll keep holding it. That's better, actually. Then I can use it as a weapon.

What? Am I doing this "Christian" thing wrong?

"Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it," Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. "But whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

This is not an affirmation of the paradox that if you no longer care about something, you can finally have it once and for all. It's not a judgment about the worthlessness of life in this fallen world or the futility of trying to preserve that life.

It's merely a statement about priorities.

When Peter says, "God forbid!" at the thought of suffering, God is not his priority. His own safety is.

When I say, "God forbid!" at anything that comes from the mouth of God, it's a reminder to look at my hands — because they've probably put down the cross.

How merciful is our Lord — he never takes my cross from me, even when I walk far away from it. He always lets me pick it back up. In his dear and sweet goodness, he even helps me lift its weight. And he gestures, in case I've forgotten: "This way. Follow me."

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – August 27, 2026, ©LPi

COME, FOLLOW ME

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

Adult Question: In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus?

Child Question: When has it been difficult to be a follower of Jesus? <https://pastoral.center>

Diocese of Fairbanks Employment Opportunities

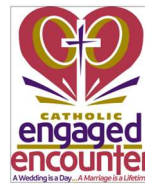
+ Director of Faith and Family Formation - full-time with benefits.

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,



The Fairbanks Catholic Engaged Encounter Team is going to begin hosting a monthly business meeting followed by marriage enrichment on the first **Thursday of each month at Sacred Heart Cathedral**. This event is **open to all married couples**. The first meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 3rd from 6-8 pm** and will be downstairs in the Community Room. The business meeting is open to all but if couples want to come just for the marriage enrichment, they should plan to arrive by 6:30 pm.

The Seven Sisters Apostolate: 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. Consider joining this ministry Each June a new clergy is chosen to pray for the year. For more information, Contact Jan Fortune at: 43janetf@gmail.com.



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 beheld Sept. 7th and Dec. 12th.*

Spiritual Exercises SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT



Upcoming dates

FALL DATES
 Oct 1-4 for MEN
 Nov 5-8 for WOMEN

SPRING DATES
 Feb 25-28 for MEN
 Mar 4-7 for WOMEN

COST: \$250

REGISTER NOW

Questions/Contact
 Jesse Vorves (for Men's retreat) 907-482-0098
 Sydney Larson (for Women's retreat) 651-414-1822

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola help to grow more deeply in the spiritual life by showing how to overcome oneself and to conform to the will of God.

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"Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God.
 Do all that you do with love.
 ~ St. Therese of Lisieux

Will you not stay with me one hour?

BE ONE WITH JESUS IN
Eucharist Adoration



STEWARDSHIP REPORT



August 23: \$ 185.10

Parishioner Count: 116

Total Yearly Collection (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 18,165.00

Thank you for your generous support & prayers!



Pope Leo XIV's Monthly Prayer Intention for September 2026

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

PRAY FOR

- † ...the Church – Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Steven Maekawa, OP, Rev. Ross Tozzi, and all pastors, deacons, and religious in our diocese.
- † ...all suffering from the results of natural disasters.
- † ...the sanctity of life of all and the unborn children.
- † ...those attending UAF and members of Catholic Student Association (CSA).
- † ...educators and support staff.
- † ...those living with physical illness, mental anxiety, and fear – may they never feel abandoned.
- † ...for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed. May all those who have gone before us share the joys of eternal life.

VOCATIONS

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny, take up his cross, and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

Jesus entrusts His Church to faithful servants and calls each of us to lay down our lives in love and service. Priests, religious, and married couples all share in this call to embrace sacrifice for the good of others. Consider how God may be inviting you. If you feel called to the priesthood or consecrated life, 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.

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 30th:

September 3: Gregory the Great:

"You cannot acquire the gift of peace if by your anger you destroy the peace of the Lord.

September 5: St. Teresa of Calcutta (Kolkata):

"There is always the danger that we may just do the work for the sake of the work. This is where the respect and the love and the devotion come in – that we do it to God, to Christ, and that's why we try to do it as beautifully as possible.

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

***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

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

www.masstimes.org/location

Run for the Roses

HIPOW

57TH ANNUAL AUCTION & DINNER

BOILEAU HALL, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

FILL OUR SHELVES!

WE NEED 1,000 ITEMS

AUCTION ITEMS

NEW ITEMS, INCLUDING GIFT CERTIFICATES (SHOP LOCAL), TOYS, ELECTRONICS, HOME IMPROVEMENT ITEMS, WINE, AND CLOTHING COATS, PURSES, SHOES, AND BOOTS GO WELL

WE ALSO WELCOME ARTWORK, JEWELRY, GOLD AND SILVER, FURS, COLLECTIBLES, VEHICLES, AIRLINE MILEAGE AND ANTIQUE FURNITURE.

NOT SURE WHAT TO DONATE? LIVE OUT OF STATE?
SHOP OUR AMAZON WISHLIST!

THE HIPOW OFFICE (718 BETTY ST.) CAN ACCEPT AUCTION DONATIONS FROM 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA —JUST FOR FUN

Answer: St. Nicholas.

Sinterklass or Sint Nicolaas is a legendary figure based on Saint Nicholas, patron saint of children.

Pray anytime when feeling worried, stressed or unsure of the future: "Jesus, I trust in You."