



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 Sunday 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: 907-374-9544

Office Hours: 10:00 AM– 12noon

Parish Admin: Mary Pat Boger – stmark@cbna.org

Bookkeeping: Marilis Bennett

Music Director: George Stefan

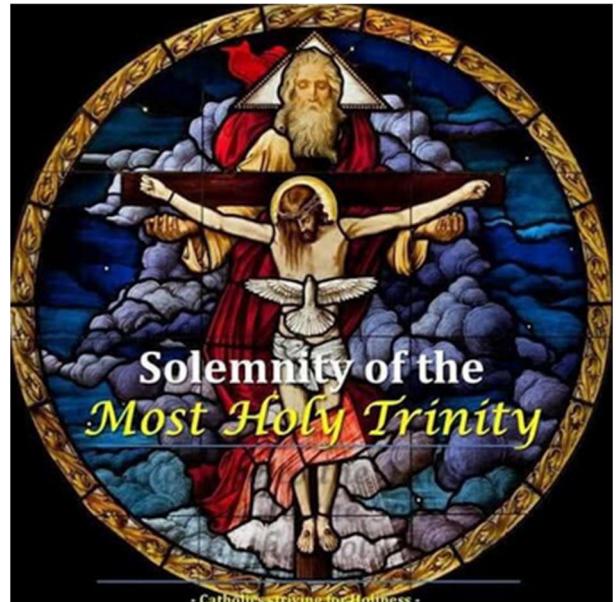
CSA Advisor: Devan Larson

Finance Council: Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker,

Fr. Ross Tozzi

Pastoral Council: Marilis Bennett, Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick, Sean & Jen Tucker, Mary Pat Boger

May 31, 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS

6/6: **Young Adult Baseball Night** – 6:45 PM Growden Park

6/7: **Corpus Christi Procession** – 2:30 SHC start to ICC

6/9, 11, 14: **Movie** at Regal Cinema

6/12: 6 PM Special Mass [Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus/USCCB](#).

6/18: 6 PM **Jesuit Farewell Mass** at Holy Family Chapel

7/12: 9:30 AM **St. Raphael Mass 35th Anniversary Mass**
followed by celebration with food and games!

Register for the following iccfairbanks.org/summer2026

7/14-17: Summer Oratory (ages 7-17)

7/20-23: Girls & Boys Camp (ages 10-17)

7/26-31: Popular Mission (All ages)

7/2-11: **Catholic Schools of Fairbanks SUPERSALE**

**Drop off details:*

Mon-Fri. Hours: 9AM-3PM

Location: 718 Betty Street

Ph: (907) 313-3219



Accepting donations NOW! Support our Catholic Schools!

First Reading: *Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9*

Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mt. Sinai.

Responsorial: *Psalm Daniel 3:52-56*

We praise God who is exalted above all forever.

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

Gospel Reading: *John 3:16-18*

God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

Music of the Mass May 31

219 God, We Praise You

706 O God, Almighty Father

707 All Hail, Adored Trinity

651 O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

705 On This Day, The First of Days

Mass Parts – *Heritage Mass* 869-876



Life with God is not immunity from difficulties.
but peace in difficulties. ~C.S. Lewis~

Welcome to St. Mark University Church!
We are glad you are here!



SUNDAY

Corpus Christi Procession: 2:30 PM start at SHC.
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: *End of the season potluck June 4th starting at 12:30 PM downstairs in the Community Room.* Monthly 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: May 26th at 5:30 PM. Meet at Miguel's Authentic Mexican Restaurant. Bishop Steve will be our guest again for the final talk! *3rd Thursday of the month!*

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.

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: 6 PM -June 12th at SHC

SATURDAY

SHC Confessions/Adoration: 3-4 PM
Young Adult Summer Activities: June 6th Goldpanners Game

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.*

On Becoming Catholic: Contact the Parish Office at 907-374-9544 or Fr. Ross Tozzi at (907) 347-3005.



St. Mark University Parish supports **UAF Catholic Student Association (CSA)** – a student faith organization supporting students in practicing and growing in their Catholic faith while enrolled at the

University of Alaska Fairbanks campus. During Fall and Spring semester there is a weekly mass & meeting on campus. They also participate in Catholic opportunities off campus and are involved with liturgical ministry at the St. Mark 5:30 pm mass held off campus at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Officers are currently meeting this summer planning for the upcoming school year. If you think you might have something to offer (talent, time, or donation) – contact our office at stmark@cbna.org or call (907) 374-9544 and we can help answer any questions you may have. Keep them in your prayers!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN:

Question: *Who/what is missing:* The signs of Christ's Presence in the liturgy are: Presider, Eucharist Species, ???
(Answer on back page.)

Jesuit Farewell Mass

From Fr. Pascal Tosi and Fr. Louis Robaut (1886) to our final two Jesuits Fr. Gregg Wood and Fr. Tom Provinsal (2026) – we say **“Good-Bye”** as they say **“quyana and goodbye”** to Alaska for good!



After almost 140 years of spreading the Gospel in northern Alaska, the mission of the Society of Jesus will be coming to an end. In gratitude for their many years of service, join us for a farewell Mass and reception to offer thanksgiving to God for their missionary efforts:

When: Thursday, June 18, 2026

Where: Holy Family Chapel – Catholic Schools of Fairbanks

Time: 6:00 PM

A reception following Mass will take place in the school commons.



Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church. It is a celebration of the day the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and believers in the

upper room after the Resurrection. Each person was given gifts to use to share the good news of

Jesus with the world. One of the first challenges the early Church faced was finding the time to distribute food to the hungry. The apostles saw this action as a priority, but their preaching and teaching were taking time from helping the poor. So, they appointed special deacons whose task was specifically to serve the poor. Your challenge this week is to look around and see a human need in your parish family which your pastor does not have the time to address. How can you serve someone in distress—physically, emotionally, or spiritually? What can you do to help?

<https://pastoral.center>

Gift for Service

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord.

(1 Corinthians 12:4–5)

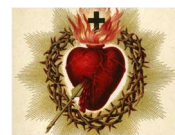
Adult Question: What gift of service have you received from the Holy Spirit and how well are you using it right now?

Child Question: What gift do you hope to receive from the Holy Spirit? How could you use it to serve others?

<https://pastoral.center>

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

With Consecration to the Sacred Heart



During the Spring meeting of the USCCB, the American bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We invite everyone to gather for Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral for our local consecration and to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the cathedral in Fairbanks.

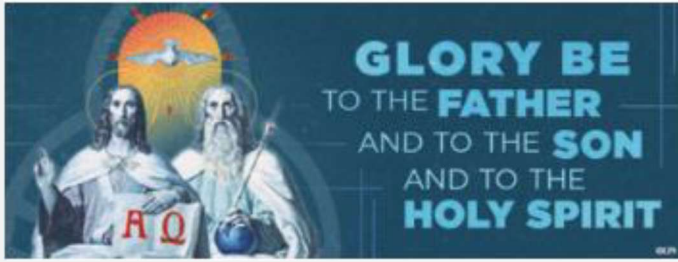
WHEN: Friday, June 12, 2026

WHERE: Sacred Heart Cathedral

TIME: 6:00 PM

A barbeque, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will follow Mass and consecration. All are welcome!
 See <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/jesuit-farewell> .

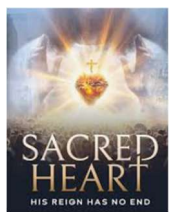
Live The Liturgy



The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. That oneness is mirrored for us in the Holy Trinity: one God in three Persons. We are a diverse community with different backgrounds, cultures, realities, and gifts, but we are truly one. Unfortunately, we too often forget this and function as a fractioned body. We needlessly compete against one another, judge one another as opposed to help, and sit silent when our brothers and sisters call out for help.

When we take seriously our way of life, we see our lives as not truly belonging to ourselves. We want to offer our very existence to God and the Body of Christ. If we find that we are resistant to that fullness of generosity, or we begin to use our gifts in a way that fractures community, we then actively work in contrast to this mark of the Church.

The Church that was established by Jesus and fortified by the institution of the sacraments cannot be deprived of Her four marks. The human element may be strained and injured, but not even the gates of hell will prevail against this institution alive in the Spirit. Our actions can either bear witness to that reality or it can bring offense. Let us pray that enough of us will choose the holy way so all the world may see that God is real, Jesus is alive, and we are ONE. ©Lpi



MOVIE TIME: There will be a movie documenting the history of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus playing at the **Regal Goldstream** on Tuesday, June 9th and Thursday, June 11th at 6:30pm and Sunday, June 14th at 3:30 and 6:30pm!

[Sacred Heart: His Reign Has No End \(Dub\)](#)

[Movie Tickets and Showtimes Near Me | Regal](#)



Corpus Christi PROCESSION 2026

We invite all to participate in the Eucharistic Procession for *Corpus Christi* going from Sacred Heart Cathedral to Immaculate Conception

SUNDAY JUNE 7TH
2:30pm

Start: Sacred Heart
End: Immaculate Conception

If you or your parish group would like to volunteer to set up one of the Benediction Altars please contact the ICC parish office.
907-452-3533

(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
THE GIFT OF NOT UNDERSTANDING



I once listened to Bishop Daniel Flores — a renowned scholar and prelate — give a 70-minute talk on the Trinitarian nature of God. In those 70 minutes, Bishop Flores said a lot of eloquent things. But what that really landed with me was not any group of words, but a single gesture.

Defining *hypostasis*, the term we use for the “the reciprocal dynamic relations that constitute distinct identities within the Godhead” (yes, I am using his words because I could never, in a million years, trust my own) Bishop Flores said “the Father and the Son are true God, but the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father. How not? Different hypostasis.”

And here his eyes grew wide; he turned his head and opened his hands, drawing back as if from a spooked horse. The implication was clear: *Any further than this, I dare not go.*

I’ve never felt so seen.

Sometimes, I make the mistake of thinking that I am unique in my inability to understand the great mysteries. Sometimes, I despair that I am not a “better Catholic” — one who will rush headfirst into the crosshairs of a hard question, confident in the words that come immediately to my lips.

But when I saw Bishop Flores flinch at the thought of defining how, exactly, the Son is *not* the Father, and vice versa, I remembered that only fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

This Sunday, friends, take heart: our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – May 28, 2026 ©Lpi

ALL ARE WELCOME! St. Raphael Catholic Parish will host our 35th Anniversary Celebration Picnic on July 12th. Come join the fun - Mass at 9:30 am, food, barbecue cookoff, games and more. Bring a side dish to share. Hope to see you there.





STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 24: \$ 1,300.61

Total Collection (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 61,085.39

Parishioner Count: 112

Thank you for your continued generosity!

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES! NOW HIRING!

The diocese is hiring for the following positions:

- 1) Accounting Assistant/Donations Processing Clerk
- 2) Controller.

If you know anyone that may be interested, please direct them to the Diocesan website

<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings> for job description or contact HR through email humanresources@cbna.org.



Pope Leo XIV's Monthly Prayer Intention for June 2026

That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Pray for the Church - Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Steven Maekawa, OP, Rev. Ross Tozzi, Dcn. Warren Lucero. and priests and religious within our diocese

Pray for – Individuals who are homebound, sick, or hospitalized; remember their families and caregivers; and for strengthening in faith of all who are afflicted in body, mind, and spirit.

Remember all our dearly departed.

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



VOCATIONS

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." (John 3:16)

The Trinity's love calls each of us to respond generously, offering our lives in service and fidelity. In priesthood, this gift is lived out daily through the sacraments, pastoral care, and witnessing Christ's love to the world. Might God be inviting you to follow this path? *Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office (907) 374-9504 or via email: vocations@cbna.org. Check out www.facebook.com/FairbanksVocations.*



Never stop praying for men to enter the priesthood!
St. John Vianney, pray for them!

June brings readings about trust, welcome, and placing Jesus at the center of life. We hear how God feeds His people, loves them, and gives them strength in hard times. We learn that faith grows when we stay close to Jesus, server others, and share His message with kindness.



Small acts of love matter, and God blesses those who open their hearts. The month invites us to walk with courage, hope, and steady trust in God's care.

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

"Behold this Heart which has loved men so much, and yet men do not want to love Me in return. Through you My divine Heart wishes to spread its love everywhere on earth."

– Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary.

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>

Summer vacation is here! MassTimes ministry is an app available to help find churches while traveling. Find a Catholic Church at your destination.
www.masstimes.org/location.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN

Answer: A. People of God & D. The Word.

