



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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July 26, 2020 – 17th Sunday Ordinary Time

**5:30pm ST. MARK MASS
AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL**

Commitment

1Kings 3:5, 7-12 *Wisdom of Solomon*

Psalms 119:57+72, 76-77, 127-28, 129-30

Romans 8:28-30 *God's Love for All*

Matthew 13:44-52 *The Treasure and The Pearl*

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Reconciliation: Confessions at SHC, Sat. 3 -4pm.

Sacraments & Becoming Catholic:

Contact Fr. Robert Fath or Mary Pat Boger.

Vocations: See Fr. Robert Fath

Parish Council: Meets 2nd Sun/month after Mass

Parish Council Members: Cynthia Klepaski, John Fox, Marilis Bennett, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker.

Parish News: We are currently seeking bids on a new roof and 3 windows for 2021 summer maintenance projects.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for July 2020 - Our Families:

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Stewardship for July 2020

July 19: \$ 663.25

(Checks-\$320/Cash \$93.25/WeShare \$250)

Thank you for your generous & continued support! Donate electronically at www.stmarksuaf.org with WeShare.

Words from our Pastor – Fr. Robert Fath



You are cordially invited to the celebration of the **Rite of Admission to Candidacy with Bishop Zielinski on Thursday, August 6th at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral.** Warren Lucero, Piotr Oprych and Dominik Wojcik will publicly declare their intention to continue their studies and formation to enter into Holy Orders. Warren will publicly declare his desire to be ordained as a permanent deacon and Piotr and Dominik to be ordained priests for the Diocese of Fairbanks. As a Catholic community of faith, let us come together to pray for these men and all who are preparing for a life of service in the Church.

*****It will also be a commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the death of Bishop Michael Kaniecki, SJ**

Fighting Hunger in the Tanana Valley

Due to the cancelation of the annual Tanana Valley Fair, Fairbanks Community Food Bank will miss the generous donations that are brought in on "Canned Food Day"- a projected loss of 20,000 pounds. 20 local area churches are meeting the challenge of meeting the loss with 500 pounds each to go towards 10,000 pounds toward making up the difference. Please drop off your donations of canned or dry food to Sacred Heart Cathedral entry and place in the blue tub.

Discernment of Spirits Talk
Following First Friday Mass – 5:30PM
At Immaculate Conception Church
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM on August 7
At Immaculate Conception Church

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. One who searches hearts knows what the intention of the Spirit is, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will (Rom 8:26- 27).

Learning to Discern the Spirit and how He speaks to us is the quest of every Christian. Catholics, in particular, are Confirmed in the Spirit at Confirmation yet many struggle trying to understand the Spirit and how He talks to us. This talk will help discern the Spirit by following St. Ignatius and his 3 step means to discern spirits.

1. Be Aware of your yourself: physical, emotional, psychological, social, moral, and spiritual movements
2. Understand the Roots of these movements
3. Act: either resist or pro-act – never react.

**Everyone is invited to come and learn how to discern
the Holy Spirit Working in your life.**

*****NOTE: St. Mark's email address had been typed incorrectly in the past and is now corrected. Please use: stmark@cbna.org .**

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

Liturgy Matters #34

And now begins the awesome moment of the Mass, the distribution of the sacred gifts. At this moment the priest holds up before the people the

broken bread and, as one declaring a huge mystery, tells the people to fix their gaze on it. He says, "Behold the Lamb of God!" using the same phrase that the people have been singing. He continues with their same phrase, "Behold him who takes away the sins of the world!" "Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb!" When we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, it is a sacred moment, a moment to be cherished and revered. St. Cyril of Jerusalem reveals to us a poetic reflection on how our attitude should be expressed as we receive our Lord when he writes:

"Trust not the judgment to your bodily palate, no, but to unfaltering faith. For those who taste are bidden to taste, not bread and wine, but the anti-typical Body and Blood of Christ. Do not approach, then, with your wrists extended or your fingers spread; but make your left hand a throne for the right, as for that which is to receive a king. And having hallowed your palm, receive the Body of Christ, saying over it, "Amen." Then after having carefully blessed your eyes by the touch of the holy Body, consume it—carefully, lest you lose any portion. For whatever you lose is evidently a loss to you as it were from one of your own limbs. Tell me, if anyone gave you grains of gold, would you not hold them with care, on your guard against losing any? Will you not keep watch more carefully, then, that not a crumb fall from you of what is more precious than gold and precious stones?

Then after you have consumed the Body of Christ, draw near also to the cup of His Blood; not stretching forth your hands, but bending, and saying with an air of worship and reverence, "Amen." Bless yourself by partaking also of the Blood of Christ. And while the moisture is still upon your lips, touch it with your hands, and bless your eyes and brow and the other organs of sense. Then wait for the prayer, and give thanks to God, who has counted you worthy of such great mysteries.

This beautiful example is the reverence we should be demonstrating during this most sacred time. This is the example we should set for one another, that there may be no confusion as to what we are receiving in communion. **IT IS OUR LORD!**

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

Latest on UAF Status:

<https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus/uaf/uaf-status>

Remaining Catholic. College students are likely to encounter challenges from students, professors and studies on matters of their faith. Relationships, studies and activities seem to fill up the daily calendar. With campus ministry we are here to help you work at expanding your horizon while maintaining Catholic values in the secular cultural environment that clash with church teaching. Become involved with Catholic activities on and off campus.

Students have asked for help in finding housing near campus for the year. If you know of anything, please let Mary Pat know so she can forward the information to interested students.

Campus Ministry: Please keep our ministry in your prayers and let us know if you hear of opportunities for students!

High School Youth Group

Sacred Heart invites all high school youth in the Fairbanks area to attend weekly events this summer including a hiking trip, bonfire, and other activities. Check Sacred Heart Youth Ministry page on Facebook for more up-to-date information.

Cathedral Food Box Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help distribute



food boxes Friday afternoons between 12 and 1pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Work includes

unloading boxes from the Food Bank truck when it arrives, then help load boxes into vehicles as they come to pick up groceries. For questions or to offer help, call SHC at 44-9032 and ask for Ann, or email ann@cbna.org.

Focusing the Gospel

... to the First Reading: The wisdom that Solomon requested and for which he is famous is one of the most valued virtues of the Old Testament tradition. Like Solomon, we must ask for wisdom so that we can recognize the great treasure of the kingdom of God when it appears. **... to experience:** People spend hundreds of dollars taking a chance on winning a mega lottery, even though the odds are many millions to one. On the contrary, there is no chance involved in our spending our lives to receive the extreme good God offers us. We have already been given the greatest prize possible: the kingdom of heaven. *Working with the Word* <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Please pray for: Bishop Chad, Fr. Robert Fath, priests, religious, deacons and seminarians serving in Alaska; Ben Orr, Robin Eagan, Gail Riedman, members of St.

Mark's, and returning UAF students. Pray for those housebound due to illness and those who care for them. *Please send prayer requests to* uaf.stmark@gmail.com



Stewardship Moment

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." -ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in every-thing we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.



Donate Time, Talent, Or Money

The ICC Soup Kitchen depends on all 5 parishes on helping with volunteers and donations! They need all our help to make this work.

Volunteers are needed during these hours:

Tuesday 10:00 AM —2:00 PM

Wednesday 10:00 AM —2:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM —1:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM —1:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM —1:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM —1:00 PM

Items needed: Granola bars, sliced cheese, cheese sticks, desserts, cake/brownie mix. If you bake home items – please wrap into individual servings. *Unable to shop – make a monetary donation to ICC's Soup Kitchen.*

ICC is also accepting the following winter and summer gear: Boots, Wool Socks, Scarfs, Hats, Gloves, Gaiters, Hoodies, Raingear, Light and Heavy Sweaters.

All Staff, Clergy, and Volunteers must go thru the Safe and Sacred online training, found here: <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/index.php/safe-environment/training>

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into My heart. I embrace You as if You have already come and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Sign on to our neighboring churches websites to see what might be of interest for you or your family. Current needs are at SHC on Fridays helping with their food box ministry and ICC food kitchen. Other activities and events may pique your interest.... groups for discussions, movies, prayer, classes, etc. Contact Fairbanks Catholic Schools and see if they need volunteers. Growing in our Catholic faith is a lifetime commitment.

NEIGHBORING PARISH MASS TIMES

Check out Diocese of Fairbanks Website for current news, letters from Bishop Chad, Diocesan magazine, calendar of events, seminarian news and specific needs in our rural parishes.

<http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/>

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm (Live Streamed)

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00am

Sunday Spanish Mass: 1:00pm

Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:30am

Confessions Heard: Sat 3:00-4:00pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thu: 8am-12noon

<https://www.sacredheartak.org/chs/>

Immaculate Conception 452-3533

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Mass: 12:10pm

Wed: 5:30pm, followed by Adoration & Confession

<https://iccfairbanks.org/>

Saint Raphael 457-6603

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:30am - Outside in Parking Lot

Weekday: Tues, Thurs Mass 9:30am; Wed 5:30pm

<http://straphaelfairbanks.org/>

Saint Nicholas, North Pole 488-2595

Sign up required to attend for Weekend Masses.

<https://signup.com/go/ZjtAQHb>

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm – Specifically for the Elderly and Vulnerable

Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00pm

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:45am Prayer & Mass (***Weekday Masses are Live Streamed***)

Weekday: Wed 6pm Mass & Adoration w/Rosary

<http://www.stnicholasnp.org/>

