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"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

November 5th, 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.

Father Jim Devorak, Retired

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

Saint Nicholas Lay Leadership Positions

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BULLETIN SUBMITTALS

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 bulltin@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, November 6th

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, November 7th

5:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Deceased members of the Daughters of Isabella and the Knights of Columbus

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

Wednesday, November 8th

8:00 a.m. Mass, & Russel and Darlene Schmid

6:15 p.m. Faith Formation, GA Campus-wide

Thursday, November 9th

8:00 a.m. Mass, [⊕] Duane Schmieg 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church 6:30 p.m., Small Group Leader Formation, St. Francis Hall

Friday, November 10th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN), 🕆 Georgianna Arlt

Saturday, October November 11th

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation, GA Church
3:15 p.m. Reconciliation, GA Church
4:00 p.m. Crusillo: Ultreya, St. Francis Hall
4:30 p.m. Mass, [⊕] Tony and Marie Koll

Sunday, November 12th

8:00 a.m. Mass, [⊕] Madge (VanSloun) Olsen 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall <u>10:00 a.m. Mass</u>, [⊕] Giles and Clarice VanSloun <u>10:00 a.m. Mass (SN)</u>, [⊕] Barney Riesgraf 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall <u>12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)</u>, Por las almas del Purgatorio

Mass Intentions:	READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 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. 	Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12 Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33 Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15 Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
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:	LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA Domingo: Mal 1, 14—2, 2. 8-10/Sal 130, 1. 2. 3/1 Tes 2, 7-9. 13/Mt 23, 1-12 Lunes: Rom 11, 30-36/Sal 68, 30-31. 33-34. 36/Lc 14, 12-14
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	Martes: Rom 12, 5-16/Sal 130, 1. 2. 3/Lc 14, 15-24 Miércoles: Rom 13, 8-10/Sal 111, 1-2. 4-5. 9/Lc 14, 25-33 Jueves: Ez 47, 1-2. 8-9. 12/Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/1 Co 3, 9-11. 16 -17/Jn 2, 13-22 Viernes: Rom 15, 14-21/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Lc 16, 1-8 Sábado: Rom 16, 3-9. 16. 22-27/Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 10-11/Lc 16, 9-15 Domingo siguiente: Sab 6, 12-16/Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8 (2)/1 Tes 4, 13-18 o 4, 13-14/Mt 25, 1-13





time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

"The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others!

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 7/1/23-10/30/23

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$254,538	\$20,466
Sunday Collection	\$7,251	\$1,231
Contributions	\$3,538	\$1,000
Total Giving	\$201,001	\$21,695
Amount above or below	-\$53,537	+\$1,229

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/23-08/31/23 Contributions:	\$15,926
7/1/23—08/31/23 Expenses:	\$47,112
Fund Balance:	\$143,066

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



TITHING: A WAY TO TRUST IN THE BLESSINGS OF GOD

Tithing is a practice deeply rooted in biblical tradition. It is the giving one tenth of one's income as an offering to God. In the Book of Leviticus 27:30, we hear, "A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord." This establishes that tithing was part of God's law for His chosen people. In Genesis 14:20 Abram gives Melchizedek – a king and priest – one tenth of all his possessions. We can see this as a grateful response for divine intervention during battle. While there are no official statistics on how many early Christians practiced tithing, passages like Hebrews 7 suggest it remained significant for followers of Jesus too. This

chapter references Abram's tithe, hinting that even in New Testament times, believers were encouraged to continue this practice.

So what did Jesus say? Consider his words in Mark 12:41-44 where he commends a poor widow who gave two small coins – all she had – to the temple offering. For Jesus, her tiny contribution held more value than larger donations given casually by wealthy people. Jesus, in his teachings, emphasized the spirit of giving more than the actual amount. He pointed out that our attitude when giving matters as much as the act itself. The Apostle Paul offered some guidance about giving in his letters to early Christian churches. In 2 Corinthians 9:7 he wrote, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Such joyful and cheerful giving was described perhaps no more vividly than in Acts 4:32-35 in which the early Christian community would voluntarily sell their possessions and distribute proceeds among each other according to individual needs.

So, ultimately, what does the Church say about tithing? Although the Church teaches that offering some form of material support to the Church is obligatory for all Catholic adults who are able to do so, it doesn't specify what percent of one's income should be given. It is, in fact, a precept of the Church (CCC 2043) for the faithful to "assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability." The Church recognizes that Jesus, rather than specifying an amount or a percentage, emphasized a spirit of giving out of generosity, of gratitude for what you have been given, and of entrusting everything that God has given you back to Him.

What do I as your pastor say? Given all of these considerations, I want you to consider tithing. I encourage you to strongly consider it because, yes, we have a need for a 20% increase to make ends meet as we have been talking about in our financial reporting and recent homilies. But, more importantly, while we can give to a need, we all have a need to give. When we give in a planned, prioritized, and proportionate manner, we are saying yes to a closer, more committed walk with the Lord, rather than a casual walk. To aid in this walk, many people find it helpful to give 5% of their income to their parish, 1% to the Annual Catholic Services Appeal and 4% to other charities. For parishes with debt, this 4% can be divided in half – 2% toward parish debt relief and 2% to other charities.

If we considered our biblical roots and gave in this way, I firmly believe that we wouldn't even worry about money. We would blow the question out of the water and move on! We would be so concerned about how we can begin new, revitalized efforts to welcome the newcomers into our area, to serve the poor, to abundantly offer catechesis to our youth, and to minister to those who are unable physically to get to church. Be a believer in God's blessings 30, 60 and 100-fold! Consider tithing and giving 5% to Guardian Angels.

Father Tony

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

November 19th, Gym



The Chaska/Carver Knights of Columbus invite to their **ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST** event, scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon on **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.

ALPHA BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

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!

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA MEETING

The Daughters of Isabella will meet in St. Francis Hall on Monday, November 13th at 6 p.m. for social hour, 6:30 meeting.

SAVE THE DATES!

Come to one of the following <u>Prayer and</u> <u>Listening</u> Meetings as we discuss our future together.

Representatives from the Archdiocese will lead us.

Sunday, November 5th, 2:30 – 4:30 PM At Guardian Angels in Saint Francis Hall



What are the things about your parish that you value and would like to continue?

How will we invite and open our doors to those who are moving into the area? What are your hopes for our future?

MEMORIAL MASS

There will be a Memorial Mass on Tuesday, November 7th at 5:30 p.m. for all those who have died this past year from the Daughters of Isabella and the Knights of Columbus. All members of the parish are welcome.

IMPORTANT MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, November 8th 3:30 p.m., School Kitchen

To discuss the Future of the Beef & Sausage Dinner. Two men are needed to Step Forward and Chair this event! For more information, contact Past Chair Bernie Schrempp at (612) 382-4003

GIVING TREE/MINISTERIO "ÁRBOL QUE DA"

Christmas help for Guardian Angels and St. Nicholas parishioners.

Sometimes even the most basic needs can represent a challenge for individuals and families. We want to help this Christmas season by putting a tag on the Giving Tree and asking parishioners to choose one and purchase a gift. If you, or someone you know from our parish, is in need please contact Jean Van Hecke at (612) 245-9252, between

confidential.



Ayuda de Navidad para los parroquianos de Ángeles Guardianes y San Nicolás. Algunas veces las necesidades más básicas pueden representar una dificultad para una persona o una familia. En este tiempo de Navidad, queremos ayudar y lo haremos poniendo una tarjeta en el Árbol que da y pidiendo a los parroquianos que escojan una de ellas y compren un regalo. Si usted o alguien de nuestra parroquia que usted conoce, tiene necesidades, por favor contactar a Jean Van Hecke al

(612) 245-9252, antes del 11 de noviembre. Todos los pedidos se mantendrán de manera confidencial.

Compartamos la alegría del nacimiento de Jesús!

FESTIVAL WRAP UP MEETING AND SOUP SUPPER

now and November 11th. All requests will be kept

Sharing the JOY of

the birth of Jesus!

Our festival wrap-up meeting is Thursday November 16th, 6:30 p.m., in St. Francis Hall. We will serve our traditional chili supper with cornbread. Additional sides and desserts are welcome.



CONCERT FOR PEACE

Sunday, November 12th, 4 p.m., Mary Mother of the Church, Burnsville

Please join us as we pray for world peace through music, scripture, and intercession. All are welcome to this free event!

DONUTS AND SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

Gathering after Mass in Saint Francis Hall downstairs to visit over coffee, juice, and donuts is a great way to get to know your parish community. We encourage you to stop downstairs after Masses on Sunday even if for just a few minutes to say hello.

Please consider hosting as a family, or gather a couple friends together to host... or if you lead a ministry, sign up your ministry group. We need hosts for 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses at GA.

Sign up on the app or contact Laurie Forner at (612) 201-7002 or lforner2@gmail.com

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: STAY CONNECTED WITH THE MOVEMENT!

For beautiful reflections and resources on the Eucharist, as well as updates on the Revival, subscribe to receive the "Heart of the Revival" weekly newsletter at eucharisticrevival.org.

WAKING THE TIGER: HEALING TRAUMA

A Zoom Book Study for Survivors of Abuse November 15th, 6:30-8 p.m.

Join author Peter A. Levine, PhD, for a two-part discussion of his book, *Waking the Tiger, Healing Trauma*. The book offers a new and hopeful vision of trauma by viewing the human animal as a unique being, endowed with an instinctual capacity. Please register in advance at www.archspm.org. For more information contact Paula Kaempffer, Coordinator for Restorative Practices and Survivor Support for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, kaempfferp@archspm.org.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

November 5th-11th

National Vocations Awareness week is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to the promotion of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering of these particular vocations. Go to www.10000vocations.org for more information.

JAMES: PEARLS FOR WISE LIVING

Tuesdays November 7th —December 12th 7 p.m. to 9 p.m, \$50

This Catechetical Institute six-week course on the letter of James, taught by Jeff Cavins, is for anyone who feels torn between the competing demands of this world and the faith. Through encouraging lecture and the small group experience, this Bible study combines practical wisdom for challenging times with faith-sharing based on the Word of God. Learn wisdom for tough times and how to meet trials with joy and perseverance!

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MASS

Have you ever thought about volunteering for the Mass? We need your help! 83% of our ministries rely on one or two people serving EVERY WEEK. Lets change this!

If you are listed as a sub, please prayerfully consider becoming a "full-time" volunteer, even if only once a month.

Don't know where to help? These are the places we need help the most:

- Ushers for the 8 a.m. and the 10 a.m. Masses. This is a great a great ministry for a married couple, a parent and a teen, or a pair friends! Or, make a new friend with your pew neighbor.
- Cantors for the 4:30 p.m. and 8 a.m. Masses. If you ever wanted to join Adult Choir, but can't commit to the schedule being a cantor is just what you are looking for!
- Eucharistic Ministers for all Masses. Each Mass takes 5 ministers (including Deacon John), so the more people we have that can serve, the better.
- 4. Altar Servers for all Masses. Most young parishioners start at 4th Grade, however many 5th graders and middle schoolers also join. If you are a teen who regrets not trying it when you were younger, don't fret! If there are enough of you interested, Brittany can set up a special "Older Kid" server training. Pizza anyone?
- Lectors for all the Masses. Do you always get sucked in to reading bedtime stories or leading grace before meals? Well, we want you too. You know who you are.

Of course, we will also take people for any of the ministries above for a Mass not listed, as well as sacristans, youth choir members, and adult choir members.

After prayerfully considering joining, contact Brittany Kaufmann to sign up: bkaufmann@gachaska.org (952) 466-6969



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