



# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2023

## *The Church of The Guardian Angels*

215 Second Street West, Chaska, MN 55318 •

[www.gachaska.org](http://www.gachaska.org) • (952) 227-4000

## *Saint Nicholas Catholic Church*

412 Fourth Street West, Carver, MN 55315 •

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“COME AFTER ME,  
AND I WILL MAKE  
YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”  
Matthew 4:19

### 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.

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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>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>	

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**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 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer  
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35  
 Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18  
 Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35  
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34  
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41  
 Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Mc 3:22-30, o cualquiera de lecturas para el Día de Oración  
 Martes: Heb 10:1-10; Sal 40 (39):2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mc 3:31-35  
 Miércoles: Hch 22:3-16 o Hch 9:1-22; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Mc 16:15-18  
 Jueves: 2 Tm 1:1-8 o Tit 1:1-5; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mc 4:21-35  
 Viernes: Heb 10:32-39; Sal 37 (36):3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mc 4:26-34  
 Sábado: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lc 1:69-75; Mc 4:35-41  
 Domingo: Sof 2:3; 3:12-13; Sal 146 (145):6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andrew, James, and John all respond *immediately* to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

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



## THE HARD CASES

On this anniversary day of the infamous Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade, that was thankfully overturned, the need to consider how to care for mothers and fathers in various difficult pregnancy situations and the need to give witness to the Gospel of Life, has never been greater. In October in the run-up to the elections, we saw a lot of political ads on television about the so-called "hard cases" of a choice to abort a child conceived through rape or incest. Cases in which the life of the mother is in danger is another hard case, but I will consider that in a separate article. If politicians can talk about these cases in October, then I, as your pastor, can talk about them in January.

First of all, I urge you to read the article posted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by *Sandra Mahkorn, MD, MPH, MS a family physician and former counselor for sexual assault victims. It is found at: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/life-matters-pregnancy-rape>. The argument by pro-abortion advocates for abortion in these cases seems to be that it would be cruel and a re-victimization to take away the so-called right to abortion when the mother of that child has already been victimized.*

Abortion advocates perpetuate the myth that pregnant rape victims generally desire abortion. But, as the above-referenced article points out, the mother of that child does not stop being the person that she was prior to the terrible event of rape that has happened to her. She brings into this horrible injustice of the crime committed against her and difficult journey to healing all of her beliefs, her sense of right and wrong, and everything else that she is. The abortion rate among rape victims (50 percent) is not substantially higher than among all women who report an "unintended pregnancy" (40 percent).

What a mother in these situations needs is personal compassion, friendship, and real resources to help her in this most difficult time in her life. Does it really help a pregnant victim of rape to say that your situation is hopeless. Just get rid of the problem and you will begin to heal and get over it. Is this real compassion? Is it real compassion to offer to the mother a death sentence for her child only because of the circumstances in which she or he was conceived? Offering such a violent solution to a difficult circumstance only re-victimizes the mother and leaves her feeling the same regret that other mothers who chose abortion feel.

On the other hand, the article mentions that in one study, two-thirds of mothers who continued their pregnancy developed more positive feelings toward the child. Pregnancy resource centers such as Southwest Options for Women in Eden Prairie are places where relationships of healing and compassion can begin. They are places which offer pre-natal care, material assistance to care for a baby, parenting education and counseling, even where trauma is present. They are places where mothers and fathers are offered a true helping hand in an ongoing relationship of healing and trust. In my experience of talking with volunteers in this ministry and hearing testimonies at open houses and fundraising events, I hear two things over and over again. First, that those who come to such centers have often experienced family trauma in their lives. Second, that those who chose abortion say that if even one person would have told them that they didn't have to abort their child, they would have had their child.

Pregnant mothers need real solutions that help her and her child as whole persons even in tragic situations. Offering a very dangerous pill or surgery to end the life of the child lacks this compassion. This is why we continue to give witness to the Gospel of Life with the various gifts that God has given 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](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?



Worldwide Marriage Encounter ~ [WME.ORG](http://WME.ORG)  
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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)

## 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).

## CAPITOL THURSDAYS

Capitol Thursday is designed to engage Catholics, improve your understanding of the Minnesota Catholic Conference's public policy initiatives, and help build relationships with your state legislators.

Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference Staff any 2nd or 4th Thursday at 10:00 a.m. **Please RSVP no later than noon the Wednesday before your desired visit** so that we can help facilitate a meeting with your legislators. Go to [www.mncatholic.org/capitol\\_thursdays](http://www.mncatholic.org/capitol_thursdays) to select a date to reserve your spot.

## PRISONERS OR PATIENTS? SMARTER WAYS TO ADDRESS MENTAL ILLNESS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

*January 28th, 1-3 p.m., Basilica of Saint Mary,  
Minneapolis*

Leaders in the Twin Cities will discuss the Miami Dade model, which demonstrates what is happening in the Twin Cities, and what more needs to be done to improve outcomes and public safety for the incarceration of people with mental health issues. Panelists include: John Choi, Ramsey County Attorney; Dr. Booker Hodges, Bloomington Chief of Police; Lisa Janzen, Mental Health/Veterans Court Judge; Lori Swenson, Hennepin County Corrections Unit Supervisor; and Sue Abderholden, NAMI Executive Director

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Our work as faithful citizens must be led by prayer—Ora et Labora. So, the Minnesota Catholic Conference invites you to join our staff for Adoration at the Capitol. Join us each first Friday of the month from January to May from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. in the Governor's Dining Room located on the lower level of the Minnesota State Capitol.

Note that in April, Adoration will take place on April 14th due to Good Friday. By bringing Christ to the Capitol, we can together pray for our elected officials at their place of work.

An RSVP is optional. However, if you want to receive reminders, please submit an RSVP at [www.mncatholic.org/first\\_friday\\_adoration](http://www.mncatholic.org/first_friday_adoration)

For groups of more than 5 people, please contact us at [policyteam@mncatholic.org](mailto:policyteam@mncatholic.org) so that we can be certain to make accommodations.

## NEWLY MARRIED RETREAT— BUILDING AUTHENTIC INTIMACY

*Saturday, Feb. 4th, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.,  
Our Lady of Grace, Edina*

Couples married for 0-7 years are invited to attend the 2023 Archdiocesan Newly Married Retreat. Keynote speakers are Pat and Kenna Millea of The Martin Center for Integration. Find keynote and breakout topics, registration and further details at [www.archspm.org/nmr](http://www.archspm.org/nmr)

Cost is \$45/couple and registration deadline is January 31st.

## HELP FOR STRUGGLING COUPLES

*February 3-5 (and other dates),  
Best Western Hotel, Eagan*

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Since 1977, over 40,000 marriages saved worldwide. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. For more information, visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

## COR JESU

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

Eucharistic Adoration, confession, praise and worship music, and fellowship with young adults, college-age and older. 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.

## MIRIAM DINNER

February 1st, 6-8 p.m., Archdiocesan Catholic Center

Archbishop Bernard Hebda invites Catholic women, ages 16-35, who are discerning consecrated life to join him for dinner and conversation. Fr. Louie Floeder, Office of Vocations Assistant Director, will help lead the dinner program that will include consecrated women sharing their vocation testimonies, stories of consecrated life, and discernment tips. Pastors and religious are welcome to bring discerning guests to the Miriam dinner. Online registration before Jan. 28th is required.

## MOTHER'S DAY OF RENEWAL

February 4th, 7:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Holy Family  
Catholic Church, Saint Louis Park

Please join us for a Mother's Day of Renewal to be strengthened against the Midwinter doldrums! The day will begin with Mass. Alyssa Bornes will speak on "Love In Order," focusing on relationships and our cooperation in redemption as women, as wives, and as mothers. The cost is \$25, which includes continental breakfast and lunch. Space is limited. Register at [www.hfcmn.org](http://www.hfcmn.org)

## ANDREW DINNER

February 7th, 6—8 p.m.,  
Archdiocesan Catholic Center

Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda, Fr. David Blume, Director of Vocations, and Fr. Louie Floeder, Assistant Director of Vocations, invite Catholic men, ages 16 and older, who are discerning their vocations, to join them for dinner and conversation about priesthood and religious life. It is typical for guests to invite their pastor, religious brother, or youth minister to meet them at the Andrew Dinner. Online registration before February 3rd is requested. Register at:  
[www.10000vocations.org/andrew-dinner.html](http://www.10000vocations.org/andrew-dinner.html)



Faith Formation



**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

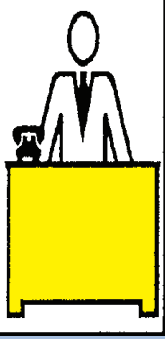
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**GREAT COVERAGE - 97%** of all households attending church take at least one church bulletin home every Sunday.  
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