

### Safety Tips to keep in mind when enjoying the summer.

#### Summer Safety Tips for Abuse Prevention:

- \* Know where your children and youth are and who they are with at all times.
- \* Have contact information for your children's friends' parents and families.
- \* At the end of the day, talk about the time your children have spent away from you, their parents and families.
- \* Know what digital devices children and youth are using and how often.
- \* Emphasize the Circle of Grace message especially during the summer months where there is more free time and new situations.
- \* Make an emergency plan with your children, especially when away from family.

#### Be Bear Aware:

- Give all wildlife space and keep your distance.
- Do not feed or harass wildlife.
- Stay Alert and make noise as you walk and hike.
- Keep a clean campsite.
- When hiking with pets, be aware of wildlife in dense brush and possible trapping of wildlife areas.
- Keeps pets on a leash on public trails.
- For more information go to [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).



#### Water Safety:

- ◆ Wear properly fitted personal floating devices (pfd) life jackets when near or on the water.
- ◆ Actively supervise children around the water without distraction.
- ◆ Teach children to never swim alone.
- ◆ Do not venture out on the mud flats where you could get stuck and be overcome by incoming tides.

#### Bicycle, ATV and Pedestrian Safety:

- ◆ Always remember to wear your helmet.
- ◆ Stay on the trails.
- ◆ When crossing a street, make sure drivers see you before you cross.
- ◆ Wear bright and reflective clothing.
- ◆ When in groups, stay in a single line.
- ◆ Pay attention to the condition of the trail.
- ◆ Always follow the traffic rules and local and state laws.

#### Remember your Sunscreen!

Our Summer days are long and there is greater sunburn risk during the middle of the day. The skin of infants under 6 months is thinner and more sensitive to the sun. Sun avoidance and sun proof clothing is best for children 6 months to 3 years of age.

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In the event that you suspect or have been told that a child or vulnerable adult has been abused, or you are aware of the viewing or possessing of child pornography, it is important that you contact local law enforcement immediately.  
**IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911**  
*Bringing the matter to light is a step toward healing.*

# Faith and Safe Environment News

Promoting and Ensuring Environments that Nurture and Educate For Healthy Faith Development

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Summer in Sitka, Alaska  
Home of St. Gregory Nazianzen Parish

The Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau's Offices of Faith Formation and Safe Environment  
Want all children, youth and families to enjoy a Safe and Faith filled Summer!

We hope you will find our safe hints and faith activities useful to keep hearts and minds close to Jesus this summer.

Word Search: How many words related to our faith can you find?

S B P B H O L Y S P I R I T N M H F T E Y F T H K P  
 C I R C L E O F G R A C E R S K I V L T P E A C E Y  
 L L I D I G N I T Y R T S I N I M B I Q W Y Z L P T  
 O J E S U S C H R I S T T N W G I A B C L U V O O I  
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#### Building up the Kingdom of God!

Action

**PARISH**

Donate food to food banks for families who struggle to feed their children.

Awareness

**ARCHDIOCESE**

Anchorage holds over 3,000 without homes. How can you help?

Prayer

**WORLD**

We pray for safety of all children and young people as they spend their summer months.

#### Reflection



“The soul of the one who serves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in the mood for singing.”

St. John of the Cross

#### Fun Pun



What did Fr. Romaine say at his first Mass?

“LETTUCE Pray”

#### Take It With You...



“Joy is the infallible sign of God's presence.”

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin



## Identify the Sacred Space

Whether you are staying in Alaska or traveling afar this summer, take time to be still and know that God is with you!

A wonderful excursion is to get out and see the rich beauty of our Archdiocese. See if you can identify these missions, parishes, and offices!

**Send your answers to [lloeffler@aoaj.org](mailto:lloeffler@aoaj.org)**



Photo 1



Photo 9

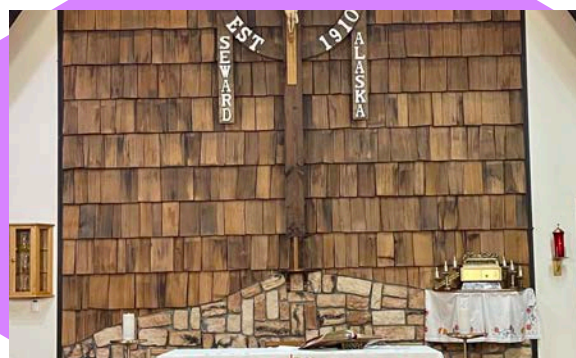


Photo 4



Photo 8

## Share your Sacred Space

Take time to capture what you love about your parish with pictures, and maybe take a selfie of the place you feel closest to God.

We will publish your photos in the next newsletter.

Email your photos and their locations to [lloeffler@aoaj.org](mailto:lloeffler@aoaj.org).



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7