

St. Nicholas Catholic Church



~To Learn
~To Love
~To Build
~To Pray
~To Serve

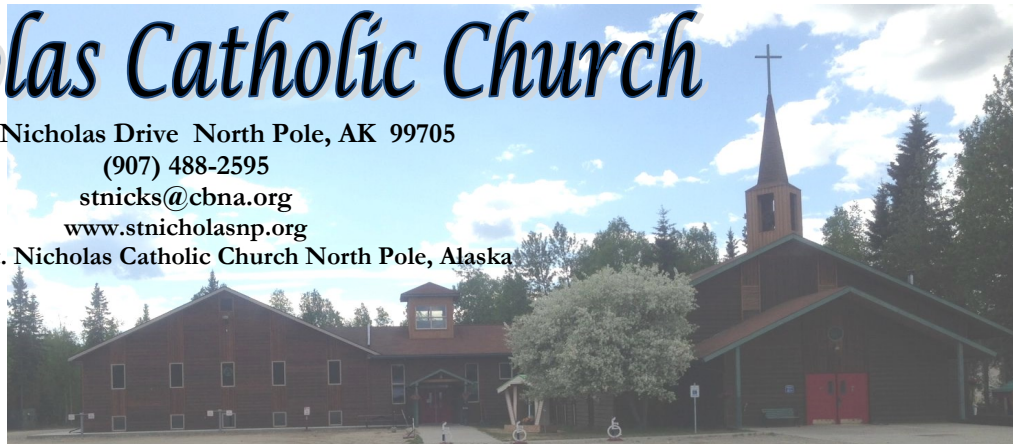
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Your Church

A place for everyone to gather at the table of the Lord.

Our Vision

A community centered on the light of Christ through word, works, and worship.

Your Mission

To Learn – To Love – To Build –
To Pray – To Serve

Regular Liturgical Schedule

Confession:

Wednesday 6 PM

Saturday 4 PM

Holy Mass Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ... 9 AM

Wednesday 7 PM

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9 AM & Noon

Eucharistic Adoration:

(with Morning Prayer)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8 AM to 9 AM

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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Gayle Somers

On Ascension Day, Jesus gives His apostles, a group of men singularly lacking in influence, a world-wide mission. How would they be able to pull this off?

Gospel (Read Lk 24:46-53)

St. Luke tells us that as Jesus prepares to depart from His disciples and be taken up to heaven, He reminds them that God has always had a plan to save the world. It was, over the course of centuries, written in the Old Testament Scriptures. Much of it was fulfilled in Jesus' time on earth, but not all of it. What remained was for God to send His Spirit to renew the earth, long promised in passages like Isa 44:3, Ezek 36:26, and Joel 2:28-29. Jesus had earlier, before His Passion, told the disciples that it would be good for Him to leave them because then He could send the Holy Spirit, the "Counselor," to them, enabling them to be His witnesses (see Jn 16:17). It had been the vocation of Israel to be God's witness to the nations ever since He formed them as His own people. They were to be a holy nation, a kingdom of priests (see Ex 19:6) to mediate the knowledge of God's goodness to those who didn't know Him. Jesus renews that priestly vocation for His followers, with the specific Good News that "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" could now be preached in His Name to the whole world. For this work, the disciples would need to "stay in the city until [they were] clothed with power from on high."

We should recall how often Jesus spoke about things that were yet to happen to His apostles without them understanding what He said. However, after the Resurrection, their confidence began to build that even what was mysterious or seemingly impossible in Jesus' words had great significance. Earlier Jesus had told them that the "Advocate" would come to them as the Spirit of truth. Now, He tells them that this Spirit is also going to empower them to speak boldly of Him to all who would listen. As Jews, the apostles would have known of the work of the Spirit in the Old Testament, who fell upon the prophets and made them God's instruments (see Ezek 2:1-2). Because Jesus had confirmed all that He had told them about His Death and Resurrection, they could now trust that His promise of the Spirit would most certainly be fulfilled.

The apostles go out to Bethany with Jesus (about two miles east of Jerusalem). He gives them a priestly blessing before He departs (just as, in the person of the priest, He continues to give us His blessing as we depart from the Mass). We see something new in their response to Him: "They did Him homage." Before the Resurrection, we never see the apostles worship Jesus. However, even on the very day of the Resurrection, when Jesus appeared to the women at His tomb, His followers understood that He was now to be worshipped in acknowledgement of His Divinity (see Mt 28:9). Far from being in despair over Jesus' disappearance from them, the disciples "returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the Temple praising God." They knew the story of

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Anne, Katherine, Heather and Beth are available to assist you during the week:

* Anne is working from home. Email or call her at 907-322-1901

* Katherine's hours are Monday through Friday 9:30am to 4pm

* Heather is out during the summer but will be checking email periodically

* Beth's office hours fluctuate - Please call, text, or email for appt, 907-978-4786

Heather's and Beth's hours are subject to change depending on ministerial duties.

If you have a question about ...	Please contact...	907-488-2595	Ext #
FINANCES	Anne	call 907-322-1901	
RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS	Heather		22
YOUTH MINISTRY	Beth		23
ALL OTHER INQUIRIES	Katherine		20

Jesus was not over; in some ways, it was just beginning.

Possible response: Lord Jesus, when I doubt You can use me to spread Your kingdom, help me remember that You started with just twelve disciples.

First Reading (Read Acts 1:1-11)

The first verse of this reading tells us that its author, St. Luke, wants to continue a story he began in his “first book,” the Gospel of St. Luke. That book was devoted to a careful account of “all that Jesus did and taught until the day He was taken up” (Acts 1:1). This book (Acts) will show us how Jesus could both depart from and yet remain with His followers. The lesson begins with today’s reading.

We remember that even before His Passion and Resurrection, Jesus promised the apostles that Someone Else was coming. Now He tells them explicitly not to try to get started on their mission to “all nations” right away. They must wait for that Someone Else: “John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 1:5). The apostles’ first question about this event revealed them to be focused on the wrong thing (again): “Lord, are You at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” (Acts 1:6). It was not unreasonable for the apostles to be curious about the restoration of the kingdom to Israel, as this was a Messianic hope of long-standing for the Jews. Notice that Jesus doesn’t rebuke them for their interest in David’s kingdom, but rather for their desire to know when it will happen. Jesus wants them instead to focus on their own work of being His witnesses: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, through Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Ironically, this work He gives them will actually bring about the restoration and fulfillment of the kingdom they earnestly seek. In due time, they will learn that this kingdom, as Jesus had told them earlier, is not of this world. The kingdom Jesus rules is not ethnic; it is not confined to the borders of Israel. Through the preaching of the Gospel, Jews of all the tribes of Israel would find their way to it, as would Gentiles. His kingdom is the universal Church, spread out everywhere, “to the ends of the earth.”

Then, as the apostles were “looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight” (Acts 1:9). What does this mean? It helps to understand the symbolic significance of the “cloud” Jesus entered. It reminds us of the Transfiguration, when we get a glimpse of the glorified Jesus. It reminds us, too, of the “overshadowing” cloud of God’s presence in the worship of the Old Testament Tabernacle, filling the Holy of Holies as God and man met. That same cloud of God’s presence led the people of Israel to the Promised

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If you want to have something placed in the bulletin, please leave it in Katherine’s mailbox by the **Monday prior to the weekend you want it posted in the bulletin.** Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers: June 7th & 8th

The June Minister Schedule is being finalized and will be available on our website soon.

<https://stnicholasnp.org/monthly-schedule-of-ministers>

SACRAMENTS AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Baptism contact Fr. Aiden

1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist contact Heather

Confirmation contact Heather or Beth

Marriage contact Fr. Aiden

Anointing of the Sick contact Fr. Aiden

Vocations contact the Chancery 907-374-9500

OCIA/OCIC contact Fr. Aiden or Heather

Children’s Religious Ed contact Heather

Youth Ministry contact Beth

Day	Date	Intention	Feast Day	Readings
Monday	06/02	†Michael Dapore	<i>Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs</i>	Acts 19:1–8 • Ps 68:2–3ab, 4–5acd, 6–7ab • Jn 16:29–33
Tuesday	06/03	Birthday of Tim Hunter	St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	Acts 20:17–27 • Ps 68:10–11, 20–21 • Jn 17:1–11a
Wednesday	06/04	†Bob Piser		Acts 20:28–38 • Ps 68:29–30, 33–35a, 35bc–36ab • Jn 17:11b–19
Thursday	06/05	Birthday of Luke Armour	St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	Acts 22:30; 23:6–11 • Ps 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11 • Jn 17:20–26
Friday	06/06	Benefactors of the Parish	<i>St. Norbert, Bishop</i>	Acts 25:13b–21 • Ps 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20ab • Jn 21:15–19
Saturday	06/07	Healing for Aletia Atkinson		Acts 28:16–20, 30–31 • Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 • Jn 21:20–25
Sunday	06/08	†Joseph Savoie People of the Parish	Solemnity of Pentecost	Acts 2:1–11 • Ps 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34 • 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 • Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26

Land. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI tells us,

This reference to the cloud is unambiguously theological language. It represents Jesus' departure not as a journey to the stars, but as His entry into the mystery of God. It evokes an entirely different order of magnitude, a different dimension of being... He enters into communion of power and life with the living God, into God's dominion over space. Hence, He has not gone away, but now and forever by God's own power He is present with us and for us. (Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week, Ignatius Press, pgs 282-283, emphasis added)

Now we get it! Jesus' departure has only been a departure from our mode of existence. It is not cosmic but metaphysical. That is how He can be gone and yet still with us. In promising the apostles to send the Holy Spirit, He promises not only this new kind of presence with us but also a share in the great power of which He spoke in the Gospel reading. Did the apostles grasp this?

Not exactly. We see them staring off into space, probably trying to take it all in. Two angels caution them against "standing there looking at the sky" (Acts 1:11). Jesus has ascended into His rightful power and authority, having finished His earthly work for our Redemption. The apostles will not have to stare at the sky to see Him return in power (the meaning of the "cloud"). They will see Him return in power very soon—on the Day of Pentecost.

Jesus reigns on His throne now!

Possible response: Lord Jesus, it is a mystery to me how You can be gone and yet entirely present to me always. Help me believe it.

Psalm (Read Ps 47:1-2, 5-8)

It is impossible to read through this psalm without wanting to "clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness." When it was written, it rejoiced over God's exalted reign over all His creation. Now, it expresses the jubilant praise of God's people for the victory won by Jesus and His ascent to His rightful place of power and authority at God's right hand. Ascension Sunday is the day for us to celebrate our God's reign over all creation. The challenge for us now, of course, is to believe this is true. When we look around us, sometimes it is hard to see that Jesus, the King, is now establishing, expanding, and strengthening His kingdom on earth. Believe it! Let this psalm be our antidote to doubt. We should sing out the response with all our hearts on this day: "God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord!"

Possible response: The psalm is, itself, a response to our other readings. Read it again prayerfully to make it your own.

Second Reading (Read Eph 1:17-23)

Read these verses carefully, and feel St. Paul straining to find language adequate to explain the dramatic, superabundant implications of our Lord's Ascension into heaven. This is actually St. Paul's prayer for his convert friends in Ephesus (and for us, too). What does he most desire for them? He wants them to ponder deeply, with the help of God, "the hope that belongs to [God's] call, what are the riches of His glory in His inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe" (Eph 1:18). This is exactly what we need on Ascension Day! We need to feel St. Paul's urgency over the difference it makes for our daily lives that Jesus is now seated on His throne, ruling over the world through His Church, "which is His Body, the fullness of the One Who fills all things in every way" (Eph 1:23). St. Paul will not allow us to think of the Ascension as simply a line in the Creed we recite at Mass. In every way he knows how, he wants to point us toward the hope, the riches, and the power that belong to us now because of the Ascension. May his prayer for us become our own, for us and for all the Church, today and always.

Possible response: Father, please grant me the understanding for which St. Paul prayed. My problems seem much smaller when I remember that Jesus is on His throne.

View this bulletin online and in color at stnicholasnp.org

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

St. Nicholas extends a warm welcome to those who have recently joined our parish family, are visiting, or are new to the area.

If you are interested in our parish, please stop by the Office and introduce yourself and your family.

Registration is Easy

If you are new, please register online at fairbanks.parishsoftfamilysuite.com

If you are leaving our community, please let us know so we can update your record to keep our database current



"Are any of you sick?..."

James 5:14-15



The Sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist celebrated together provide spiritual strength and nourishment to the sick.

If you are expecting a surgery, procedure or entering the hospital or nursing home for any reason, you should receive these sacraments *before you go to the hospital or nursing home.*

If you are ill or care for the sick it is very reasonable to request these sacraments.

Please contact the priest for this.



If you previously signed up for FlockNote but have not been receiving texts or emails from St Nick's, please contact Katherine to verify or update your FlockNote contact info.

To join FlockNote, text the keyword 'Nicholas' to 84576, or email Katherine with your name, cell number and email and she will get you enrolled.

Want to sign up for FORMED?

Go to formed.org/signup

*Select your parish (using zip code is easiest)

*Register with your name and email address

*Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly known as RCIA)

Classes will resume in September.
If interested in learning more about OCIA and/
or Catholicism, please contact Heather, the DRE,
at stnicksre@cbna.org or 907-488-2595, ext. 22

BIBLE STUDY / DISCUSSION GROUPS

Sunday & Monday Morning Catholic Discussions

We will be pausing our Sunday and Monday
morning Catholic Discussions for the
month of June.

Date of resumption TBA.

Monday Night Bible Study

Will resume this fall.

*"Pray without
ceasing."*

1 Thessalonians 5:17



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Francisco A. & Family, Janelle Allen & Family, Lois Armentor, Aletia Atkinson, Morgan Atkinson, Fred Austin & Family, Callie Jo, C. Bowman & Family, †Patricia Barth, Christopher Brown, Katrina Butler, †Wanda Byerly, Amanda Byrd, Terry & Beverly Cannon, †Marietta Castillo, Chip Channa, Jean Erickson, Bob and Anna Fath, †Tony Fazio, Mary Fish, †Wyatt Fleming & Family, Christina Fortenberry, Frazier Family, Kat Gannon, Pat Goble, Cody Gorrell, Lois Gould, Ashley Groholski, Michael J. Guadagnoli, †Adolfo Guadiz, †Lori Harrand, Harvey Family, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, Fr. Joe Hemmer, Nathan Horne, John, Donald Jones, Joan Jones, Josh & Lauren & Family, Cynthia Julien, Eve Karczmarczyk, Kim, Kraft Family, Tom Laridaen, Brian Lashinski Family, †Maxwell Lashinski, †Eleanor LeBeau, †Chelsey Luker, Casey McKee, Deshawn Miranda, Moon Family, Ron Murray, Nathalie, †Ann Nickerson, Doris Noblet, Evette Odhiambo, Bob Okri, Parr Family, Heather Patterson, Tom Pendergast, Powers Family, †Sunday Powers, Gwen Price, Larry Purbis, Rob R., Tamara Renner, †Rosie Shearer, Shearer Family, Matthew Smith, †Rose Marie Smith, †Nicki Snow, Snow Family, Stephanie, Racheal Stifford, Regis Swanson, Daranee Teapthong, Yingyos Teapthong, Maria Terch, Theo, Jim Took, Mike Wehner, Betty Wells, Bridget Wells, Harper Wicker, Mary Wing, Arthur & Rose Wood..

Pray for: For the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV. For the Most Reverend Steven Maekawa, the priests serving our diocese, for an increase in vocations for Fairbanks, For our elected officials, especially President Donald Trump. For our country. For the protection of the unborn. For those most alone. For those grieving. For a just and peaceful resolution to conflicts in areas of the world where military troops are deployed. For all our service members. For healthcare workers, and all the sick.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SNYM SCHEDULE

(St. Nick's Youth Ministry)

<https://www.stnicholasnp.org/youth-ministry>

SUMMER SUNDAYS

6/1 - Youth Room **CLOSED**

6/8 - 4-6pm, Youth Room

**Youth & Teens entering grades 7-12
in Fall 2025 are welcome to attend.**

*The Youth Room will be open on specified Sundays
this Summer for Free Time and Fellowship.*

FIRST FRIDAYS

The next SNYM First Friday
will be June 6th, 5:30-8:30pm.

*Please RSVP by 6/6 using the form
found by scanning the QR Code or on the
Youth Ministry page of the St. Nick's
website.*

<https://www.stnicholasnp.org/youth-ministry>



Scan this QR Code using a
smartphone camera to view the
Youth Ministry webpage for
information, calendar, and events.

***Youth & Teens entering grades 7-12
in Fall 2025 are invited for an evening together
on the First Friday of each month***

"I pray not only for them,
but also for those who will
believe in me through their word,
so that they may all be one..."
John 17:20-21

Vocations

Ascension of the Lord

"You are witnesses of these things.
And behold, I am sending the
promise of my Father upon you;
but stay in the city until you are
clothed with power from on high."



Just as Jesus entrusted His disciples with the mission
of sharing the Gospel, He may be inviting you to
continue His work within the Church. Trust in the
power of the Holy Spirit to equip you for this
journey. Talk to your priest or reach out to the
Vocation Office at 907) 374-9504 .

HAIL
HOLY QUEEN



THE HOLY FATHER'S JUNE ROSARY

**INTENTIONS:
That the world might grow
in compassion**

Let us pray that each one of us
might find consolation in a
personal relationship with Jesus,
and from his Heart, learn to have
compassion on the world.

*THIS WEEK AT ST NICKS...

MONDAY

June 2

8 AM - Adoration &
Morning Prayer
9 AM - Mass

TUESDAY

June 3

8 AM - Adoration &
Morning Prayer
9 AM - Mass
6 PM - Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

June 4

10:30 AM - Moms Group at Parks
6 PM - Confession
7 PM - Mass

THURSDAY

June 5

8 AM - Adoration &
Morning Prayer
9 AM - Mass
Noon—4 PM - Rummage Sale

FRIDAY

June 6

8 AM - Adoration &
Morning Prayer
9 AM - Mass
Noon—6 PM - Rummage Sale
5:30 PM - SNYM First Friday

SATURDAY

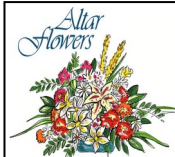
June 7

9 AM—3 PM - Rummage Sale
4 PM - Confession
5 PM - Mass

SUNDAY

June 8

9 AM - Mass
Noon - Mass
3 PM - Mass at Harding Lake
4 PM - SNYM Summer Sundays

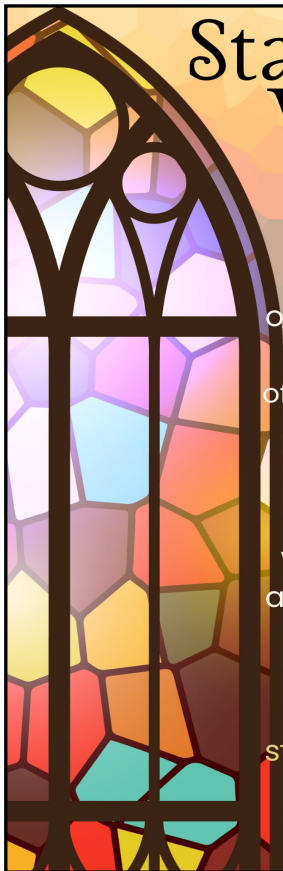


*In
Memory
of*

Maxwell Lashinski

From: Lashinski Family

To make an Altar Flower dedication,
fill out a donation envelope, located
on the bulletin board, and drop it in
the collection basket.
Suggested donation \$55.



Stained Glass Window Voting

Parishioners will have an opportunity to vote, in person or online, the weekend of **June 7-8** on the stained glass that will be installed in the church sanctuary.

Please visit the St. Nicholas website to view the images and prayerfully consider your choice.

<https://stnicholasnp.org/>



THANK YOU CORNER

Thank you so much to Don and Chris Fry for volunteering once again to maintain and care for the church lawn and grounds this summer!

VOLUNTEER

St. Nicholas Rummage Sale THIS WEEK June 5th—7th

We are currently accepting donations for the sale! Donations can be left in the classroom across from the Parish Coordinator's office.

If you'd like to help out with setup, cleanup and during the sale, please sign up on the bulletin board.



St. Nicholas 50th Anniversary Fundraiser



The 50th Anniversary Committee is selling ornaments, magnets and coffee mugs designed and painted by parishioner and local artist, Ruth Segler.

Sales after Mass are happening now!

Please see someone at a table after Mass this weekend, May 31st and June 1st



St. Nicks Youth Ministry is in urgent need of Adult Assistants at our Summer programs for the following dates and times:

SNYM SUMMER SUNDAYS	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT
	1 st	13 th	3 rd	7 th
	8 th	20 th	10 th	
	22 nd	27 th	17 th	4-6 PM
	29 th		24 th	

SNYM First FRIDAYS

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH 5:30-8:30 PM

Your support will ensure that our Parish can continue offering programs for our Youth & Teens throughout the Summer!

thank you!

All volunteers must have current certification for the course of Serving Vulnerable Populations and a Criminal History Record Check on file with the Diocese of Fairbanks.

To complete training and certification on the Diocese of Fairbanks website, scan the QR code or visit: <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/training>



Contact St. Nicks Youth Minister, Beth Sauer with any questions, concerns, or to volunteer. Email: stnicksym@cbna.org • Text or Call: 907-978-4786

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SUMMER PARK-A-PALOOZA

Meet other moms and TONS of kids for weekly casual hangouts. Bring your lunch, have fun and build relationships

May 28 Terry Miller
June 4 5th Ave
June 11 North Pole Elementary
June 18 Midnight Sun
June 25 Kendall Park

1030-1230



Bring lunch

CONTACT LISA AT 907-347-2462

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFO AND PARK SCHEDULE:

ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

Diocesan JOB OPENINGS

The Diocese of Fairbanks is now hiring a Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits. To apply, submit a cover letter, résumé, and three references to humanresources@cbna.org.

For a detailed list of job duties and other information, please visit <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>

Reflections on Stewardship

On this Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we also can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples.

Today's Gospel draws our attention to the clear instructions that Jesus gave His disciples (and to us) just before ascending to the Father: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Embracing a stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the use of time, talent and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is of great benefit to take some time individually throughout the year to take stock of the commitments we have made — looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area.

On this Feast of our "launch day," take some time to celebrate your victories as Christ's disciples and renew your commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to you!

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Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to support our church.



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GIVING THAT WE
RECEIVE
-ST. FRANCIS OF
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Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support our church and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/AK237 or call their Customer Service team at 866-507-8757.



Want to help raise money for St Nicks?

Sign up for this great NO COST TO YOU way to help

St Nicks earn money! Go to:

<https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>

Follow the instructions using KD433 for St Nicholas Catholic Church.

Earn money for St Nick while still earning rewards for yourself.

Soup Kitchen serving hours are Saturday & Sunday only, 1pm-3pm.

Soup kitchen is in need of volunteers! If you'd like to volunteer to help with the Soup Kitchen, please contact Immaculate Conception at 907-452-3533 ext. 1003, or iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org

Requested Donations for Soup Kitchen

CLOTHING ITEMS:

Warm socks, hats, travel size toothpaste

FOOD ITEMS THAT ARE NEEDED:

Hot chocolate, sugar, tea, coffee, rice, pasta, fruit, protein bars, peanut butter, jelly

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Love alone have I ever given to the good God; with love He will repay me." - St. Therese of Lisieux

ADORATION TIMES

St. Nicholas Church

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00AM - 9AM Adoration with Morning Prayer

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Thursday 8:00AM—12:00 PM, Saturday 3:00PM-4:00PM

Immaculate Conception Church

Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 PM Adoration with Confessions

Wed. 6:00 - 7:00 PM Adoration with Confessions

Fri.—Sat. Nocturnal Adoration 7 PM - 7 AM

Sat.. 3:00 - 4:00 PM Adoration with Confessions

St. Raphael Catholic Church

Tues. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, Wed. 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Thurs. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, Fri. 7 AM - 6 PM

*Second Thurs. of the month 4 PM - 8 PM

Road System Holy Mass Times

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Fairbanks

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Weekday: M - F 7:30 am

Tridentine Mass of the Roman Rite (Latin Mass)

Held at Immaculate Conception

JUNE SCHEDULE
14th & 28th

Saint Mark University Parish, Fairbanks

Sunday: 5:30 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Immaculate Conception, Fairbanks (452-3533)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 10:00 am

Weekday: M 8:30 am, T, Th, F 12:10 pm & W 5:30 pm

Saint Raphael, Fairbanks (457-6603)

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am

Weekday Masses: T & Th 9:30 am & W 5:30 pm

Our Lady of the Snows, Eielson AFB

Sunday: 10:30 am

Weekday: T, W & TH 11:30 am

Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

Sunday: 9:00 am



Sung Vespers

Sundays at 4:45pm | Sacred Heart Cathedral

Evening Prayer (or *Vespers*) is one of the hours of the Liturgy of the hours.

Consists of praying the psalms put to traditional chant tones.

What is the Great Commission?

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.” (Matthew 28:16-20)

The expression “The Great Commission” is commonly found in Reformation theologies to refer to this command of Christ to the disciples to preach the Gospel to the world. While the expression is not unknown in Catholic usage, it is not commonly used and typically acquires a different meaning. For non-Catholics it represents a general command to all believers; whereas for Catholics it constitutes primarily a command to those whom Christ appointed to carry out His ministry, that is the Apostles, and the successors to their ministry, the bishops.

The Catholic understanding follows from the fact that Matthew records the Apostles as the bearers of the obligations and the authority Christ committed to the Church. The text mentions only “the eleven,” that is, the Apostles minus Judas Iscariot. These are those whom Christ chose to take His place as pastors of His flock. This is the context of the command given to them to make disciples and to baptize, and of His promise to remain with them “to the end of the age.”

This also corresponds to Christ’s other commitments of authority and responsibility to the Apostles, such as the power of the keys (Matthew 16:13-18, 18:8), and the forgiveness of sin (John 20:19-23). Since the Apostles all died, it also presumes that “to the end of the age” others will take their offices after them, as Matthias took that of Judas (Acts 1:15-26). Indeed, everywhere the Apostles went they appointed successors, as Paul appointed Timothy and Titus. In the 2nd century, St. Irenaeus of Lyon will list the successors of Peter in the Roman See, in contradistinction to the heretics of his day who can claim no such authority.

Christ is also with the Church “to the end of the age” in other ways, as well. However, He is uniquely and most importantly Present in the Holy Eucharist, by means of which His Holy Sacrifice is remembered and made Present, in the gift of Himself in Holy Communion, and by remaining with us in our tabernacles. In all these ways the continuity and unity of Christ’s redemptive ministry is guaranteed until He comes again (cf. John 16:13-15, 17:2-21).



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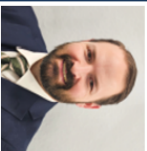
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