# The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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Wednesday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
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# 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"I will give you the keys
to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on
earth shall be bound in
heaven; and whatever you
loose on earth shall be
loosed in heaven."
- Mt 16:19

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### August 27th, 2023

## 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.

#### **Guardian Angels Lay Leadership Positions**

**Dan Bergner, Trustee:** (952) 367-7432 **Kris Janey, Trustee:** (612) 325-9284

Leo Forner, Facilities Council Chair: (952) 448-3312 Steve Rasmussen, Cemetery Board Chair: (952) 227-4000 Scott Guillemette, Finance Council Chair: (952) 227-4000 Bill Van Hecke, Pastoral Council Chair: (612) 812-8615

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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, August 28th

#### Tuesday, August 29th

5:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Sandra Boecker

#### Wednesday, August 30th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Mary Meyer

6:00 p.m. Encounter Faith Formation Parent Open House, St. Francis Hall

#### Thursday, August 31st

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Georgiana Arlt 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church 7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group, GA Church

#### Friday, September 1st

5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal, GA Church 6:00 p.m. Mass (SN), ⊕ Clarence & Caroline Lenzmeier

#### Saturday, September 2nd

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

8:00 a.m. D of I Rosary, GA Church

1:00 p.m. Pacheco/Arvizu Wedding, GA Church

3:15 p.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

#### Sunday, September 3rd

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Giles & Clarice Van Sloun 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall 10:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Virgil Gestach 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall 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  $\oplus$  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: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/

Mt 23:13-22 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-

2/Mt 16:21-27

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 22, 19-23/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 6. 8 (8)/Rom 11, 33-36/Mt 16, 13-20

Lunes: 1 Tes 1, 1-5. 8-10/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9/Mt 23, 13-

Martes: 1 Tes 2, 1-8/Sal 138, 1-3. 4-6/Mc 6, 17-29

Miércoles: 1 Tes 2, 9-13/Sal 138, 7-8. 9-10. 11-12/Mt 23, 27-32 Jueves: 1 Tes 3, 7-13/Sal 89, 3-5. 12-13. 14 y 17/Mt 24, 42-51 Viernes: 1 Tes 4, 1-8/Sal 96, 1 y 2. 5-6. 10. 11-12/Mt 25, 1-13

Sábado: 1 Tes 4, 9-11/Sal 97, 1. 7-8. 9/Mt 25, 14-30

Domingo siguiente: Jr 20, 7-9/Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9 (2)/Rom

12, 1-2/Mt 16, 21-27

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



In today's reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans—and us—that all things are from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that *all* is a gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.

#### Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/22 to Date:

Rebuff Gym Floor, Upgrade Gym AHU, Church Compressor Upgrade, Sacristy Rain Gutters, Rectory Roof Replacements, Church AHU Fence (1/2)

#### Year-To-Date 7/1/23—8/21/23

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$113,128	\$9,096
Sunday Collection	\$16,026	\$871
Contributions	N/A	N/A
Total Giving	\$93,679	\$9,256
Amount above or below	-\$19,449	+\$160

#### **Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:**

7/1/23—07/31/23 Contributions: \$4,896 7/1/22—06/30/23 Expenses: \$2,900 Fund Balance: \$184,198

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



### RESTING ON THE SABBATH AND THE WORKPLACE

I often hear someone say to me that "I couldn't go to church because I had to work." But after asking several questions about the matter, it is often the case that the person with whom I talked could've found another Mass at another time to attend, even if it had to be at another parish. It is amazing to me how much we know about so many things in our information age, but how little we know about Mass times around our living area. For example, many fellow Catholics will go to the 6:00 PM Sunday Mass in Chanhassen in order to fulfill their Sunday obligation when all else fails and their weekend commitments prove to be too prohibitive to go to their regular Mass.

Sometimes our workplaces do demand that we work on Saturdays and Sundays in such a way as to make Mass very difficult to attend. But I don't say this lightly. The most common example is a nurse at a hospital who works the 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday weekend shifts. But this is really the most exceptional case that I have encountered.

I remember having a pizza delivery job before I enrolled in the seminary. My employer knew that I would work very hard on Friday and Saturday nights and could be relied upon to take those shifts, but that Sunday was not in my wheelhouse. He knew this because we had simply talked about it. This is what I encourage you to do. Simply talk it over with your employer.

I say this in light of a recent Supreme Court decision that affirmed much more meaningfully, the right of an employee to request accommodation to be able to rest on the Sabbath. For Catholics, it is okay to work on Sunday if it really helps the employer, but we should explore with our employer as much as we can the ability to go to Sunday Mass, with our employer. If we worked the full day every Sunday and went to Mass, it may be advisable to find one's way out of this situation if we were chronically stuck in it. The Supreme Court decision strengthened the rights of a worker by interpreting that denial of such a religious accommodation should mean that an employer must show that doing so would create a significant difficulty or expense. I reprint the USCCB's summary of the ruling here.

"Today, in a unanimous ruling, the Supreme Court of the United States breathed life back into a major civil rights law meant to prevent discrimination by employers against people of faith in the workplace. The case, Groff v. DeJoy, was about a postal service worker whose religious beliefs require him to rest on the Sabbath, and who was punished for following that belief. The Supreme Court recognized that its previous ruling in a case called TWA v. Hardison had been wrongly interpreted to narrow protections for religious employees under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, and the Court corrected that error."

"In so many ways today we see people of faith being told that they can only follow their religious beliefs in private or within the four walls of a church," said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for Religious Liberty. "But religious freedom means nothing if it does not extend to the public square. And the public square is better off when religion is welcome there."

Cardinal Dolan noted how the case relates to the efforts of many employers to honor diversity. "In the workplace we meet and collaborate with people from other walks of life. Working together requires navigating personal differences with compassion and respect – and that obligation applies to religious differences no less than others."

We may need to have a good conversation about our desire to attend Mass with our employer, but doing so, at the very least, will be a good witness to our love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let's not be afraid to take that step!

Father Tony



# ATTENTION: ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN!

Gina Shaughnessy, our parish representative from LPi, is setting up the advertising for our bulletin for the year. We hope that parishioners who have a business will consider sponsoring an ad on the back of the bulletin, since the revenue from the ads is what makes the bulletin possible, at no cost to the parish. Also, if you know of any other businesses in the community that would like to support the parish, please let them know about this opportunity. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsorship ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations such as emergency pregnancy counseling, the local food shelf, etc. Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help! If you are interested in getting more information, please call Gina Shaughnessy at (952) 356-6488.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE

We are being encouraged by the Archdiocese to develop an Emergency Response Plan for our Parish for potential Fire-Weather-Medical-Other Emergencies. Would you be willing to serve on a Committee to develop such a plan for Guardian Angels? If so, please contact our Parish Business Administrator, Joel Swanson, at (952) 227-4001 or jswanson@gachaska.org

### FALL FESTIVAL BASKET DONATIONS

The Daughters of Isabella will have a Silent Auction at the Fall Festival again this year. We are requesting that anyone who can donate something to bid on (such as restaurants, stores, etc.), please bring the item to the parish office marked D of I Fall Festival. We would also appreciate items with a theme (such as movie, children's basket, sports, etc.) for baskets. We will assemble baskets or you can do it. We would really appreciate any help you can give. Again, please bring items to the Parish Office, marked D of I Fall Festival. Thank you for considering this appeal. All proceeds from the Silent Auction are given to the church.

#### ALTAR SERVING

Guardian Angels is looking for more altar servers! Anyone Grades 4-12 can join to serve in this ministry. Parents will have the ability to choose which weekend Mass your family is able to attend. Training dates this fall are as follows:

- 1. Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- 2. Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.
- 3. Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.
- 4. Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- 5. Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- 6 Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

New altar servers are required to go to 3 training sessions.

Attention current servers! You are required to attend one training session for review!

#### HEALING THE WHOLE PARISH RETREAT

#### Retreat Description

The goal of the Healing the Whole Parish retreat will be to help parishioners of Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas to better understand and start to heal from their own wounds as well as the more general wounds of the parish, so as to be better able to collaboratively address the opportunities and challenges facing the parish during the upcoming months and beyond.

#### When and Where Will it be?

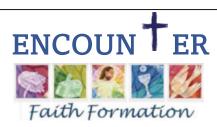
Friday evening, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Saint Nicholas in Carver Saturday daytime, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM to 4:00 p.m. at Saint Nicholas in Carver Saturday evening, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:15 to 8:30 p.m. at Guardian Angels in Chaska

#### About the Retreat Leader

Fr. Joseph Bambenek is the Assistant Director of the Office for the Renewal of Structures. In that role, Fr. Joseph and his team will support Fr. Tony in the coming year as he discerns, with the help of parishioners, how best to shepherd the Catholics of Chaska and Carver given current realities. When Fr. Joseph was pastor of St. Pius X, White Bear Lake, he felt inspired to develop a "Healing the Whole Parish" retreat in response to the challenges then facing his parish: a revolving door of pastors (4 in 18 months) when he arrived, the closing of the parish school, and the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Archdiocese in which it came to light that St. Pius' founding and longest-serving pastor was credibly accused of abusing multiple children.

#### Do I have to Attend the Entire Retreat?

It would definitely be helpful to commit to attend the entire retreat in order to experience the maximum benefit of the experience of God's grace offered. We encourage you to make every effort that you can to clear your schedule to do so. Several people will be praying for the success of the retreat and we are planning for its success by God's will. However, if you cannot come to all of the retreat, please let us know in the "notes" section of the sign-up form what hours you will be attending in order to aid our planning.



### 2023-2024 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

If you have not received your registration packet, or would like information about attending our Faith Formation program, please contact Fran Oprosko at 952-466-6984.

# SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, August 30th

**Encounter Faith Formation Open House** 6:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. in St. Francis Hall

This will be a fun night for all Faith Formation parents, catechists, table leaders, and everyone interested in participating in the Encounter adult small groups. Enjoy a relaxing evening of fellowship and discovering the exciting plans for the coming year!

Our guest speaker, Joe Roeche, Jr., will challenge each one of us to ignite the power of the Holy Spirit in our own lives – after all, *YOU CAN'T INSPIRE WITHOUT THE FIRE!* 

#### ADULT CHOIR

The Guardian Angels Adult Choir is looking for new members! Everyone from Grade 11 – Age 130 is welcome to join! Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the choir loft, and we sing for the 10 a.m. Mass. Our first rehearsal this season is on September 5<sup>th</sup>. We are especially in need of altos and men, though all are welcome! Please prayerfully consider joining this year. For more information or to sign up, contact Brittany Kaufmann at <a href="mailto:bkaufmann@gachaska.org">bkaufmann@gachaska.org</a>.

### SAINT NICHOLAS PRAYER GARDEN INVITES YOU!

Please come for a 9-night novena Wednesday, August 30th to Friday, September 8th with a Mass celebrated by Fr. Tony VanderLoop.

Each night at 6:30 the novena is prayed in honor of Our Lady of Good Health (Our Lady of Vailankanni) and Our Lady of the Stairs (Mexico). Following the novena prayers and the rosary, favorite foods will be shared.

Prayers will be bilingual.



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### GUARDIAN ANGELS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SEEKS FALL FESTIVAL DONATIONS

Please consider donating "Spirits" to the Alumni Booth at the Fall Festival. Please bring your donations to the Parish Office.

#### MASS INTENTIONS CALENDAR

The 2024 Mass Intentions calendar is now open! Please contact the Parish Office at (952) 227-4000 to request Masses at Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas.



## FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY DISCERNMENT EVENTS

Single Catholic women age 20-35: Franciscan Sisters invite you to in-person and online Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your calling and purpose. Visit www.fscc-calledtobe.org or contact Sr. Julie Ann at (920) 323-9632.

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