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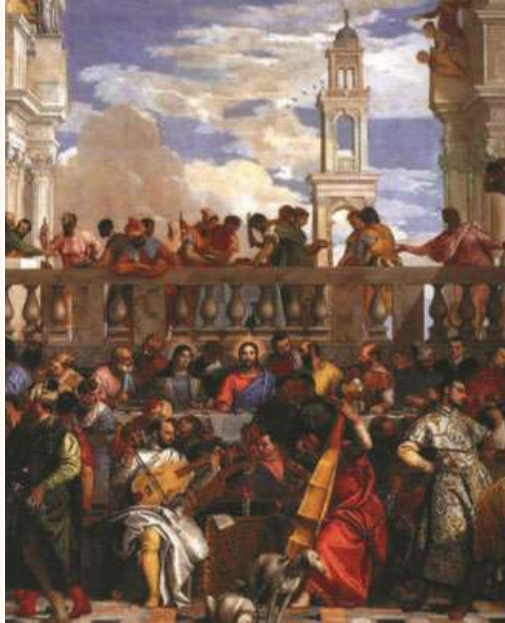
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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to the feast."
- Mt 22:4bc

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October 15th, 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.

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Please submit announcements, feature articles, or event summaries for the bulletin for Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas by email at bulletin@gachaska.org by 12 p.m. the Tuesday before. Photographs must be in .jpg format.

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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. Fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.

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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, October 16th

Tuesday, October 17th

5:30 p.m. Mass, † MaryAnn Stacken
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, GA Choir Loft
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting, 1st Floor Conference Room

Wednesday, October 18th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Deceased Family Members of Jim and Steph Smyth
6:15 p.m. Faith Formation, GA Campus-wide

Thursday, October 19th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Mary Meyer
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church

Friday, October 20th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)
6:30 p.m. Youth Group, FMSC
7:00 p.m. Feed My Starving Children, Chanhassen

Saturday, October 21st

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation, GA Church
3:15 p.m. Reconciliation, GA Church
4:00 p.m. Latino Family Formation, GA School
4:30 p.m. Mass, † Tony and Marie Koll

Sunday, October 22nd

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Giles and Clarice VanSloun
9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall
10:00 a.m. Mass, † Arlan Pauly
10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), For the People
11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall
12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

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, 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 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
 Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
 Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 25, 6-10/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 (6)/Flp 4, 12-14. 19-20/Mt 22, 1-14 o 22, 1-10
 Lunes: Rom 1, 1-7/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Lc 11, 29-32
 Martes: Rom 1, 16-25/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5/Lc 11, 37-41
 Miércoles: 2 Tim 4, 9-17/Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 17-18/Lc 10, 1-9
 Jueves: Rom 3, 21-30/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 11, 47-54
 Viernes: Rom 4, 1-8/Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 11/Lc 12, 1-7
 Sábado: Rom 4, 13. 16-18/Sal 104, 6-7. 8-9. 42-43/Lc 12, 8-12
 Domingo siguiente: Is 45, 1. 4-6/Sal 95, 1. 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10 (7)/1 Tes 1, 1-5/Mt 22, 15-21

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



In today's second reading, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity!

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/23 to Date:

Friary Doors (1/3 down), Church Fence (2nd half), Repair Sanctuary/Sacristy windows, replace furnace room windows, down payment on church boilers.

Year-To-Date 7/1/23—10/9/23

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$212,115	\$17,055
Sunday Collection	\$10,527	\$1,055
Contributions	3,538	N/A
Total Giving	\$170,161	\$17,397
Amount above or below	-\$41,954	+\$342

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/23—08/31/23 Contributions:	\$10,440
7/1/23—08/31/23 Expenses:	\$47,112
Fund Balance:	\$137,580

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



GOD'S INVITATION

I'm not sure about you, but I don't fully understand wedding invitations. They are quite weighty with the multiple envelopes and there is sometimes even tissue paper. But we all know that a wedding is so important that the occasion demands formality. When one accepts an invitation to attend a wedding, that guest has an obligation to dress and behave appropriately for the occasion. The bride and groom and parents deserve no less.

So we are astonished at what happens in today's parable. The wedding invitations are sent by a king. Imagine what that reception will be like! And yet the king's invitations are ignored and his messengers assaulted. When the guests finally arrive some are improperly dressed. Imagine the indignity that the king suffered.

The king in the story is, of course, God the Father, who invites each of us to share in the "wedding feast," the love of His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus. The invitation is extended freely, graciously, and generously. No one deserves to be invited to a wedding by the King of heaven and earth. And yet, so great is the Father's love that he never stops calling us to share in the joy, happiness, and love – the wedding feast -- of Jesus.

The question is, "How do I respond?" Am I grateful for the gift of faith, or do I take my faith for granted? Do I respond to His invitation to participate in service to the poor, faith formation, and care of His building? Am I faithful in my responsibilities as a follower of Jesus, or am I negligent in my duties? Am I generous in sharing with the Church my blessings that come from the hands of our merciful God? These are good questions that all of us as stewards of God's gifts must ask on a regular basis.

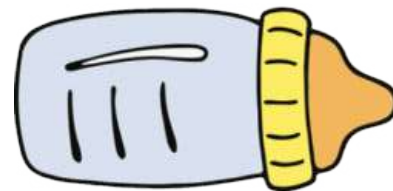
We respond to God's invitation to be a part of His kingdom and that leads to our stewardship, an expression of gratitude to the Lord for all of His blessings. Stewardship is a way of life that calls us to ongoing conversion of heart and practical, concrete changes in our lives. Stewardship is what we do after we say "We believe."

The Father is expecting a reply to His personal invitation. He wants us to be fully present to share in the love of His Son, a love that is made present in many ways in the life of the Church, right here at The Church of the Guardian Angels.

Father Tony

Let's Go Make a Difference Together...

ALPHA BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Friday, October 20th
6:45pm – 8:45pm
18732 Lake Drive East,
Chanhassen, MN 55317

Sign Up Now Available in Church
or at www.FMSC.org;
[join code: NY395G](#)

Do you want an easy way to help a mom choose life? Fill a baby bottle to support Alpha Women's Center's pro-life mobile clinic. Alpha Women's Center is a pro-life Christian ministry that serves right here in Chaska, and surrounding cities, providing free medical and support services that show the love of Jesus to women with pregnancy needs. Pick up a bottle at the back of church and fill it with cash, change, or checks and return it to the collection box in church by **November 5th**. Your donations help moms choose life!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

October 15th, November 19th, Gym



The Chaska/Carver Knights of Columbus invite all to their **ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST** events, scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon on **Sunday, October 15th and Sunday, November 19th at Guardian Angels Catholic Church**. Menu includes: Pancakes, Blueberry Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Juice, Milk, and Water. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$5 for children aged 6-12, free for children under 5 years old; and \$40 for families (parents and minor children in the same family). Proceeds go to Guardian Angels Church and in part to local charities. Both events will be held in the parish gym, located a block south of the church at the corner of 1st Street and Cedar Street.

ANNUAL WHITE MASS FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

*Saturday, October 21st, 5:15 p.m.,
Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul*

Healthcare workers, along with their spouses and families, are invited to this special Mass in honor of our patron Saint Luke. Reception immediately following in Hayden Hall (lower level of Cathedral). Go to archspm.org/white-mass-for-healthcare-workers (use all dashes) for more information.

STAY IN THE KNOW: GET THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT—FOR FREE!

LOVE INC WINTER WEAR DRIVE



We need coats, snow pants, warm boots, hats, and waterproof mittens and gloves.

Adult and kids sizes. **Gently used or new items**. Please no tears, stains, or broken zippers.

Drop them off at the back of church by October 29th!

RESPECT LIFE DISPLAY IN FRONT GARDEN

Each flag represents 60 children aborted in Minnesota (12,000 babies aborted in 2022!). Help make a difference in our community. Join the Respect Life Group at G.A. Contact the Parish Office.



JOIN US FOR DINNER!



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is for all parishioners, new, old, married, or single, ages 21 and up. It is designed to promote and strengthen our parish community by providing an opportunity to get to know those familiar faces we see each week at Mass and at parish events.

If you **sign up as a guest participant**, you will be assigned to attend a dinner with one of our parishioner hosts in their home. Last year was our first year and everyone had a great time meeting new people, laughing with old friends, and enjoying a variety of dinners with the hosts. Special considerations and assignments will be made if you have allergies to food or pets or if you have mobility concerns. And, if you need a ride, we have volunteers for that too! We don't want you to miss out on the fun!

If you **sign up as a host**, your meal can be simple or formal; potluck, buffet, or family style—you need only provide the main dish and beverages. Guests may be asked to bring a dish to share or you can host the whole meal. It is up to you!

I am looking for Hosts and Guests for our next dinner event on Saturday, October 28th, 2023, 6:30 p.m. Won't you join us?

Please contact Laurie Forner at (612) 201-7002 or lforner2@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to participate as a host or as a guest. If you participated in the past, please note you can attend as often as you wish and you do not have to host to participate.

72ND ANNUAL RED MASS

*Thursday, October 26th, Noon,
Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis*

All lawyers, canon lawyers, judges, and others involved in the administration of justice—along with their families—are invited to the annual Red Mass, with reception to follow. Archbishop Hebda will be the celebrant. Go to archspm.org/annual-red-mass for more information.

CALL ME: A CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT'S GUIDE TO DATING, DISCERNMENT, AND I DO

*Monday, October 16, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Grace,
Edina, \$30*

Hosted by Ashley Cermak and Kory LaCroix, "Call Me" will feature Ryan O'Hara and Pat and Kenna Millea of the Martin Center. Discover practical tips and advice on navigating the dating scene while staying true to your Catholic values. We'll explore topics like building healthy relationships, discerning God's call for your life, and preparing for the sacrament of marriage. Go to olgparish.org for more information and registration.

HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE

Pope Francis invites us to celebrate World Mission Sunday with the entire Church on the weekend of October 21/22. This year we consider the missionary journeys and encounters of Christ in mission dioceses worldwide. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith helps through their immense work supporting and nurturing 1,100 new and struggling mission dioceses around the world. This year, we hold up Anne Attea, from our archdiocese, as an example of one whose heart was on fire as she traveled to several Central and South American mission dioceses and returned to share her life transforming encounters. Join those around the world celebrating World Mission Sunday and express your missionary spirit by praying and financially supporting the Church's missions by using your World Mission Sunday envelopes. Thank you!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED SET UP AND TAKE DOWN THE FESTIVAL TENTS!



October is Respect Life Month: Please consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. Take a moment each day to say the following prayer and add the Memorare Prayer

"That those who are nearing the end of life, may they receive the care that respects their dignity and protects their lives as they place their hope in the promise of eternal life."

(Resources: <https://myarrangematerial.com/> / <https://www.enkratieahouseofhope.com/> / www.hopeafterabortion.org/ / www.walkingwithmoms.com)



The Memorare Prayer

Remember, most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother; to thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer them. Amen.

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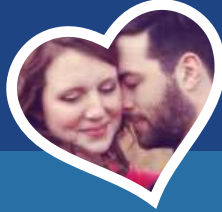
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To learn more about us, visit MiracleMachineMN.com or call 651-894-2882.





RMDs: A Smart Way to Give Today — and Perpetually

by Bethel Ruest, MBA
Senior Philanthropic Advisor

With age comes wisdom, experience, and perspective. And if you have an IRA, it comes with required minimum distributions (RMDs). When you turn 73 the tax law mandates that you take withdrawals from your retirement account whether you need the money or not. RMDs are added to your adjusted gross income (AGI), so may push you to a higher tax bracket. Not taking an RMD at all results in a penalty — you'll be taxed 25 percent of the RMD amount.

For those who don't need the income from an RMD, a decision must be made: do you take out the money and pay the associated income tax, or do you take advantage of a different opportunity?

Contribute to Causes You Believe In



If you're a charitably minded person, you may decide to use the distributions to support your favorite causes. But it needs to be done prudently.

You don't want to take the RMD as cash and later give it to charity, because the RMD would still be included in your AGI (though in most cases, the donation would be tax deductible).

Instead, donors like you can choose a unique opportunity: giving through a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). This direct distribution from IRA to qualifying charity can come with significant tax savings.

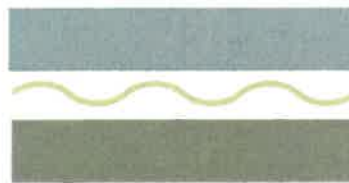
The Nuts & Bolts

A few things to note:

- The distribution check must be made payable to the charity, not you.
- You still need a receipt from the charity for tax purposes.
- QCDs cannot be directed from a company retirement plan. It must be made from a traditional IRA, rollover IRA, or inherited IRA.

- You don't have to wait until age 73 to get started: you can start a QCD strategy at age 70 ½.
- QCDs may be made to perpetual endowments or donor designated funds, but at this time, QCDs are not allowed to donor advised funds.

QCDs allow you to make the most of your RMD, but this strategy is technical. The details above include changes that took effect January 1, 2023, as a result of the passing of the SECURE 2.0 Act. Consult with your financial advisor for guidance.



Layering Strategies May Benefit You More

Every year, more and more folks find that pairing a QCD strategy with a charitable fund at

the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota (CCF) helps them better achieve their financial and charitable goals. Whether you're saving for continued giving when income is limited, building up to a larger one-time gift, or building a perpetual endowment that will support your favorite ministry forever, CCF has a charitable fund option to help maximize your gifts.

And CCF funds can help you build a lasting legacy of generosity. To learn more about RMDs and charitable giving, give us a call today. ●

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5 WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FUND

1

Donate a Gift of Cash or Stock

Contribute any amount, any time! Checks should be made payable to the parish, with a note that your gift is for our General Operations or for our maintenance fund. Gifts of stock are converted to cash and the value will be added to either fund that you designate. By donating appreciated stock, there is a possibility of eliminating federal capital gains tax while supporting your parish community.

2

Bequest in Your Will or Estate Plan

A simple, easy way to remember our parish is in your will or estate plan. You may designate a specific dollar amount or percentage of the residue of your estate as a gift to our long-term fund. Please contact your attorney or call us for an attorney whom we recommend who will help you with applicable language to include in your will.

3

Charitable Gift Annuities

A charitable gift annuity provides you with regular payments for the rest of your life. The balance of your annuity then becomes a charitable gift to our parish maintenance fund. A minimum gift may apply.

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Donate a Gift of Cash or Stock

Contribute any amount, any time! Checks should be made payable to the parish, with a note that your gift is for our General Operations or for our maintenance fund. Gifts of stock are converted to cash and the value will be added to either fund that you designate. By donating appreciated stock, there is a possibility of eliminating federal capital gains tax while supporting your parish community.

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Bequest in Your Will or Estate Plan

A simple, easy way to remember our parish is in your will or estate plan. You may designate a specific dollar amount or percentage of the residue of your estate as a gift to our long-term fund. Please contact your attorney or call us for an attorney whom we recommend who will help you with applicable language to include in your will.

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Charitable Gift Annuities

A charitable gift annuity provides you with regular payments for the rest of your life. The balance of your annuity then becomes a charitable gift to our parish maintenance fund. A minimum gift may apply.

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