



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):

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 Ph: 907-347-3005

DEACON

Rev. Dcn. Warren Lucero

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

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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

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

10/16: 6:00 PM Family Formation Night at ICC

10/18: World Mission Sunday 100th Anniversary

10/24: 6:00 PM Traditional Latin Mass at ICC

11/1: All Saints Day

11/1: Time Change – Fall back an hour.

11/2: All Souls Day – Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

11/26: Thanksgiving

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 5th 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](#) ! Seating is limited, so get your ticket now and bring a friend!

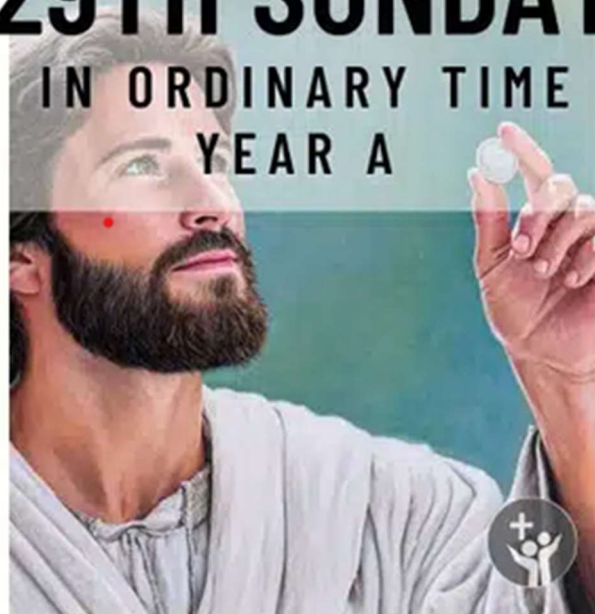
A Prayer for Pope Leo

Heavenly Father, we lift up Pope Leo XIV in prayer. Guide his surgeons and caregivers. Grant him peace, strength, healing, and safe recovery. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

OCTOBER 18, 2026

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

29TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A



First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

Responsorial: Psalm 96:1,3-10

Sing praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

Music of the Mass for October 18th

573 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

330 Look Beyond

665 Turn To Me

210 Hail, Holy Queen

569 Sing A New Song

Mass Parts – Heritage Mass 869-876



CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN:

Question: What is the name of the Catholic religious order that was founded to combat heresy and preach the Gospel? (*Answers on back page.*)



SUNDAY

Religious Education: 9:15-10:15AM. Contact Sr. Humilde at servidoras@cbna.org.

Young Adult Game Night: TBD

MONDAY

SHC Book Club: Meets 1st Monday of the month at 12:30-2PM in SHC Community Room. 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: TBA

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 4th Tuesday of the month (10/27) at ICC. Bring a refreshment to share!

Chiara Petrillo Women's Group: 7 PM on 2nd 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: 1st Thursday of the month from 7-8 PM.

Fairbanks Catholic Engaged Encounter Team: Monthly meeting on 1st 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: 2nd and 4th -1-3 PM at ICC. Ages 6-17.

Family Formation Night & Third Order: 6:00 PM 3rd Friday of the month at Monroe Catholic School. (10/16, 12/18)

SATURDAY

Altar Server Training: Next meeting 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: Nov. 5-9 for Women. Contact Sydney Larson 651-414-1822. Cost \$250 – Register NOW!

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, & Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at 907-374-9544 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 on 907-374-9544 regarding Marriage preparation.*

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



READINGS OF THE DAY

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

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 who embrace your faith at
Lola Tilly Commons every Tuesday.*

CATHOLIC MASS SCHEDULE ON UAF

Held in Upper Lola Tilly Building

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

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

10/20 – Join us as we celebrate the end of Midterm exams!

Congratulations to our students who participated in Scholarship Tournament Game Night October 13th!

Our winners of the three tournaments are:

Tournament 1: Warren G. Hayes - \$400

Tournament 2: Ausdin McQuain - \$350

Tournament 3: Laural Callan - \$300

Special 'Thank You' goes to Therese Yew for creating the Scholarship Trivia Questions and Answers; and Alex "Trebek" Suarez for being the game show host for the Scholarship Tournament Game Night!.

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

Adoration – Formation Talk – Pizza Dinner – Games

"It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you... It is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise..." ~ Pope St John Paul II.



Pilgrimage to World Youth Day

Seoul, South Korea

Trip Date: Jul 29, 2027 – Aug 10, 2027

<https://versoministries.com/departures/wyd-seoul-2027-diocese-of-fairbanks/>



This Sunday's Gospel has Jesus reminding us to give to God what is God's. As Catholics, we are called to practice stewardship—to use our time, our resources, and our gifts and talents to build God's kingdom here on earth. Your challenge this week is to examine your efforts to tithe financially. How much of your money goes toward those most in need? In addition to your support of the local parish and the universal Church, to which charities do you contribute? If you don't have a favorite charity, consider making a Catholic organization your charity of choice. Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development are a few of the many great Catholic organizations which exist to serve the most vulnerable in our world. Make them part of your practice of stewardship and give to God what is God's. <https://pastoral.center>

Are you thinking about how you can serve? Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: This ministry is open to practicing Catholics in good standing with the church who have received the sacrament of Confirmation. If interested, contact Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org

(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
WHOSE IMAGE WE BEAR



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus answers a trick question posed by the Pharisees about the temple tax, affirming that we owe our ultimate allegiance to God.

In writing this column, I spent a lot of time mulling over a strange question: if I had a coin with Caesar's face on it, could I use it to pay for my morning coffee?

Ancient Roman artifacts are worth a lot of money, but I have no idea how to appraise the artifacts and convert that worth to cash. I doubt my local barista does, either.

Out of curiosity, I Googled it. Apparently, the value depends a lot on the emperor. If we're talking about a marquee name like Julius Caesar, a coin will go for thousands of dollars. But let's say it's a shekel from Emperor Geta, some third-century failure who got murdered by his brother. You can get his coin for less than \$200.

It matters, apparently, whose face you're stamped with. We are all only as good as the image we bear.

When Christ said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God," he was talking about faithful citizenship and faithful discipleship. He was talking about the omnipotence of God over any political movement or historical era.

But he was also talking about our worth. Where it comes from, what it means, how long it will last. He was talking about whose image we bear. Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – October 15, 2026, ©Lpi

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

At that [Jesus] said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." (Matthew 22:21)

Adult Question: How much responsibility do you feel the government should take for meeting the needs of the less fortunate in our society? How willing are you to contribute?

Child Question: Who needs help in your neighborhood or community? What could you and your family do to help? 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."



*"We shall be called to account not only for every idle word, but also for every idle silence."
~ Saint Ambrose*

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



Family Formation Night & THIRD ORDER

Topic for talks – Formation of the Will

Held every 3rd Friday at 6:00 PM

Meets at Immaculate Conception Church this week

Evening Prayer – Talk – English & Spanish Games for

Kids & Potluck Dinner.

For families, individuals, young and old, who desire to be "other Christs" in the world, participating in the redemptive work of man's only Redeemer, Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word.



MEN'S NIGHT OUT

~ ALL MEN ARE WELCOME! ~

Join us for an evening of brotherhood, powerful video from the Knights of Columbus Heart of the Gospel Retreat Series, and great conversation.

When: Monday, October 19th at 6:00 PM

Where: St. Raphael's Catholic Church, 1125 Old Steese Hwy N
Dinner will be served. RSVP: Markterhune59@gmail.com

Please let us know you're coming!

Feast Days for the week of October 18th:

Oct 18th: St. Luke the Evangelist - "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Oct 19th: St. Peter of Alcantara OFM (1499-1562) - "Truly, matters in the world, are in a bad state but if you and I begin, in earnest, to reform ourselves, a really good beginning will have been made."

Oct 22nd: St. John Paul II (1920-2005) - "Here is the most magnificent, the most profound gift of the Heart of Jesus that we find in creation: man born of God, man adopted as a son in the Eternal Son, and humanity given the power to become children of God."

Oct 23rd: Blessed Arnold Reche (1836-1890) - "I recommend to all of my brothers and sisters that they serve God faithfully.

Granted, it is sometimes difficult to resist evil and remain virtuous. But with the grace of God that we obtain from prayer we can do anything. All we have to do is to will it."

Oct 24th: St. Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870) - "When I am before the Blessed Sacrament. I feel such a lively faith that I can't describe it. Christ in the Eucharist is almost tangible to me... When it is time for me to leave, I have to tear myself away from His sacred presence."

BLESSING FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

You never cease to call us to Yourself, bless the mission fields where we sow, tend, and reap. Give us your grace and strength as we share Your love with families and friends, strangers and sojourners. Give us the right words, the right inspirations, the right invitations, the right love. Your love, shared. Amen.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT



October 11: \$ 755.00

Parishioner Count: 102

Total Yearly Collection (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 25,681.50

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.
- † ...couples who attended Catholic Engaged Encounter at St. Nicholas' as they prepare for marriage.
- † ...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

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22:21)

While we make choices in our daily lives, our ultimate allegiance belongs to God. Every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, invites us to surrender our will to His, offering our lives in loving service. Consider where God is calling you to place His will above your own. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Robert Fath, JCL at the Vocation Office at 907-374-9504 or vocations@cbna.org.

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.



+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, trail mix, chips, carrots, celery, tea, cocoa, spoons, napkins, apple cider packets. ICC kitchen can be reached via e-mail at iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org, or by phone at 907-452-3533.

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>

What do donations on World Mission Sunday support?

The World Mission Sunday collection grants funds to mission dioceses which help to underwrite the basic physical footprint that keeps missionary life going where priests live, where sisters live, where children are catechized, where formation and pastoral work can happen, and where Holy Mass can be celebrated, often for the first time.

Part of the funds are used to help missionary dioceses run and survive, while the rest of the funds are used to build churches, seminaries, convents, and pastoral centers. In an average year, WMS helps to fund over 900 infrastructure-related projects for the Church!

The Diocese of Fairbanks participates by collecting and contributing funds to World Mission Sunday to support global missionary efforts.



"Whenever money is needed, or a new hospital, or a new jeep, it is always to the Church of the United States that the missionaries look.

There is something right and meet and just about this, for the Lord has blessed the United States as no other country in the world has been blessed. The superfluities of the United States are the necessities of the poor." – Fulton Sheen

Let us pray that God will help us hear and discern the truth during the election process and help us to respect each person as we recognize their strengths and weaknesses. As you prepare to vote, take a moment to [read](https://www.aleteia.org) on how Catholics are called to vote with faith. How will you prepare to vote? www.aleteia.org & www.usccb.org/faithbeforepolitics



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: Dominicans

The Dominicans were founded by Saint Dominic in the early 13th century with the purpose of combating heresy and preaching the Gospel. They were known for their dedication to study and intellectual pursuits, as well as their commitment to spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church. The Dominicans played a significant role in the Inquisition and were instrumental in defending the faith against heretical beliefs during the Middle Ages.