

# The Church of The Guardian Angels

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# Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

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# Weekly Liturgy Schedule

# **Sunday Masses:**

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Saturdays: 4:30 p.m. Sundays: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. at GA 10:00 a.m. at St. Nick Sunday: 12:30 p.m. (Mass 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 St. Nick

## Reconciliation:

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

# **Eucharistic Adoration:**

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

#### Office Hours:

Monday: 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday—Thursday:

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

# Horario de Misas

#### **Misas dominicales:**

Sábado: 4:30 p.m. Domingo: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. Domingo: 12:30 p.m. (Misa 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:

Sábados: 8:00-8:45 a.m. Sábados: 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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#### **Church Calendar**

#### Monday, January 9th

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

6:30 p.m., Creighton Model FertilityCare, St. Nicholas Classrooms 1-4

#### Tuesday, January 10th

5:00 p.m. Creighton Model FertilityCare, St. Nicholas Classrooms 1-4

5:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Robert Ohnsorg

6:30 p.m. RCIA, St. Francis Hall

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

## Wednesday, January 11th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Virgil Gestach 6:15 p.m., Encounter Faith Formation, GA School, St. Nicholas Classrooms 1-4

#### Thursday, January 12th

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA 8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 13th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

#### Saturday, January 14th

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church 9:00 a.m. 1st Reconciliation Retreat, St. Francis Hall

10:00 a.m. Lector Review Session, GA Church

1:00 p.m. RCIC Sacramental Preparation, St. Francis Hall

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

4:00 p.m. Cursillo: Ultreya Meeting

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

#### Sunday, January 15th

8:00 a.m. Mass, For the People

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts,

St. Francis Hall

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), For the People

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, 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.

**Reconciliation**: Saturdays at GA from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. and 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. or by appt.

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

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

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. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

## Hospital, Nursing Home, 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.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;

Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;

Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-

39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17 Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;

Jn 1:29-34

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Hch 10:34-38; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Martes: Heb 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:21-28

o Heb 1:1-6 y 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;

Mc 1:14-20 y 1:21-28

Miércoles: Heb 2:14-18; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9;

Mc 1:29-39

Jueves: Heb 3:7-14; Sal 95 (94):6-11; Mc 1:40-45 Viernes: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Sal 78 (77):3, 4bc, 6c-8;

Mc 2:1-12

Sábado: Heb 4:12-16; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 2:13-17

Domingo: Is 49:3, 5-6; Sal 40 (39):2, 4, 7-10;

1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

# STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.

Maintenance Expenses Paid: \$17,239 (Church Chiller Compressor Upgrade and Voltage Monitor, Sacristy Rain Gutters and downspout, re-roof rectory garage, repair rectory porch roof)

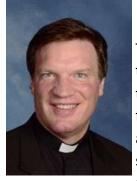
# Year-To-Date 7/1/22—12/26/22

**Guardian Angels** 

St. Nicholas

Budget	\$310,578	\$28,504
Sunday Collection	\$234,304	\$24,556
Electronic Giving	\$94,527	\$7,271
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$328,828	\$31,827
Amount above or below	+18,250	+\$3,323

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund: Year-to-date 7/1/22—12/19/22 Contributions \$18,173 Fund Balance:\$215,563



# THE SEARCH FOR GOD AND THE LIGHT OF GOD

Today on this feast of the Epiphany we celebrate the great event in which the kings traveled to see Jesus. We reflect on the great and tender moment when they reached their destination and prostrated themselves before Jesus offering their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But in order to reach this moment when they looked upon Jesus and sat with him, they first had to go on a long and difficult journey. Along the way they stopped in Jerusalem to ask, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" These words reveal a deep truth about us: We are all made for God and we have a great desire to seek

him.

It is surprising to think that the kings would travel on a long journey over mountains to see a little child. We can think of the obstacles in their way including the fact that they did not know in which town the Holy Family stayed. Moreover, great tension existed as they made their journey. The words of King Herod to the kings were filled with deceit and the intention to kill. And in the land where Jesus lived, the Israelites were being oppressed by the Romans. When we look at the facts we might really think that this journey was unwise.

But the search of the kings was a search for God. And we also ask the question, "Where is God? Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" We will have to find him in our own places of tension where we live much of our lives. We will have to look for him in places where we argue for fairness and justice, at meetings, during family conflicts and in noisy hospitals.

It is wise, however, to keep searching and stay on the journey like the wise kings. They had the eyes of faith. They were guided by the light of God from a star. God will give us that light to guide us also even during the difficult parts of the journey. God will not fail us on the journey of faith. The light of God gave the wise kings great hope and they fixed their hope entirely on seeing Jesus, the newborn king. So our journey continues. We also fix our hope in seeing Jesus at every turn of the journey. We ask God the Father to lead us by his light to the Son.

This, however, means that we must leave things behind and pack lightly. We leave behind our expectations of how our lives will be. Jesus will reveal himself in ways that we could never imagine. We will reach our destination. Someday we will see Jesus in all of his glory in the next world. We stand before him at this mass grateful for that and ready to offer our gifts to him as he offers himself to us.

**Father Tony** 

# **CUSTODIAN POSITION OPENING!**

The Churches of Guardian Angels in Chaska and Saint Nicholas in Carver seek a Custodian in a full-time or nearly full-time position. Qualifications include 3 or more years demonstrated success in a similar capacity in the field of maintenance. Please consult the parish website, www.gachaska.org, under the "About Us" tab for a more complete summary, job description, and application instructions. Thank you for considering the position. If you know of someone who would be a suitable and interested candidate, please encourage them to apply. Thank You.

# ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking for more altar servers at St. Nicholas. We are accepting servers from Grades 4-12. If you are interested talk to Fr. Tony after Mass.

# DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA MEETING

The Daughters of Isabella will meet in St. Francis Hall, Monday, January 9th at 6 p.m. for social hour. The meeting will start at 6:30.

Old acquaintance been forgot?



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# LOCAL CHURCH LOOKS FOR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

The Church of the Ascension, NYA, MN and St. Bernard Church, Cologne, MN has an opening for a full time shared Parish Business Administrator. The Administrator works closely with the Pastor to manage the business of the parishes. A BA degree or equivalent work experience including budgeting, asset management, Human Resources, and supervisory experience.

Please send resume and cover letter including salary requirements to Sherry at busadmin@ascensionnya.org

# **CURSILLO: ULTRYA MEETING**

Guardian Angels Parishioners and Western Ultreya Friends,

We will be gathering for Western Ultreya on Saturday, January 14th at Guardian Angels in St. Francis Hall. GA Mass at 4:30 p.m. and a pot-luck after Mass. Bring your favorite dish to share: entrée, sides, or dessert. Ultreya will begin around 6:30 p.m. The Ultreya meeting portion includes song, prayer, time for small group discussion, and a witness speaker to share form their faith journey. Ken and Laurie Forner from Guardian Angels will be your hosts and witness speakers.

## BILLBOARDS

The Guardian Angels Respect for Life Group, with funding support from the Knights of Columbus and in partnership with the Henry Hammers Family have erected pro-life billboards on the Hammers Property just west of Carver along Hwy 212. Pictured are the two billboards. If you have a passion for Respect Life issues come join us, our next meeting is Thursday February 9th, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Francis Hall.





# CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS PT. 2

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# **CURSILLO AT FMSC**

Several of our GA Cursillo group members chose to serve at Feed My Starving Children as our Christmas celebration.





**Respect Life Mass and MCCL March for Life:** 

On Sunday, January 22, you are invited to attend a special Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at noon followed by the annual MCCL March for Life at the state Capitol grounds. We will walk from the Cathedral to the Capitol. The March will begin at 2 PM followed by a brief program at 2:30 PM. MCCL will announce their 2023 legislative agenda and introduce Pro-life law makers and officials.

G.A. Knights of Columbus is teaming up with St. Hubert in Chanhassen and will provide free bus transportation. The bus will depart from St. Hubert's front parking lot (8201 Main St.) at 11 AM and return at approximately 3:45 PM. A free will offering will be taken on the bus to help cover transportation costs.

Sign up to ride the bus by visiting www.sthubert.org or by going to www.signupgenius.com/ GO/4090D4EABAE29A1FA7-RESPECT1. Ages 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for winter cold, wear boots and bring a snack that you can eat on the go.

Questions? Contact Brady Tynen (952-934-9106)/ brady.tynen@sthubert.org OR Cathy Johnson (952-334-0780)/jcathy724@gmail.com

> 11 AM: Bus 12 PM: Respect Life Mass 2 PM: March for Life

**9 Days For Life Novena** Join thousands of Catholics nationwide praying the annual 9 Days for Life novena, January 21-29. Sign up today at www.9daysforlife.com

## GUESS WHO IS COMING TO DINNER

This is our second dinner and we hope you can participate! Those who attended the first dinner had a very enjoyable meal together. This event is designed to promote and strengthen our parish community by providing a chance to meet new parishioners as well as those familiar faces we see each week at Mass and at parish events. Hosts and guests will be randomly selected for each dinner, so we can all meet new people.

# NEXT DINNER January 21st, 2023 (please RSVP by January 16th)

**Register** as a guest or a host, by completing a registration form online at gachaska.org, return a complete registration found at the information desk in church, or email Laurie Forner at Iforner2@gmail.com or call (612) 201-7002. You may return paper registrations to the office or in the collection basket at Mass.

#### **About the Event:**

Who: Everyone—Married Couples or Singles, Ages 21 and up

**What:** Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is a fun way for parishioners to meet, in groups of 6-8 people, in a relaxed, informal atmosphere over dinner and conversation. There is an element of surprise to the evening— as a guest, you will not know whose home you are going to until dinnertime; and as host, you will not know who is coming—adds fun for everyone!

**Hosts** will provide the main dish and beverages in a casual setting at their home. (Paper plates are acceptable! Whatever works for you. Also, it is not necessary to host to take part.)

**Guests** who attend the dinner will be asked to bring a salad, side dish, appetizer, or dessert. You will receive an email or call one week prior to provide the address and the food item to bring.

Where: At the home of a volunteer host.

When: Select Saturdays, every third month; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.





ENCOUNTER Faith Formation returns Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>! Make it your New Year commitment to attend as many sessions as possible...

The themes for the January parent and adult small groups will be:

January 11<sup>th</sup> - Baptism and the Parent's Mission: Passing on the Faith

January 18<sup>th</sup> - The Meaning of the Human Family

January 25<sup>th</sup> – Praying and Going to Church & Reconciliation as a Family



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