



John the Baptist saw  
Jesus coming toward him  
and said, "Behold,  
the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin  
of the world." JOHN 1:29

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JANUARY 15, 2023

## *The Church of The Guardian Angels*

215 Second Street West, Chaska, MN 55318 •

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## *Saint Nicholas Catholic Church*

412 Fourth Street West, Carver, MN 55315 •

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### Weekly Liturgy Schedule

#### Sunday Masses:

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.

SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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<p><b>BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS</b></p> <p>If you have anything to submit for the bulletin for Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas, email bulletin@gachaska.org by 12:00 p.m. the Tuesday before. Any photographs must be in .jpg format.</p>	<p><b>GET THE BULLETIN EMAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU!</b></p> <p>Did you know that you can get this bulletin sent to your email inbox? You can! Text GACHASKA to 84576, add your email address, and join the "Bulletin" group.</p>	
	<p><b>RECIBE EL BOLETÍN POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO ¡DIRECTAMENTE A USTED!</b></p> <p>¿Sabías que puedes recibir este boletín en tu bandeja de entrada de correo electrónico? ¡Puedes! Envíe un mensaje de texto con GACHASKA al 84576, agregue su dirección de correo electrónico y únase al grupo "Boletín".</p>	
	<p><b>ENVÍOS AL BOLETÍN</b></p> <p>Si tiene algo que enviar para el boletín de Guardian Angels o St. Nicholas, envíe un correo electrónico a bulletin@gachaska.org antes de las 12:00 p.m. el martes anterior. Cualquier fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.</p>	

**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: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21  
 Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 5:1-10; Sal 110 (109):1-4; Mc 2:18-22  
 Martes: Heb 6:10-20; Sal 111 (110):1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mc 2:23-28  
 Miércoles: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Sal 110 (109):1-4; Mc 3:1-6  
 Jueves: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Sal 40 (39):7-10, 17; Mc 3:7-12  
 Viernes: Heb 8:6-13; Sal 85 (84):8, 10-14; Mc 3:13-19  
 Sábado: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-9; Mc 3:20-21  
 Domingo: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Today's responsorial psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

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—01/09/23

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$331,282	\$30,404
Sunday Collection	\$251,825	\$25,508
Electronic Giving	\$104,180	\$7,714
Total Contributions	\$356,005	\$33,222
Amount above or below	+24,723	+\$2,818

**Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:**  
 Year-to-date 7/1/22—01/09/23  
 Contributions \$18,173  
 Fund Balance:\$215,563



## BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD!

“Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, grant us peace.” We say these words at every Mass. They repeat the words of John the Baptist that we hear in the gospel today. Even though these words are heard often, we have to admit that they have become somewhat foreign to us. We do know how a lamb looks, even though many of us have not spent much time on a farm. But what does this description of this strong young man, a son of a carpenter, mean?

Every day lambs were offered as sacrifices in the Temple in Jerusalem, and to this day a lamb is eaten at the meal on the Jewish feast of Passover, which recalls the night of the Exodus from slavery in Egypt. So “Lamb of God” means the sacrifice that is offered to God for reconciliation and liberation. This on whom John calls the “Lamb of God” is referred to by John as the one who will take away the sins of the world.

These mysterious words about Jesus predict his entire future path. He will travel this path, not with great political success, or with great military conquests, but rather “like a lamb that is led to slaughter” (Isaiah 53:7). But in this way, seemingly with powerlessness, he will lift the entire burden of evil that weighs heavily on the world. This burden is the burden of war, injustice, and hate that the Bible calls “sin,” which Jesus loaded upon himself and took away.

The problems of our lives and our world do not seem to always have clear and happy endings, but we are nonetheless part of God’s miraculous activity. We, like John the Baptist, are part of God’s salvation story. John the Baptist and the prophet Isaiah have this kind of keen vision. This one is like a lamb, the beloved Son, with whom the Father is well-pleased. We begin the Church year and He invites us to gather at his feet and listen to Him. Then, as believers in the power of God that is like a lamb, we can truly be testifiers to this mystery as a people of hope for ourselves, our community, our country, and our world.

Father Tony

## EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT MICHAEL IZEN

*Tuesday, April 11th, Cathedral of Saint Paul*

On January 5th, 2023, Pope Francis named Father Michael John Izen, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Save the date for his Episcopal Ordination. Learn more about Bishop-elect Izen and keep up to date on information regarding his ordination at [www.thecatholicspirit.com](http://www.thecatholicspirit.com).

## DALE AHLQUIST: “HOME AND WORK”

*January 26th, Holy Cross Church, 1621 University Ave. NE, Minneapolis*

Dale Ahlquist—author, founder of Chestertonian institutions, and G.K. Chesterton aficionado—speak with us about what Chesterton has to teach us about the relationship between the ever-important spheres of home and work.

Heavy Hors d’oeuvres, beer, and wine will be served.

Registration is \$12 for members, and free for guests, students, and the unemployed.

RSVP at [www.sjbusinessguild.com](http://www.sjbusinessguild.com)

## 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](http://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.

## Old acquaintance been forgot?



Here's to  
**RECONNECTING!**

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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](mailto:busadmin@ascensionnya.org)



### 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](http://www.sthubert.org) or by going to [www.signupgenius.com/GO/4090D4EABAE29A1FA7-RESPECT1](http://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](mailto:brady.tynen@sthubert.org) OR Cathy Johnson (952-334-0780)/[jcathy724@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.9daysforlife.com)

In Memoriam  
**POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI**

April 16, 1927 – December 31, 2022

Papacy:

April 19, 2005 – February 28, 2013



Joseph Alois Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn, Bavaria, on April 16, 1927—Holy Saturday—and baptized that same day—the first person baptized in the new Easter water. It was a sign of blessing, he wrote in a memoir, that his life from the beginning was thus immersed in the Easter mystery. He entered the minor seminary in 1939 at the age of twelve, but his studies were interrupted by World War II, when the seminary was closed and Joseph, along with most of his class, was drafted into the army at the age of sixteen.

After the war he resumed his education in philosophy and theology, and together with his brother, Georg, was ordained a priest in 1951. During the course of a twenty-year career as a professor of dogma and theology at several German universities, he earned a reputation as a gifted lecturer and learned scholar, and was present as a *peritus*, or theological advisor, at all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

He was ordained an archbishop in May of 1977 and elevated to the College of Cardinals a month later. He settled in Rome in 1981 and went on to become one of the most influential men in the Roman curia. Of the many offices he held, he was best known as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, an authoritative advisor on doctrinal issues during his predecessor's pontificate. When he was elected the 265th successor of Peter in 2005 at the age of seventy-eight, he became the first German pope since Victor II in the eleventh century. A central theme of his papacy was the staunch defense of core Christian values against what he saw as moral decline across much of Europe. At the same time, he sought to improve relations with other religions, trying to determine if a “cultural synthesis” was possible without losing the identity of the faith while engaged in discourse with the Lutheran World Federation, Judaism, Islam, the Anglican Communion, and Christian Orthodox Churches. He also spoke out against human rights abuses and ongoing political conflicts and warfare, and advocated better protection of the environment. He called for a radical rethinking of the global economy, criticizing the growing divide between rich and poor, and pressed for a “true world political authority” to oversee the economy and work for the common good.

Ever true to his episcopal motto, “Fellow Worker in the Truth,” Pope Benedict XVI's teaching and prolific writings always defended traditional Catholic doctrine and values.

On February 11, 2013, Pope Benedict XVI announced that on February 28, 2013, he would resign as supreme pontiff due to his advanced age and deteriorating health and that a conclave would be convened shortly thereafter to elect a new pope. He returned to Rome and remained there as Pope Emeritus after Jorge Bergoglio succeeded him as Bishop of Rome.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

## GUESS WHO'S 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](http://gachaska.org), return a complete registration found at the information desk in church, or email Laurie Forner at [lforner2@gmail.com](mailto:lforner2@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 18<sup>th</sup> - The Meaning of the Human Family

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

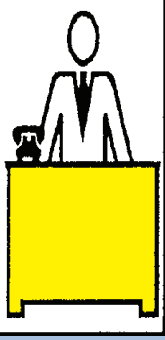
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**GREAT VALUE - 70%** of all households are aware of and look at the advertising in the church bulletin and 68% of households surveyed when making a choice between businesses are inclined to choose the one who advertised in the church bulletin.  
**GREAT LOYALTY - 41%** of households do business with a company specifically because they are advertising in the church bulletin.  
**GREAT PRODUCT - 62%** of households keep the church bulletin the entire week as reference.

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