

Sacraments & Sacramental Preparation

Baptism: Classes are offered for expectant parents every other month, usually on the first Tuesday of the month. Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month at all the Masses. To sign-up for classes, please contact the parish office.



Marriage: To begin marriage preparation, please contact the parish office at least four (4) months prior to the proposed date. Please note that June through August are busy months for weddings and may require more time. A copy of our wedding policy is available on the parish website.

First Reconciliation/Communion:

Classes are available for children enrolled in our Second Grade religious education class. Classes begin in early September and run through early Spring. Enrollment begins in August.



Confirmation: Classes begin in September and are open to all senior high students. Class days and time vary from year to year so please watch the bulletin or contact the parish office for more specific information.

Anointing of the Sick: If you or someone you know is preparing for surgery, experiencing a serious illness or suffering from the effects of old age, please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment with a priest if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Healing Masses are also offered periodically throughout the year.



Reconciliation: Confession is available on Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 pm or by appointment. We offer the sacrament face-to-face or behind a screen. Periodically, we schedule communal penance services during which a number of local priests are available to hear individual confessions.

RCIC/RCIA: The Rites of Christian Initiation for Children and Adults are available for those who desire to enter the Catholic Church. Classes run from September until the Easter Vigil followed by a period of mystagogia. For more information, please contact the parish office.



Welcome to the Parish!

Welcome to Sacred Heart Cathedral, the farthest north Catholic Cathedral in the United States! We welcome you to the community and invite you to participate in the life of the Church through one of our many ministries. Through involvement, one experiences the fulfillment of belonging and the joys of sharing our faith. Welcome and feel free to contact the parish office at (907) 474-9032 with any questions. For up to date news and parish events we encourage you to visit our website at www.sacredheartak.org.

MASS SCHEDULE

We invite you and your family to join the parish community and celebrate our Catholic faith at our Masses.

Summer

(Memorial Day-Labor Day)
Tuesday-Friday 5:30 pm
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am & 7:30 pm

Winter

(Labor Day-Memorial Day)
Tuesday-Friday 5:30 pm
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:30 am

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm
or by appointment.

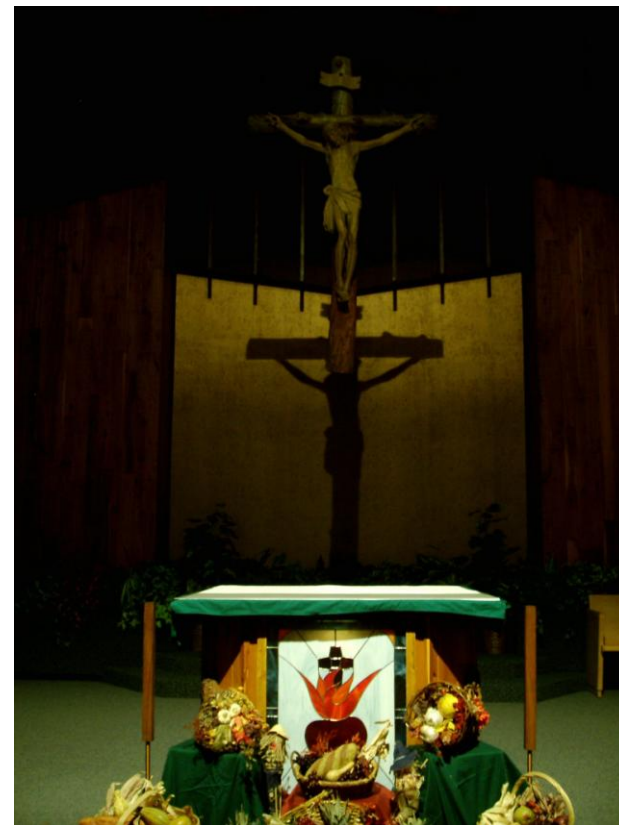
Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available weekly in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel on Thursdays 9:00 am-5:00 pm and Saturdays 3:00-4:30 pm.



First Friday Rosary: The Knights of Columbus, Council #13566, leads the rosary immediately following Mass on the first Friday of each month. All are welcome to join.

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Liturgical Ministries

Sacred Heart Cathedral offers many opportunities to use your God-given talents in service of our faith community. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents in order to enhance our liturgical celebrations, please contact the parish office at (907) 474-9032.



Altar Servers/Acolytes: The primary role of an altar server or acolyte is to assist the priest during the celebration of the Mass. This ministry is open to boys and girls who have received First Communion as well as adults.

Lectors: Proclaiming the Word of God is one of the most important functions in the liturgy. Lectors introduce the Mass, read the selected passages from the Old and New Testament and present the Prayers of the Faithful. If you possess a clear speaking voice we invite you to sign-up for this ministry.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Formerly known as Eucharistic Minister, EMHC's assist in the distribution of Holy Communion during the liturgy when ordinary ministers are not available.

Some EMHC's also go out into the community and bring Communion to the sick and elderly in homes, the hospital and nursing homes.

Sacristans: Sacristans are responsible for preparing the worship space for liturgy by putting out the sacred vessels, preparing the gifts, and coordinating the lay ministers who will be involved in the Mass. Sacristans unlock the doors and help clean-up after liturgical functions.



Music Ministry: St. Augustine once said, "He who sings, prays twice." Music ministers lead the assembly in the hymns and sung Mass parts. Good music and singing helps unite the voices of the assembly in one beautiful prayer lifted up to God. If you enjoy singing we ask you to consider joining one of our music groups.



Ushers: During the liturgy individuals are needed to help take up the collection and present the gifts of bread and wine to the priest. At larger celebrations ushers may also be asked to help seat or direct visitors.



Altar Linens: A very important ministry that often goes unnoticed are those dedicated to cleaning and ironing the linens used during the liturgy. If you desire to contribute to the community in a quiet way, please consider this much needed and important ministry.

Youth Programs

Faith Formation Classes: Religious Education classes are offered on Sundays 10:15-11:15 am from mid-September through mid-May. Classes are available for children pre-pre-K through senior high.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: During the 9:00 am Mass, children pre-K through 5th grade are invited to accompany other children to the social hall during Mass to learn all about the Sunday Gospel and readings. Children are dismissed before Liturgy of the Word and rejoin the community for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



Youth Group: Junior and senior high school students are invited to participate in monthly activities and service projects sponsored by the youth group. In addition to local activities, the SHC youth group also participates in the annual Alaska Catholic Youth Conference in Anchorage every summer.



Adult Faith Groups

Adult Faith Formation: Adult Religious Education is offered in the social hall from 10:15-11:15 am from mid-September through mid-May. Topics of interest for the year are chosen at the end of May for the following year. There is no need to sign-up, simply come and join us to discuss our Catholic faith!



Voices of Hope: The Voices of Hope prayer group meets every Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm in the youth room, just off the social hall. Get together for a meal and a time of prayer, meditation and faith-sharing. For more information, contact the parish office.

Knights of Columbus: Founded in 1882 as a fraternal service organization, the K of C has blossomed into an international organization focused on faith, community, family, youth and fellowship. The Bishop Kaniecki Council (13566) of the Knights of Columbus is an active part of the faith community at Sacred Heart. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Knights, please talk to any council member or contact the parish office.



Catholic Young Adults: This is a group of young men and women between the ages of 18-30 who are seeking like-minded individuals to get together for social events and fellowship. If you are interested in joining this group, please call the parish office.

Parish Outreach

Landings: Landings is a faith-sharing program specifically designed to welcome those who wish to investigate returning to the Church. If you are interested in sharing your faith with returning Catholics, please contact the parish office.

Stephen Ministry: Stephen Ministry is a program that equips parishioners to provide distinctively Christian one-to-one care to those experiencing all kinds of life needs and circumstances. Stephen ministers visit the homebound and individuals in the hospital and care facilities in the area. If you are interested in being trained as a Stephen Minister, contact Shanna Karella at 374-9500.



Food Boxes: Our parish works with the Fairbanks Community Food Bank to assist individuals and families who are in need in our community. Every Friday during the months of March, April and May, as well as September, October, and November, volunteers are needed to receive calls, unload food boxes and verify pick-up. If you are interested in this ministry please sign-up on the bulletin board in the vestibule.



Parish Nursing: Parish nursing is a unique, specialized practice of professional nursing that focuses on the promotion of health. Parish nurses serve the parish community through information and referral services, advocacy, and education. If you would like to assist in this ministry, please contact the parish office.



Service Ministries

Parish Pastoral Council: The Parish Council provides guidance and vision to the parish community to achieve greater spiritual growth, improved community connectedness, and a broadening of our individual roles as servants to the less fortunate.



Liturgy Committee: The Liturgy Committee is responsible for overseeing the liturgical life of the parish. They coordinate, evaluate, and provide feedback related to various liturgical events as well as coordinate the liturgical ministries.

Art & Environment Committee: Members of Art & Environment are responsible for the seasonal liturgical decorations of the church. Volunteers help to envision, design, arrange, and care for the liturgical environment and worship space. Creative and decorator-minded helpers are needed and appreciated, especially during the Christmas and Easter seasons.