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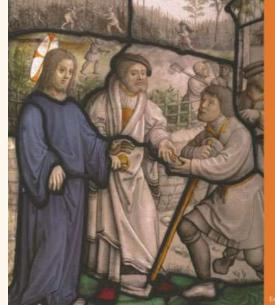
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5[™] SUNDAY OF EASTER

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"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

April 28th, 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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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 29th

Tuesday, April 30th

5:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Sam and Mary Cleveland 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

Wednesday, May 1st

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Mary Meyer6:15 p.m. Faith Formation Family Night, Campus-wide

Thursday, May 2nd

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Eileen Kessler
7:00 p.m. Latino Prayer Group Gathering,
GA Church and St. Francis Hall

Friday, May 3rd

Saturday, May 4th

8:00 a.m. D of I Rosary, GA Church
8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church
9:00 a.m. SET Meeting, St. Francis Hall
9:00 a.m. Mom's Group, Room 004
3:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, GA Choir Loft
3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church
4:30 p.m. Mass, & Colby Rothmeier

Sunday, May 5th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Betty Jean Baumann 10:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Ted Janey 10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), ⊕ Allan Engelen 12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), Para la gente

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: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21 Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

(see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Hch 9, 26-31/Sal 21, 26-27. 28. 30. 31-32 (26)/1 Jn 3,

18-24/Jn 15, 1-8

Lunes: Hch 14, 5-18/Sal 113, 1-2. 3-4. 15-16/Jn 14, 21-26 Martes: Hch 14, 19-28/Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 21/Jn 14, 27-31 Miércoles: Hch 15, 1-6/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/Jn 15, 1-8 Jueves: Hch 15, 7-21/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 10/Jn 15, 9-11 Viernes: 1 Cor 15, 1-8/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5/Jn 14, 6-14 Sábado: Hch 16, 1-10/Sal 99, 1b-2. 3. 5/Jn 15, 18-21

Domingo siguiente: Hch 10, 25-26. 34-35. 44-48/Sal 97, 1. 2-3.

3-4 (ver 2)/1 Jn 4, 7-10/Jn 15, 9-17

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



In Today's Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

Guardian Angels St. Nicholas

Year-To-Date 7/1/23—4/22/24

Budget	\$608,063	\$48,891
Sunday Collection	\$19,221	\$374
Contributions	\$28,071	\$1,202
Total Giving	\$518,127	\$50,896
Amount above or below	-\$89.936	+\$2,005

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/23 to Date:

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

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/23—3/31/24 Contributions: \$50,247

(\$5,250 boiler rebate)

7/1/23—12/31/23 Expenses: \$139,262.91 Fund Balance: \$98,436

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 28, 2024 5th Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit He prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2). I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not His work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

Father John Muir

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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.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION ARRIVES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE IN ONE MONTH

Friday, May 24th-May 31st

In just one month, the Archdiocese will be hosting the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. With over thirty events at various parishes and other locations in the Archdiocese, there are opportunities for the faithful to join in Mass, adoration, liturgy of the hours, and more. Visit www.archspm.org/eucharistic-pilgrimage for the full route—which includes the Source and Summit Procession. Join in at the Saint Paul Seminary at 12:45 p.m. on Monday, Memorial Day, and follow Christ through the heart of Saint Paul on Summit Avenue, a flagship portion of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage's Marian Route. Follow our Lord to the Cathedral of Saint Paul, concluding with prayer around 4:00 p.m. inside the Cathedral.

PRO-LIFE DRIVE



In honor of all mothers and fathers, the Respect Life Committee has decided that, in lieu of a shower, we will be asking for financial contributions. These funds will be given out to local Pro-Life organizations. There will be envelopes in the pews the weekends of May 11-12 and May 18-19. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you for your support!



ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Saturday, May 25th, 10-11:30 a.m., Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul

All are welcome to attend the Presbyteral Ordination at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Thirteen Theology IV seminarians from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis are scheduled to be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ!

Go to www.10000vocations.org/ordinations.html for more information.

GUARDIAN ANGELS PRAYER LINE

You are welcome to join the Prayer Line Team to pray for the needs of parishioners, relatives, and friends in need of support. To join the Prayer Line please send an email to prayer@gachaska.org and include your name, email, and contact phone number.

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 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



SAINT PAUL SEMINARY BEATS SAINT JOHN VIANNEY SEMINARY AND PRIESTS

The annual basketball game is back, and on April 19th there was a match up between St. John Vianney and St. Paul Seminary at St. Charles Borromeo in Minneapolis. The winner played in Game 2 against the Priests and it was a great game to watch with each parish bringing fans to cheer them on. Our own Father Tony VanderLoop served as coach and Archbishop Hebda came to watch the fun!

The final score was 49-31 with a win for the St. Paul Seminarians. The score doesn't reflect the competitiveness as both sides played with enthusiasm and hard work. Father Joseph Kuharski scored a 15 foot jumper with 8 seconds to go to bring the difference in scores under 20.

Also playing was the son of Bob and Julie VanDenBroecke, Father Nick VanDenBroeke, who always shows a lot of energy on the court. Father Nick is also credited with starting this fun tournament right here at GA several years ago and the fun continues!





CHAPTER TWO MARRIAGE PREP RETREAT

Saturday, May 18th, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., St. Paul Church in Ham Lake, Fee: \$250

Chapter Two Retreat is designed for couples in which one or both are entering into a second marriage. This retreat, serving the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and surrounding dioceses, helps couples prepare to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony through reflecting on the beauty and richness of the Church's teaching on marriage and the family while discussing the unique challenges and complexities of their situation. Presentations given by priests, educators, and lay persons.

Register at:

www.chruchofsaintpaul.com/chapter-two

76TH ANNUAL FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSION

Sunday, May 5th, 1:30 p.m., Minnesota State Capitol to Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul

As a public witness to our Catholic faith during the month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, come with family and friends to the annual Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession. Bishop Williams will join at the Capitol and in the Cathedral. Line up begins at 1:30 p.m. on the State Capitol grounds and the procession will begin at 2 p.m. Parishes are encouraged to bring banners to represent their communities. First Communicants are invited to wear their First Communion attire. Go to minnesotarosaryprocessions.org for more information.

COR JESU

May 3rd, 8 p.m., The Saint Paul Seminary (Saint Mary's Chapel, St. Paul)

Eucharistic Adoration, confession, praise and worship music, and fellowship with young adults, college age and older. Bishop Joseph Williams will be presiding. Join us to adore the heart of Jesus!

No need to RSVP. Parking is open on lots P, X, and Y on the South Campus of the University of St. Thomas.

VENITE! A SPRING CONCERT

May 4th, 7:30-8:45 p.m., Holy Cross, Minneapolis

Come and hear the magnificent choirs of Holy Cross Catholic Church of Minneapolis in a spring concert! Admission is free, but a \$20 donation is encouraged in support of the music at Holy Cross. The program features works by G. Aichinger, G. Allegri, F. Anerio, S. Backman, E.C. Bairstow, A. Beach, W. Byrd, R. Dering, G. Gabrieli, E. Osterman, M. Praetorius, J.P. Sweelinck, and J. Travers. In addition, there will be festive congregational singing accompanied by organ, brass quartet, and timpani.

TRANSITIONAL DIACONAL ORDINATION

Saturday, May 11th, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis

All are welcome to attend the Diaconate Ordination. Theology III seminarians from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis will celebrate the Rite of Transitional Diaconate Ordination by the imposition of hands by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Michael J. Izen.

2nd ANNUAL SILVER TEA

May 5th, 1-3 p.m., Lowell Inn, Stillwater

Tickets \$50, must be reserved through St. Mary's Office (651) 439-1270 or flharris@costm.org by April 26th.

PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 4th, 8:30-11:30 a.m., St. Thomas More, St. Paul

Saint Thomas More Catholic Community and Twin Cities Prison Ministry will be hosting a workshop to help us discover the many different ways we can get involved in prison ministry. If you've ever wondered how to live out this work of mercy, this event is for you! Prison ministry can help us be the face and heart of Jesus Christ sharing His mercy, forgiveness, and presence while letting prisoners, their families, and institutional staff know that they are not forgotten or alone.

YOUNG ADULTS SILENT RETREAT

Dunrovin Retreat Center, Marine on St. Croix, Reg. Fee \$250

Join other young adults in an extended-weekend silent retreat. Father Patrick, PES, will be leading participants in the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola through prayer, Mass, rosary, adoration, confession, and more.

Register online at:

www.archspm.org/young-adults-silent-retreat

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The Council of Catholic Women of St. Mary's in Stillwater will host an afternoon of friendship and "High Tea" with scones, canapés, soup, and dessert. The guest speaker is Sr. Maria Ivan of St. Croix Catholic School. She will be speaking on "Eucharistic Joy—Learning from Mary." Proceeds go to the Respect Life project, "Early Child Loss Memorial Rosary Garden" at St. Mary's. Fancy hats optional but encouraged!

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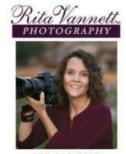
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