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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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April 7th, 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.

bilingüe en San Nicolás

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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Larry Schmid, Trustee
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Please submit announcements, feature articles, or event summaries for the bulletin for Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas by email at bulletin@gachaska.org by 12 p.m. the Tuesday before. Photographs must be in .jpg format.

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ANOINTING

If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

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, April 8th

6:00 p.m. Daughters of Isabella Meeting, St. Francis Hall

Tuesday, April 9th

5:30 p.m. Mass, † Shirley Maier

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

Wednesday, April 10th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Deceased members of the Don and Marlys Jacques Family

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

Thursday, April 11th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Henry Stacken

7:00 p.m. Latino Prayer Group Gathering, GA Church and St. Francis Hall

Friday, April 12th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN), † Allan Engelen

6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group, GA School

7:00 p.m. Bible Class in Spanish, St. Francis Hall

Saturday, April 13th

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

9:00 a.m. First Eucharist Retreat, GA Church

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

4:00 p.m. Crusillo: Ultreya, St. Francis Hall

4:30 p.m. Mass, † Ruth Pass

Sunday, April 14th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Mary Meyer

10:00 a.m. Mass, † Steven Guillemette

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), For the People

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

Mass Intentions:

Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † 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: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31
 Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Hch 4, 32-35/Sal 117, 2-4. 13-15. 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5, 1-6/Jn 20, 19-31
 Lunes: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 39, 7-8. 8-9. 10. 11/Heb 10, 4-10/Lc 1, 26-38
 Martes: Hch 4, 32-37/Sal 92, 1. 1-2. 5/Jn 3, 7-15
 Miércoles: Hch 5, 17-26/Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Jn 3, 16-21
 Jueves: Hch 5, 27-33/Sal 33, 2 y 9. 17-18. 19-20/Jn 3, 31-36
 Viernes: Hch 5, 34-42/Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14/Jn 6, 1-15
 Sábado: Hch 6, 1-7/Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 18-19/Jn 6, 16-21
 Domingo siguiente: Hch 3, 13-15. 17-19/Sal 4, 2. 4. 7-8. 9 (7)/1 Jn 2, 1-5/Lc 24, 35-48

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/23 to Date:

Friary Doors, Church Fence, Repair Sanctuary/Sacristy windows, replace furnace room windows, church boilers, Gym Lights

Year-To-Date 7/1/23—4/1/24

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$565,640	\$45,480
Sunday Collection	\$16,297	\$1,932
Contributions	\$27,521	\$1,202
Total Giving	\$480,771	\$47,824
Amount above or below	-\$84,869	+\$2,344

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/23—2/29/24 Contributions:	\$44,362
	(\$5,250 boiler rebate)
7/1/23—12/31/23 Expenses:	\$133,252.91
Fund Balance:	\$98,561

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



OUR LORD'S DIVINE MERCY

Happy Easter everyone! I wish you and your families a grace-filled day that brings your family together by his love which has conquered all sin and death. Looking ahead to next week, I wish to write about Divine Mercy Sunday. This Sunday, the second Sunday of Easter, was declared Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope John Paul II on April 30th, 2000 at the canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska. Now, our late and beloved pope, himself, was Beatified in Rome on May 1st. The last text prepared by our late and beloved Holy Father, read after his death teaches us about the great gift of Divine Mercy. He writes, "Today the glorious Alleluia of Easter resounds. Today's Gospel from John emphasizes that on the evening of that day he appeared to the Apostles and 'showed them his hands and his side' (Jn 20:20), that is, the sign of the painful passion with which his Body was indelibly stamped, even after the Resurrection. Those glorious wounds, which he allowed doubting Thomas to touch eight days later, reveal the mercy of God who 'so loved the world that he gave his only Son' (Jn 3:16) ... Lord, who reveals the Father's love by your death and Resurrection, we believe in you and confidently repeat to you today: Jesus, I trust in you, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world."

Mercy, which we are completely dependent on, is a hallmark of our Catholic faith. In fact, our beloved and late pope called mercy love's second name. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy flow from divine mercy itself revealed so vividly to Thomas. In the Good Samaritan parable, Jesus answers a man's question, "Who is my neighbor?" by showing that the neighbor is one who shows mercy. In the Last Judgment of Matthew 25 the sheep that are saved are the ones who did works of mercy – feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead. These would be later called the Corporal Works of Mercy. And the account that Jesus gives of the Last Judgment reveals to us that when they are done to the least brothers and sisters they are done to Jesus.

I encourage you to pray the novena of Divine Mercy which began on Good Friday (you can begin now and catch up). I encourage you to attend our Divine Mercy celebration at 3:30 PM today, Sunday, April 7th. It will consist of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Litanies and Prayers to the Divine Mercy, and adoration of the image of the Divine Mercy. Blessings to you and your family on this octave day of our Lord's Resurrection!

Father Tony

LINEN MINISTRY NEEDS HELP

The altar linen ministry needs a couple more volunteers who can give three hours a month to enhance our weekly liturgies. Once a month a volunteer picks up the used purificators, corporals, and other altar towels and linens and takes them home to wash, dry, and iron. Specific washing instructions/training will be provided. Scheduling is flexible to your own timetable. Helping our community behind the scenes is a beautiful way to use your talents and serve God.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Cathy Cress at (952) 807-1087 or email deancathy@comcast.net.



ULTRASOUND MODELS NEEDED

*574 Prairie Center Dr. Suite 130, Eden Prairie
Wednesday, April 10th from 11a.m. — 3 p.m.*

As part of medical training for nurse sonographers, non-diagnostic ultrasounds will be provided to women at 16 weeks or less gestational age. Each appointment will last 30 minutes and all participants will be provided with a gift basket as well as photos of their unborn baby. Family is welcome to come along to the scan. Call (952) 938-4496 to make an appointment.

PACK-UP-A-PICKUP RESULTS

The total amount raised for Bountiful Basket was \$3,285.00 and 1,431 lbs. of food. Thank you very much to the parishioners of Guardian Angels and St. Nicholas for your generosity.

A special Thank You to the volunteers in this photo for unloading and sorting items at Bountiful Basket, and also to Tom LaTour and Jack Worm for the use of their trucks and time collecting donations before and after the Masses. We had 2 pickups packed with food and hygiene items!

The Holy Thursday collection total was \$210.00 and 57 lbs. of food.



RUMMAGE SALE

We will be having the Rummage Sale this year in June, so keep us in mind when you're doing your spring cleaning.

We will be accepting donations on Monday, June 17th, Tuesday, June 18th, and Wednesday June, 19th from 8 a.m.—8 p.m.

ANNUAL LOVE INC. CELEBRATION

The annual One Love Celebration is on Tuesday, April 23rd. We invite all parishioners to come and join in! Dinner with live music will take place and a comedian and a small play about what the Love INC experience is like through the eyes and hearts of our clients will be performed. Check out the website at www.loveinccc.org/one-love-celebration.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

**It's Spring, let's get out and JOIN US FOR DINNER
Saturday, April 20th!**

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is for all parishioners, new, old, married, or 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 new and 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, April 20th at 6:30 p.m.
Won't you join us?!**

Please contact Laurie Forner at (612) 201-7002 or lforner2@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 you can attend as often as you wish and you do not have to host to participate in the dinners!

D OF I MEETING

The Daughters of Isabella will meet in St. Francis Hall on Monday, April 8th. 6 p.m. social with 6:30 p.m. Meeting.

JOIN US FOR DONUTS AND SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

"The existence of each individual is deeply tied to that of others: life is not simply time that passes; life is a time for interactions." (Pope Francis, Brothers and Sisters to Us [Fratelli Tutti], no. 66)

Gathering after Mass in Saint Francis Hall downstairs to visit over coffee, juice, and donuts is a great way to interact and get to know your parish community. We encourage you to stop downstairs after Masses on Sunday even if for just a few minutes to say hello.

Fran Oprosko, our Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, has also been providing brief, fun, faith-based activities for children, while others visit during hospitality.

Please consider hosting as a family, or gather a couple friends together to host... or if you lead a ministry, sign up your ministry group. We need hosts for 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses at GA.

We would like to fill up the calendar for the next quarter beginning in April.

Thank you to our Parishioners for always providing enough in the free will basket to cover costs. Thank you to our many donors of time, talent, and treasure to the hospitality ministry including Ken and Laurie Forner, Scott and Marie Guillemette and Family, Fran Oprosko, Sam Lano, Steve Rasmussen and representatives of the Knights of Columbus, Catholic United Financial, Confirmation Prep, Faith Formation, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Parish Council, Synod Evangelization Team, Worldwide Marriage Encounter, and others. We appreciate the support and the time to interact with each other.

To sign up, go to our website or contact Laurie Forner at (612) 201-7002 or lforner2@gmail.com



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Thank you to Harold Brose and Bill Boecker, who are the masterminds that pull it all together so wonderfully!



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