



# ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks  
1316 Peger Rd., Fairbanks, AK 99709-5168  
Email: [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) Webpage: <https://stmarksuaf.org>

## 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):**

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri – 8:30 AM;

Tue at 6:45 PM Adoration – 7:15 PM Mass.

Discussion or activity following mass.

*Held in Upper Lola Tilly Building on UAF campus*

**Low Gluten Host – If you need a low-gluten host, please contact the priest before mass.**

## PASTOR

Fr. Ross Tozzi: [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto: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](mailto: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, Sean & Jen Tucker, Mary Pat Boger

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**10/2-3: 6:30 PM- 9:00 AM Rosary Congress** at SHC

*Diocesan wide event - see schedule in this bulletin.*

**10/3: 11:00 AM Pets Blessing** at SHC in Parking Lot

**10/4: 12AM (midnight) HIPOW Bids open!**

**10/10: 10:00 AM Altar Server Training** at SHC

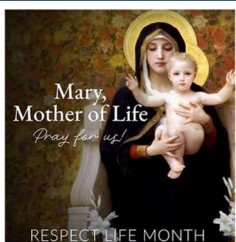
**10/10: Annual Catholic Schools HIPOW Fundraiser**

**10/10: 6:00 PM Traditional Latin Mass** at ICC

**10/13: 7:00 PM Chiara Petrillo Women's Group** at ICC

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

This is the **Jubilee Year of St. Francis** and the traditional **blessing of the animals** will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM in the parking lot by the Mary Garden.



The Catholic Church in the United States celebrates **Respect Life Month in October**. The first Sunday of October is observed as **Respect Life Sunday**. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. This month, we are asked to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human being. <https://www.respectlife.org>

**OCTOBER 4, 2026**

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

**27TH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**YEAR A**



**First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7**

The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

**Responsorial: Psalm 80:9,12-16,19-20**

The Lord protects his vineyard, the house of Israel.

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9**

Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43**

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

## Music of the Mass for October 4<sup>th</sup>

**568** All Creatures of Our God and King

**331** One Love Released

**345** Gift of Finest Wheat

**222** Soul of My Savior

**585** Sing to the Mountains

*Mass Parts – Heritage Mass 869-876*



## CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN:

**Question:** Which popular Christmas tradition is St. Francis credited with creating in the year 1223 to help people envision the birth of Christ? (Answers on back page.)



## SUNDAY

**Religious Education:** 9:15-10:15AM. Contact Sr. Humilde at [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org).

**Young Adult Game Night:** TBD

## MONDAY

**SHC Book Club:** Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> discussion on "Light on Light: Illuminations of the Gospel of Jesus Christ from the Mystical Visions of the Venerable Anne Catherine Emmerich" by Hurd Baruch. (Can be found for free on archive.org – (search for Anne Catherine Emmerich, scroll down for "Light on Light"). Meets 12:30-2PM in SHC Community Room. Contact Jan Fortune for info at: [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com)

## TUESDAY

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

**Young Adult Feast and Faith:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month September – May.

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

**Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA):** 7 PM in basement of Sacred Heart Cathedral – Classroom 8.

**Saint Joseph Men's Group:** 7 PM on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at ICC. Bring a refreshment to share!

**Chiara Petrillo Women's Group:** 7 PM on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at ICC. Bring a refreshment to share!

## THURSDAY

**Voces Teens:** 6-7:30 PM. Youth ages 13-17.

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

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from 7-8 PM.

**Fairbanks Catholic Engaged Encounter Team:** Monthly meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month; 6-8 PM in SHC Community Room. Open to all couples. Marriage enrichment starts at 6:30 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:** 6-8 PM Young Adults ages 18-30.

**Oratory:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> -1-3 PM at ICC. Ages 6-17.

**Family Formation Night & Third Order:** 6:00 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at Monroe Catholic School. ([10/16, 12/18](https://www.facebook.com/10161218))

## SATURDAY

**Altar Server Training:** TBA.

**SHC Confessions/Adoration:** 3-4 PM

**Young Adult Activity:** TBA

## SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP

**Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat:** Oct. 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 or Fr. Ross Tozzi at [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) or call (907) 347-3005. Contact Fr. Ross six (6) months prior to wedding date or call the parish office on 907-374-9544 regarding Marriage preparation.

## FYNDout Pregnancy 2026 Fall Banquet "Legacy"

**Fundraiser** is Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:00 PM at 8 Star Event Center, 1485 30<sup>th</sup> Ave, Fairbanks. To register go to <https://fyndoutfree.com/2026-fall-banquet-fundraiser>.

## 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 Loly Tilly once a week to encourage community and spiritual growth while pursuing academic goals.

*Join individuals like yourself who embrace their faith at Lola Tilly Commons every Tuesday for Adoration and Mass. Enjoy activities afterwards and learn about events available for young adults offered in neighboring parishes in our Diocese.*

## CATHOLIC MASS SCHEDULE ON UAF

**Held at Upper Lola Tilly Building**

**Tuesday 6:45 PM Adoration/7:15pm Mass**

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday at 8:30 AM**

**10/6:** Faith Formation Talk with Mother M. Star of the New Evangelization

**Voces Verbi: 6:00 – 8:00 pm on Fridays**  
at Immaculate Conception Church.

**Adoration – Formation Talk – Pizza Dinner – Games**

*"Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible." ~ St. Francis of Assisi*

*Consider participating in our Mass Ministry as an Altar Serve (upcoming training 10am at SHC on Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>), Lector/Reader, Extraordinary Minister, or Choir member! Training will be provided.*



**In October, we celebrate World Food Day, a world-wide event designed to increase awareness, understanding and informed, year-round action to alleviate hunger.** We often reserve fasting for Lent. But your challenge

this week is to choose a fast you can do to be in solidarity with those who go to bed hungry every night. It might mean giving up food for a whole day, or giving up one meal, or abstaining from your favorite beverage or snack for a day—or for the whole week. Take the money you would have spent on the meal(s) or snacks or drinks you sacrificed and donate it to an organization which feeds people directly or advocates for policies in our government which protect the hungry and vulnerable here at home or across the globe.

<https://pastoral.center>



## Mass Intentions

Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi in person, by email: [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org), or reach him at Ph: 907-347-3005 to schedule a Mass Intention. A suggested donation is \$10 or what you can afford. You are not buying a Mass – the offering supports the Church and priest.

## MOVIE PREMIERE:

**Mission Alaska: To the Ends of the Earth**

**Tickets are now on sale! An Exclusive Premiere with Bishop Steve and the filmmakers at the 8-Star Events Center will be held on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, with a social hour beginning at 5:30 PM. The evening will include refreshments, time to meet the cast and the crew, and take photos. Get tickets and sneak preview at <http://MissionAlaskaFilm.com> or [Diocese of Fairbanks Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofFairbanks) ! Seating is limited, so get your ticket now and bring a friend!**

(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)

## HOARDING THE HARVEST



I've always thought the Parable of the Tenants could be a storyline on one of those "world's dumbest criminals" shows.

Serial murder seems like an absolutely insane course of action simply to hoard the profits of a harvest you don't legally own. In what world did the tenants think they would get away with that? Furthermore, they must have had a contract with their landowner ensuring payment for their labor. Why, all of a sudden, is this payment not enough?

It's easy to dismiss the tenants as paranoid. Selfish. Greedy.

But then I think of my soul — my own little vineyard. Who owns it? Who bought it at great cost?

You see, the Parable of the Tenants isn't a story about greed. It's a story about trust. The tenants don't trust the landowner to give them their payment, to honor his promises. They're scared. They're resentful. They're angry.

And I get it.

Around my vineyard, there is a hedge, a protective barrier of grace shielding the fruit within from the toxic fumes of a fallen world. There is a wine press, so that the harvest of my vineyard can fulfill its ultimate purpose instead of withering, forgotten, on the branch. And there is a tower, tall and sturdy, built by capable hands. From its summit, I can see predators — animals, thieves — a long time before they reach me.

But I can see something else from the tower, too. I can see the landowner's Son, making his way to the gates of my vineyard. He is coming to claim the harvest. He is coming to give me what is promised.

Do I trust him? Do I let him in?

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – October 1, 2026, ©Lpi

## DEALING WITH INJUSTICE

Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." (Matthew 21:43)

**Adult Question:** How have you used your talents and abilities well for the Reign of God?

**Child Question:** What three things can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus? <https://pastoral.center>

**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."



Read "5 Cases to Watch at the Supreme Court This Term" article in the [National Catholic Register](https://www.nationalcatholicregister.org). These affect religious liberty and parental rights.

## 2026 Mass & Annual Rosary Congress

Sponsored by the Legion of Mary  
(Continuous Adoration except During Mass)

**Friday, October 2, 2026**

6:30 PM Opening Mass & Exposition @ SHC

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 PM Rosary in Spanish – Sorrowful Mysteries  
– *Hispanic Community*

11:00 PM Night Prayer – Magnificat or Holy Office  
Saturday, October 3, 2026

12 Midnight Rosary – Joyful Mysteries – *Filipino Community*

3:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary Luminous Mysteries  
– *Interior Right to Life*

6:00 AM Rosary Glorious Mysteries – *Legion of Mary*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer – Magnificat or Holy Office

9:00 AM First Saturday Mass @ SHC – Fr. Peter Bang

For questions call: Shannon Christensen 907-388-1825

or Kathleen Frisby 907-385-7114.

Hosted by Sacred Heart Cathedral



## Fathom Entertainment docudrama

**ADORE HIM: HE IS HERE**

is scheduled to screen at

**Regal Goldstream in Fairbanks**

**Oct 4: 4pm & 7pm**

**Oct 5th-8th: 7pm**

This explores the transforming power and theological significance of Eucharistic Adoration through cinematic scriptural reenactments and global testimonies. It follows up on the previous feature – *Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist*. Check film review at [www.ncregister.com](http://www.ncregister.com)

## CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

**WHAT:** Retreats led by local Catholic couples and priests sharing their experiences of living out the values of a sacramental marriage to help couples prepare for a marriage that can last.

**WHEN:** 16-18 October 2026

5-7 February 2027

15-17 October 2027

**WHERE:** Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

**COST:** \$260 per couple

**REGISTER:** [fairbanks@engagedencounter.com](mailto:fairbanks@engagedencounter.com)



## Feast Days for the week of October 4th:

**Oct 4th: St. Francis of Assisi** – "It is in giving that we receive."

**Oct 5th: St. Faustina Kowalska** – "The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is—trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive."

**Oct 6th: St. Bruno of Cologne** – "O what a good and blessed portion, to be unoccupied with worldly things and to be filled with divine delights."

**Oct 7th: Our Lady of the Rosary** – "The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers."

**Oct 8th: St. Bridget** – "We must show love for those who do evil to us and pray for them. Nothing is dearer or more pleasing to God than this."

**Oct 9th: St. John Newman** – "Fear not that your life shall come to an end but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning."

**Oct 10th: St. Francis Borgia** – "He who desires to consecrate himself to God must, in the first place, trample under his feet, all regard for what others will say of him. O my God, why do we not ask what Jesus Christ or His holy Mother, will think of our conduct?"

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT



September 27: \$ 1,608.00

Parishioner Count: 110

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

**Thank you for your generous support & prayers!**



### **Pope Leo XIV's Monthly Prayer Intention for October 2026**

#### **For mental health ministry.**

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- † ...the Church – Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Steven Maekawa, OP, Rev. Ross Tozzi, and all pastors, deacons, and religious in our diocese.
- † ...the strengthening of our resolve to protect the gift of every human life.
- † ...that we are not afraid of living our Faith.
- † ...parishioners who are sick, homebound, or lonely.
- † ...for the souls of the faithfully departed.

## **VOCATIONS**

***"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (Matthew 21:42)***

Jesus, the cornerstone, calls us to build His Church. In holy matrimony, couples become cornerstones of love and faith for a family. Have you talked to your children about their vocation? Pray with them and walk alongside them as they discern how God may be calling them

### **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](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org).



**+Finance Manage Position at St. Nicholas Parish.** Part-time, 15 hours a week position. If you have finance experience and would like to apply, please contact Fr. Aiden directly at 907-488-2595.

### **FOOD ITEMS DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SOUP**

**KITCHEN:** Bottles of water, coffee, sugar, grocery bags, fruit, protein bars, mayonnaise, peanut butter, jelly, apple cider packets. ICC kitchen can be reached via e-mail at [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org), or by phone at 907-452-3533.

## **READINGS OF THE DAY**

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

**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](mailto:vac@cbna.org). For more information, access the Diocese Safe Environment site at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/bishop-abuse-reporting>

# HIPPOW57

— RUN FOR THE ROSES —

## BIDDING OPENS

### at Midnight

ON SUNDAY MORNING,  
OCTOBER 4TH!

**REGISTER TO BID:**

Go to  
**hipow2026.ggo.bid**

Click "Register" and  
create your account.

**OVER 800**  
SILENT AUCTION  
ITEMS TO BID ON!

**SILENT AUCTIONS**  
CLOSE ON  
**OCTOBER**  
**10, 11 & 12**

**LIVE AUCTION**  
FOR DINNER GUESTS ONLY  
ON OCTOBER 10TH.  
**80 LIVE ITEMS!**

Get your dinner tickets at  
**hipowauction.com**

*Going Fast!*

### **October is the Month of the Holy Rosary.**

Through the meditations of the complete Rosary one recalls and has impressed on his mind, "*the chief mysteries of the Christian religion,*" "*the mysteries of our Redemption,*" "*the great mysteries of Jesus and His Mother united in joys, sorrows, and triumphs.*" The twenty mysteries are divided into four equal groups, known as "*The Joyful,*" "*The Sorrowful,*" "*The Glorious,*" and "*The Luminous Mysteries*".  
[www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)



### **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 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

### **CATHOLIC TRIVIA —JUST FOR FUN**

**Answer:** The Live Nativity Scene (Crèche).