# The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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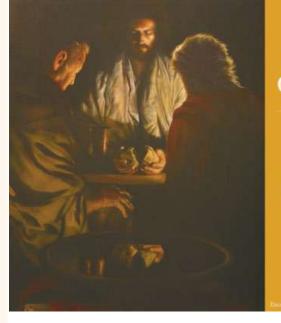
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Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." Jn 1:38-39a

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#### **January 14th, 2024**

### Weekly Liturgy Schedule / Horario de Misas

#### **Sunday Masses:**

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. at Saint Nicholas Sunday: 12:30 p.m. in Spanish

#### **Daily Masses:**

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Friday: 6:00 p.m.

bilingual at Saint Nicholas

#### **Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 8:00 -8:45 a.m. Saturday: 3:15 -4:15 p.m. Or by appointment

#### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

#### **Misas dominicales:**

Sábado: 4:30 p.m.

Domingo: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. Domingo: 12:30 p.m. en español

#### Misas diarias:

Martes: 5:30 p.m. Miércoles: 8:00 a.m. Jueves: 8:00 a.m. Viernes: 6:00 p.m.

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#### Reconciliación:

Sábado: 8:00-8:45 a.m. Sábado: 3:15-4:15 p.m.

#### Adoración Eucarística:

Jueves: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

#### Grupo de Oración

Jueves: 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

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#### HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, AND HOMEBOUND VISITS

Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

#### Church Calendar

#### Monday, January 15th

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

#### Tuesday, January 16th

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

#### Wednesday, January 17th

6:15 p.m. Encounter Faith Formation, Campus-wide

#### Thursday, January 18th

8:00 a.m. Mass, Connie Doran

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

6:30 p.m. Small Group Practicum, St. Francis Hall

#### Friday, January 19th

6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group, St. Francis Hall

#### Saturday, January 20th

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

9:00 a.m. Mom's Group, Room 004

9:30 a.m. First Reconciliation, GA Church

1:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Gym

3:15 p.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, <sup>♣</sup> Tony and Marie Koll

6:30 p.m. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Mystery!

#### Sunday, January 21st

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, Knights of Columbus

10:00 a.m. Mass, For the People

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, Knights of Columbus

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

#### **Mass Intentions:**

Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a  $\oplus$  designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, please call the Parish Office.

#### Baptism:

Our Baptism Belonging Class is required for all parents as a first step to Baptism of your child. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 to sign up for a class. We encourage Godparents to attend. Baptisms are scheduled once per month after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Special dates requested for Baptism will be considered and accommodated depending on circumstances.

#### **Matrimony**:

Marriage preparation is required. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 at least 8 months in advance.

#### Communion for the Homebound:

When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. Then we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20 -21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 1 Sm 3, 3-10. 19/Sal 39, 2. 4 7-8. 8-9. 10 (8. 9)/1 Cor 6, 13-15. 17-20/Jn 1, 35-42

Lunes: 1 Sm 15, 16-23/Sal 49, 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23/Mc 2, 18-22 Martes: 1 Sm 16, 1-13/Sal 88, 20. 21-22. 27-28/Mc 2, 23-28 Miércoles: 1 Sm 17, 32-33. 37. 40-51/Sal 143, 1. 2. 9-10/Mc 3, 1-6

Jueves: 1 Sm 18, 6-9; 19, 1-7/Sal 55, 2-3. 9-10. 10-11. 12-13/ Mc 3, 7-12

Viernes: 1 Sm 24, 3-21/Sal 56, 2. 3-4. 6 y 11/Mc 3, 13-19 Sábado: 2 Sm 1, 1-4. 11-12. 17. 19. 23-27/Sal 79, 2-3. 5-7/Mc 3, 20-21

Domingo siguiente: Jon 3, 1-5. 10/Sal 24, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (4)/1 Cor 7, 29-31/Mc 1, 14-2

#### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship. "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion; the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live—the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

#### Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/23 to Date:

Friary Doors (1/3 down), Church Fence (2nd half), Repair Sanctuary/Sacristy windows, replace furnace room windows, church boilers (95% Pd), Gym Lights

#### Year-To-Date 7/1/23—1/8/24

	<b>Guardian Angels</b>	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$395,948	\$31,836
Sunday Collection	\$12,767	\$863
Contributions	\$6,090	\$1,202
Total Giving	\$381,171	\$33,877
Amount above or below	-\$14,777	+\$2,041

#### **Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:**

7/1/23—12/31/23 Contributions: \$32,449 7/1/23—12/31/23 Expenses: \$118,510.91 Fund Balance: \$96,140

Please remember the Church of the Guardian Angels or Saint Nicholas in your Will.





This past Monday we had a very beautiful celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer on the feast day of the Baptism of the Lord. This concluded our hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction. This celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours always officially marks the close of the Christmas season. We can think of the Christmas season as a time of Epiphanies or revelations from God that are rather intense.

First we have the Nativity in which Jesus is born among us as a helpless, tender child. God makes Himself small for us in order to establish his communion with us once again. Then we

have the Epiphany in which the Magi represented all the nations. We hear from the prophet, Isaiah, that "Every nation on earth will adore you, Lord." Then, we fast forward 30 years into Jesus' life here on earth and celebrate his Baptism as part of the Christmas season. Sometimes, if Epiphany falls early enough in January, the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the following Sunday. But more often, this feast is celebrated on the Monday immediately following the Sunday of Epiphany.

So why does the Church include this feast day in the Christmas season? It is because it confirms the identity of the child born in Bethlehem. Jesus is the Father's beloved son, in whom he is well-pleased. Why was Jesus baptized? This is a good question. With the event of his own baptism, Jesus stepped out of His hidden life into the light of public life. Yet, even John the Baptist stood and questioned him saying that Jesus should baptize him and not the other way around. John was calling people to conversion and penitence. The external sign of this was immersion in the water of the Jordan, an act and a symbol of cleansing. He was trying to prepare people for the coming of the Messiah. They were to change their lives and to be on the alert for the coming of the great time of renewal. He called the coming Savior someone "mightier than I" and saw himself as merely his servant.

John's surprise must have been great as the great one whose coming John had proclaimed came humbly and quietly, like one sinner among others. What did it mean? John received an answer "from heaven." God gave us to understand that Jesus' attitude was pleasing to Him, and that in doing this, Jesus was showing Himself to be God's "beloved Son."

In this act of baptism, we see the humility of God. John's baptism was for penitents who had recognized that they had sinned and begged God for purification from their sins. Jesus, in being baptized, showed His solidarity with us. He would take on his shoulders the burden of the sins of all humanity. We see the harmony within the Trinity as Jesus submitted himself to the Father's loving plan. We see Jesus dying to Himself, taking on our sins so that we might be in communion with Him again. Therefore, we see ourselves being drawn into loving communion with the Trinity.

We are first drawn into that loving communion through our baptism. Our baptism is of supreme importance. It was the day that the Trinity entered our hearts. Our culture tends to emphasize our birth dates as an occasion for celebration, but we as Christians should also keep in mind the date of our Baptism. Do you know the date you were baptized? Pope Francis called this date a new birthday "...because with your baptism you were born into the life of grace." Let's be sure to celebrate our baptismal dates and light your baptismal candles as a reminder of your new life in Christ!

**Father Tony** 

#### ROSES FOR LIFE

The Daughters of Isabella will be taking donations for their annual Roses for Life campaign at all Masses on January 20th and 21st. All proceeds go to local prolife groups including MCCL, Pro Life Across America, Southwest Options for Women, Elevate Life, and New Beginnings. Thank you for your generous support.



## MOM'S GROUP WILL MEET THIS SATURDAY

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year everyone! We look forward to seeing those of you who can attend the Guardian Angels Moms Group this Saturday, 01/20 @ 9 a.m. Our new meeting space will be in the basement of the school (across the street from the church; enter through door #2). This will allow us to utilize the nursery space adjacent to our meeting room for childcare.

If you haven't attended Mom's Group yet (or haven't done so recently), we'd love to have you! It is a time for us moms to grow in friendship and faith through prayer and conversation. Coffee and snacks are provided, so please consider joining us this Saturday (or an upcoming 1st/3rd Saturday). We also have volunteer(s) to help care for your kids if you'd like to bring them along. Please let Jenna Salinas know at jennamsalinas@gmail.com if you think you will use childcare so we can make sure we have enough volunteers. Thanks and we hope you can join us!

#### JOIN US FOR DINNER!

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is for all parishioners new, old, married, single, ages 21 and up. It is designed to promote and strengthen our parish community by providing an opportunity to get to know those familiar faces we see each week at Mass and at parish events.

If you sign up as a guest participant, you will be assigned to attend a dinner with one of our parishioner hosts in their home. Last year was our first year and everyone had a great time meeting new people, laughing with old friends, and enjoying a variety of dinners with the hosts. Special considerations and assignments will be made if you have allergies to food or pets or if you have mobility concerns. And, if you need a ride we have volunteers for that too! We don't want you to miss out on the fun!

If you sign up as a host—your meal can be simple or formal; potluck, buffet, or family style—you need only provide the main dish and beverages. Guests may be asked to bring a dish to share or you can host the whole meal. It is up to you!

I am looking for hosts and guests for our next dinner event on Saturday, Jan. 20th at 6:30 p.m. Won't you join us?

Please contact Laurie Forner, (612) 201-7002 or Iforner2@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to participate as a host or as a guest. If you participated in the past, please note that you can attend as often as you wish and you do not have to host to participate.

#### CUT-OUT ON ADVERTISING PAGE

Some of you may have noticed that there is a new "ad" on the back page. It is not actually an ad, but a cut-out that you may use to show appreciation. Whenever you patronize a business on the back of the bulletin, you may cut out the "Thank You" box and present it. This shows the business owners that they made good use of their advertising budget by advertising in our bulletin.

#### HOSPITALITY AND A WARM SMILE SAYS "WELCOME" AND "HAPPY TO SEE YOU!"

Each Sunday we have anywhere from 25-40 people after Mass in St. Francis Hall and it is so enjoyable to take some time to get to know each other or to welcome visitors and new parishioners.

We have opportunities to celebrate, to find out if others need our prayers, to help someone feel a little less lonely, or just to catch up with old and new friends.

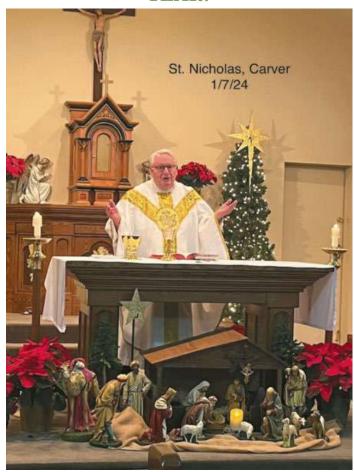
If you can help as a family, as a group of friends, as a ministry team—that would be wonderful! This is a great way for families to serve together, to complete Confirmation service hours, and to get to know your community in conversation.

If you are willing to serve, Laurie Forner will send you a quick checklist (more information is available in the kitchen). It takes about 20 minutes prior to Mass to prep and then after Mass, hospitality usually lasts until the next Mass begins.

We generally serve after the 8 and 10 a.m. Masses and our goal is to provide hospitality every Sunday.

Contact Laurie Forner at (612) 201-7002 or email her at Iforner2@gmail.com

### THANK YOU FR. DEVORAK FOR ALL THE MASSES YOU SAID AT SAINT NICHOLAS AND GUARDIAN ANGELS THIS PAST YEAR!



## JOIN US FOR PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE AND THE MARCH FOR LIFE

January 22nd, bus from St. Hubert's

Stand up for life on Monday, January 22nd, by attending the annual Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 10:30 a.m. followed by the annual MCCL March for Life at noon.

Beginning at noon on the steps of the Capitol building, the March for Life program will rivet the public's attention to the reality of abortion in our state. Participants will each have the opportunity to carry one of the 12,000 baby models to place in a large display—each life-size model representing a life lost to abortion in Minnesota last year. For more details and resources, visit mccl.org

The St. Hubert Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring free bus transportation. The bus will depart from St. Hubert's front parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and return at approximately 2 p.m. No cost to ride the bus; all ages are welcome.

Please RSVP to jcathy724@gmail.com or (952) 334-0780 with your name, phone, and number of seats you need.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE MORE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT?

January 19-20 at Our Lady of the Lake, Mound

In response to the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter, Father Michael Becker, who is the Vicar of Charisms and the Office of Synod Evangelization, invites you to a <u>Life in the Spirit Seminar</u> at The Church of Our Lady of the Lake in Mound. It will take place Friday evening and Saturday, January 19th and 20th. This is a tremendous opportunity to grow in your faith. Please pick up a flyer in the back of church in order to sign up and for more information. Or, send an email message to communications@ourladyofthelake.com

#### MARCH FOR LIFE: ADULTS AND FAMILY

January 18-21, Washington D.C.

For the first time in recent memory, the Archdiocese is offering a pilgrimage to Washington D.C. for adults and families to attend the National March for Life as well as the trip for high school youth. Though Roe vs. Wade was overturned in June 2022, abortion access is expanding in many states. It is a great tragedy that despite the victory in the Supreme Court, many politicians still support this grave evil. Through this trip we can stand in opposition on the national stage and tell everyone how each life is sacred, from conception to natural death. Go to archspm.org/marchforlife for more information.

#### LAUDATE DEUM STUDY SESSION

Monday, January 22nd, 12:30-1 p.m. or Thursday, January 25th, 6:30-8 p.m.

The Laudato Si' Movement Chapter of Minnesota will be hosting Laudate Deum reading groups in January as a precursor to Lent. Laudate Deum is an Apostolic Exhortation released on October 4th, 2023 addressing the need for urgency in addressing climate issues. There will be two study groups for Laudate Deum. If interested in this study group, please fill out the form on the archspm website by January 19th.

## FIND YOUR COMMUNITY THIS NEW YEAR!

If you make a resolution to take the next step in your faith journey, you won't be alone. Our parish is launching a new small group ministry this Lent to become, as Pope Francis suggests, "a community of communities." Group leaders from our parish have been praying and preparing for months to welcome you into a small faith community that meets you wherever you are on your faith journey. You might say: "But, give me three good reasons to join a small group."

Challenge accepted! Our parish is launching a small group ministry that will:

- 1. Foster personal relationships
- 2. Build community
- 3. Provide formation, so we all may grow as faithful missionary disciples of Christ

Joining a small group will be easy! Look for more information soon as we will have sign-up on Sunday January 20th and 21st.

#### MIRIAM DINNER

Wednesday, January 24th, 6-8 p.m., Archdiocesan Catholic Center, St. Paul

Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Bishop Michael Izen, and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite women ages 16-35 who are discerning consecrated life. It is typical for women discerners to be accompanied by their pastor, consecrated religious, or youth minister. The evening begins with prayer, followed by dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocations testimonies.

Priests, deacons, and consecrated women in the Archdiocese are encouraged to invite women, ages 16-35, who present a sincere interest in consecrated life.

Register at 10000vocations.org/miriam-dinner.html

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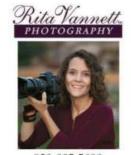
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