St. Raphael Catholic Parish

April 24, 2022

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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Liturgy Schedule
Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays : 9:30am
Wednesdays 5:30 pm
Saturdays: 6:00 pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 5:00 to 5:30 pm or by appointment
Rosary: Wednesday at 6:00 pm
Eucharistic Adoration: Every 2nd Thursday 4:00 –8:00 pm

Our Parish Mission:

As a Catholic parish working together in harmony with God, we share our gifts and talents to promote healing, helping and hospitality.

WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS

We are glad you chose to join us. If you have any questions please ask our hospitality ministers.

If you are new in town and looking for a parish home we welcome you. If you are visiting and only here for a weekend we welcome you.

Visit our website:
www.straphaelfairbanks.org

Our homepage has the daily readings as well as Father Ross' daily homilies. There is also an updated calendar link, a link to the weekly bulletin, and information on our COVID safety procedures.

Entrance Antiphon:
1 Peter 2:2
Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading:
Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
Through the work of the apostles, many signs and wonders took place among the people. People in great numbers became believers, and many sick people were cured.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading:
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
The author of Revelation had a vision of seven gold lampstands. Among the lampstands was one like a son of man.

Gospel:
John 20:20-29
One of the Twelve, Thomas, was absent when the risen Lord first appeared to the others. Later, when Thomas was with them, Jesus came and said, "Bring your hand and put it into my side and...believe." Thomas cried, "My Lord and my God!"

Please call the office if you are ill or need assistance.
In the Hospital? Contact Fr. Ross to arrange a visit, Holy Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing of the Sick.
Do you have a need for the parish prayer chain? Please email Gloria Slagle at stclare4@gmail.com

EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday, April 23rd:
~Mass 6:00pm
~Special Collection - Catholic Home Mission

Sunday, April 24th: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
~Mass 9:30am
~Special Collection - Catholic Home Mission

Tuesday, April 26th:
~Mass 9:30am

Wednesday, April 27th:
~Mass 5:30pm
~Blessing Cup meal for
First Communion Class at 6pm
~Rosary 6:00pm
~Marriage Preparation - Beloved Class 6:30pm

Thursday, April 28th:
~Mass 9:30am

Saturday, April 30th:
~ Super Saturday - 10am
~Mass 6:00pm

Sunday, May 1st:
~Mass 9:30am
~Crowning of Mary
~First Holy Communion

On Sunday, April 24, there will be a holy hour at **Sacred Heart Cathedral** to thank God for the mercy He has shown us in the redemptive work of His Son. It is the solemnity of Divine Mercy. The holy hour from 3:00 - 4:00 PM will feature a talk by Bishop Zielinski, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers and Confession will be available from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Following Our Lord's promise of complete remission of sin and punishment for those who honor Him this day, the Church offers a plenary indulgence under the customary conditions. For those who wish to prepare for this solemnity by praying the Divine Mercy novena, this begins on Good Friday, leaflets are available at area parish churches. Once again, the Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday will take place from 3:00 - 4:00 PM while confessors will be available from 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

Did your family fill their Rice Bowl? Your Lenten sacrifices help families around the world overcome the challenges of hunger and poor nutrition. Turn in your CRS Rice Bowl today. Or donate through We Share.

STRENGTHENING the CHURCH AT HOME

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Please support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the US and its territories are considered mission territories. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the US. Please be generous.

LAST SUPER SATURDAY OF THE SEASON

Come join us at St. Raphael's on Saturday, April 30th from 10am to 11am for our last session of Super Saturday. More details to follow.

Next Sunday, May 1st the first communicant class will experience a very special day in their lives. It is the day on which they will be making their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as they make their final preparations.

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

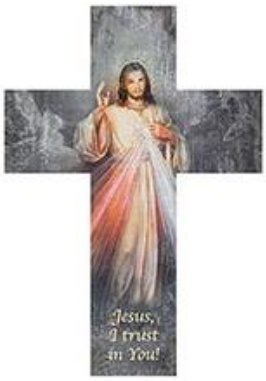
Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament. Amen.

BELOVED CLASSES BEGIN APRIL 27TH

Beloved – Mystery and Meaning of Marriage

A city-wide marriage preparation program open to all engaged couples. Includes six sessions. April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, and June 1 on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Saint Raphael Parish, 1125 Old Steese Highway North, Fairbanks. Couples planning on attending should register with Saint Raphael. Call (907) 457-6603 or by email at rtozzi@cbna.org



The Message of the Divine Mercy that Sr. Faustina received from the Lord was not only directed toward her personal growth in faith but also toward the good of the people. With the command of our Lord to paint an image according to the pattern that Sr. Faustina had seen, came also a request to have this image venerated, first in the Sisters' chapel, and then throughout the world. The same is true with the revelations of the Chaplet. The Lord requested that this Chaplet be said not only by Sr. Faustina, but by others: "Encourage souls to say the Chaplet that I have given you."

The same is true of the revelation of the Feast of Mercy. "The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy." These requests of the Lord given to Sr. Faustina between 1931 and 1938 can be considered the beginning of the Divine Mercy Message and Devotion in the new forms. Through the efforts of Sr. Faustina's spiritual directors, Fr. Michael Sopocko, and Fr. Joseph Andrasz, SJ, and others — including the Marians of the Immaculate Conception — this message began to spread throughout the world.

However, it is important to remember that this message of The Divine Mercy, revealed to St. Faustina and to our present generation is not new. It is a powerful reminder of who God is and has been from the very beginning. This truth that God is in His very nature Love and Mercy Itself, is given to us by our Judeo-Christian faith and God's self-revelation. The veil that has hidden the mystery of God from eternity was lifted by God Himself. In His goodness and love God chose to reveal Himself to us, His creatures, and to make known His eternal plan of salvation. This He had done partly through the Old Testament Patriarchs, Moses and the Prophets, and fully through His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In the person of Jesus Christ, conceived through power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, the unseen God was made visible.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Saint Raphael Parish is looking to hire a part time **Lay Pastoral Administrator** to help coordinate;

- **Liturgy** – Collaborate with priest to ensure liturgies run smoothly and involve parishioners in lay ministry and music.
- **Education** – Facilitate ongoing religious education for all in the parish.
- **Pastoral Care** – Nurture a sense of community within the parish to include outreach to parishioners and the wider community.
- **Administration** – Exercise stewardship over parish resources to include accurate and timely sacramental records, safe-environment records, and other parish records.

If interested, please submit a cover letter, a resume and references to Fr Ross Tozzi at rtozzi@cbna.org.

The Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking to hire a qualified individual for Chancellor. This person must be a Roman Catholic in full communion with the Church. The Chancellor is responsible for supporting the bishop's initiatives, oversees the day-to-day operations of the chancery office and is responsible for both the internal and external communications for the diocese. Applicant must possess excellent communication and leadership skills. Minimum requirements for this position are a Bachelor's degree with at least ten years of supervisory experience with knowledge of human resource procedures including performance appraisals, supervisor skills, hiring and progressive discipline. Significant experience in the life and ministry of the Roman Catholic Church. All duties and responsibilities should be performed in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks. This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits. Salary DOE. Position will remain open until filled. Expected start date o/a 6 June 2022. To apply please submit a cover letter end resume to humanresources@cbna.org. Full job description available upon request.

Office Hours
Tuesday-Friday: 10am-3pm

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Sacramental Information:

Baptism: Please call the office to schedule class a month in advance.

Marriage: Please contact the office at least six months prior to schedule your date and begin preparation classes.

Area Mass Times

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Sat. 4:30 PM
Sun. 8:00 AM; 11:00 AM livestreamed
1:00 PM Spanish
Mon-Friday. 7:30 AM

Immaculate Conception
Sat. 4:00 PM; Sun. 7:30 AM 10:00 AM
M, T, Th, F. 12:10 PM Wed 5:30 PM

Saint Nicholas, North Pole
Sat. 5:00 PM; Sun. 9:00 AM 12:00 PM
M, T, Th, F. 9:00 AM; W 7:00 PM
Morning Prayer & Adoration 8:00 AM
M,T,Th,F.

St. Mark University Parish
Sun. 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright
Sun. 9:00 AM

Our Lady of Snows, Eielson AFB
Sun. 10:30 AM
Tue.-Fri. 11:30 AM

Latin Mass: Sacred Heart Cathedral @ 6:30pm
April 23rd, May 7th, May 21st

Mass Intentions

Sat	April 23rd	6:00pm	Molly Vaughan
Sun	April 24th	9:30am	Our Parish
Tues	April 26th	9:30am	Intentions of Richard Pryjomski & Judy Kelly
Wed	April 27th	5:30pm	Intentions of Richard Pryjomski & Judy Kelly
Thurs	April 28th	9:30am	Intentions of Richard Pryjomski & Judy Kelly
Sat	April 30th	6:00pm	Intentions of Richard Pryjomski & Judy Kelly
Sun	May 1st	9:30am	Our Parish

If you would like to have a mass said, call the parish office 907-457-6603 to have one scheduled.

Lectors

April 24th
~ David Szumigala
May 1st
~ Charlene & Mike Hendricks

Parish Finances July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022
Budgeted Need $224,000.00
Monthly Need $18,667.00
February Collections: $13,220.00
March Collections: $19,985.00

The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful ...
~ James 5:16

Please remember these friends in your prayers….

For the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

All those suffering from Covid-19
For the sanctity of life from conception until natural death.
For health concerns of our parishioners, their friends and their families, especially Ken Mattison, Deacon Perreault & Family and JoAn Talvi.

Annunciation House workers and shelters across the Southern borders.

For seminarian: Josh Miller, Newly Ordained Priests: Piotr Oprych and Dominik Wojcick, and all priests & religious everywhere.