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"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

November 12th, 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

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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.

ENVÍOS AL BOLETÍN

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 13th

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Gym

6:00 p.m. Daughters of Isabella Meeting, St. Francis Hall

Tuesday, November 14th

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

5:30 p.m. Mass, 🕆 Steven Guillemette

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

Wednesday, November 15th

8:00 a.m. Mass, & Deceased Family Members of Jim and Steph Smyth

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

Thursday, November 16th

8:00 a.m. Mass, [⊕] Deceased Members of the Olk Family
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church
4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym
6:00 p.m. 2023 Fall Festival Wrap-up, St. Francis Hall
6:15 p.m. Baptism Class, 1st Floor Conference Room

Friday, November 17th

1:30 p.m. Giving Tree Setup, GA Church <u>6:00 p.m. Mass (SN),</u> ⊕ Arlan Pauly

Saturday, November 18th

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation, GA Church
9:00 a.m. Small Group Planning Day, St. Francis Hall
9:00 a.m. Mom's Group, Basement of the School
3:15 p.m. Reconciliation, GA Church
4:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ MaryAnn Stacken
5:30 p.m. D of I Bake Sale

Sunday, November 19th

8:00 a.m. KC Pancake Breakfast, Gym (all morning)
8:00 a.m. D of I Bake Sale, Gym (while supplies last)
<u>8:00 a.m. Mass</u>, For the People
<u>10:00 a.m. Mass</u>, ⊕ George Luskey
<u>10:00 a.m. Mass (SN)</u>, ⊕ Ervin and Colette Eissinger
<u>12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)</u>, Por la sanacion de Rigoberto M

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: 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 Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6 Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19 Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8 Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
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.	LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA Domingo: 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 Lunes: Sab 1, 1-7/Sal 138, 1-3. 4-6. 7-8. 9-10/Lc 17, 1-6 Martes: Sab 2, 23—3, 9/Sal 33, 2-3. 16-17. 18-19/Lc 17, 7-10 Miércoles: Sab 6, 1-11/Sal 81, 3-4. 6-7/Lc 17, 11-19 Jueves: Sab 7, 22—8, 1/Sal 118, 89. 90. 91. 130. 135. 175/Lc 17, 20-25 Viernes: Sab 13, 1-9/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5/Lc 17, 26-37 Sábado: Sab 18, 14-16; 19, 6-9/Sal 104, 2-3. 36-37. 42-43/Lc 18, 1-8 Domingo siguiente: Prov 31, 10-13. 19-20. 30-31/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5 (ver 1)/1 Tes 5, 1-6/Mt 25, 14-30 o 25, 14-15. 19-21

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

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	\$268,679	\$21,603
Sunday Collection	\$18,197	\$1,264
Contributions	\$3,538	\$1,000
Total Giving	\$219,198	\$22,959
Amount above or below	-\$49,481	+\$1,356

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.

"DON'T MAKE A FUSS OVER ME"



In this time of year when we praise God for the saints in heaven and pray for souls on the journey, it is good to reflect on our own journey through death to new life. Many times I hear that people have said that they do not want their relatives to make too much of a fuss over them at the time of their death or that they choose cremation because they do not want anyone looking down at them lying there in state. Cremation is a perfectly acceptable choice.

However, I want to offer a Christian and Catholic perspective on how we should view our own death and why anyone should "make a fuss" over us at that time. The accounts of

Jesus' burial are very well spelled out in the Gospels. Jesus' body was wrapped in a linen cloth and he was anointed with perfume. Even the pious Joseph of Arimathea who sat with the Sanhedrin believed that it was important to give Jesus a proper burial. And we see that in Jesus becoming a man, God the Father committed Himself to our frailty, a path that would lead to death. So, if God would share our final human destiny, then we can say that God has brought a holy significance to death. Burial, then, is a way to acknowledge that our death is our flesh's final expression of union with Christ.

But, at the same time, Jesus has transformed this final destiny. Christ not only shares in our humanity through death, but rises from the dead to new and everlasting life. In our Baptism, the very frailty of our flesh is transformed as we enter Christ's death. Baptism gives us a share in Christ's empty tomb.

We believe that we will go to heaven when we die. This is a basic belief. But a funeral Mass really brings celebration to the reality of our union with Christ and our sharing in His death and new life. It brings celebration and hope that Jesus, out of love for us, has transformed what it means to die. It means that through his death we will share in His resurrection. Often, in funeral homilies, I try to speak of this union and how Jesus has guided the deceased to this new life through all of the ups and downs of life.

The dimension of Christ uniting Himself with our experience of death and of our union with Christ is worth celebrating when we see that our destination is to be with the communion of saints. We gather around the Eucharistic table to commend the deceased to God with this great faith that they will share in what those who have gone before us are sharing.

Not only is the funeral Mass a way of celebrating our sharing in Christ's death and new life, but so is the burial. When we bury a deceased family member we not only acknowledge the final outcome of our mortal humanity, but we also let go of them, commending them to God with hope that God will raise them up.

Family members, generally speaking, want to make this fuss. Not only do they celebrate our lives and all of the good memories, but in a funeral, we praise God for sharing in our humanity and leading us, through union with His Son, through death to new life. May God bless you all in your life here on Earth as we prepare for our final destiny, His kingdom.

Father Tony

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.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usscb.org/cchd.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

November 19th, Gym



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

FUNDRAISER FOR DC TRIP

Please join us at Sovereign Estates Winery in Waconia on Tuesday, December 12th from 4-8 p.m. for the Spirit of Winter! This is a fundraiser for St. John the Baptist (Jordan) 7th and 8th grade students' Washington DC trip. The students will be taking an educational trip to DC this coming spring and are raising funds to help support the costs. Tickets are \$10 and 100% of the funds raised go to the students' trip. Join us for a beautiful and magical night of lights and holiday spirit. You can purchase tickets after mass at GA on the weekend of December 3rd. You can also purchase tickets at the school office in Jordan.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Congratulations to Dennis Hively for joining the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus at an Exemplification in Alexandria, MN on October 28th.

MOMS GROUP

Saturday, November 18th, 9:00—10:30 a.m. School Lower Level, Room 004 (enter door 2 at front of school)

Moms, join us 1st & 3rd Saturdays for encouraging conversation with other women! We meet for coffee, refreshments & fellowship. Please RSVP if you'd like childcare available during the meeting.

To RSVP or to be added to the email list, please contact Jenna Salinas at jennamsalinas@gmail.com or call (612) 201-4894

BAKE SALE

The Daughters of Isabella are having a bake sale Nov. 18th and 19th. The bake sale will be in St. Francis Hall on Nov. 18th after the 4:30 Mass and on Sunday in the school gym. Mark your calendars to come and have breakfast with the Knights of Columbus on Sunday and get some homemade baked goodies to bring home.

FESTIVAL WRAP UP MEETING AND SOUP SUPPER



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.



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!

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: STAY CONNECTED WITH THE MOVEMENT!

now and November 11th. All requests will be kept

Sharing the JOY of

the birth of Jesus!

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.

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!

ONLINE EVENING PRAYER FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Tuesday, November 28th, 7—8 p.m.

Young adults age 18+ are invited to pray online together with the School Sisters of Notre Dame. There will be time for faith sharing with young adults and sisters from all across the U.S. and Canada.

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 Iforner2@gmail.com

GOLD MASS FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS

Wednesday, November 15th, 5:30—7:30 p.m., St. Mark Catholic Church, St. Paul

This Mass for scientists and engineers, sponsored by the Society of Catholic Scientists, will be followed by a reception and speaker.

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.

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!

CATHEDRAL ART LECTURE: JOSEPH A. CAPECCHI, ONE FAMILY'S LEGACY

Monday, November 13th, 5:30 –8:30 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, Lecture only: \$20, Lecture and Italian dinner: \$150

Did you know the Cathedral of Saint Paul had its very own "Michelangelo?" A 17-year-old sculptor from Florence, Italy, named Joseph A. Capecchi, arrived in 1906 when the Cathedral of Saint Paul had little more than a foundation built. He became the designer of the Cathedral's interior dome. Fast forward to the summer of 2023, when Jerry Capecchi connected with the Cathedral Archives and found original color sketches his grandfather created for the Vatican. Presented by three Capecchi grandsons.

THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES PRESENTATION

Tuesday, November 14th, 7—8:30 p.m., Church of the Risen Savior, Burnsville

Join Dr. Benjamin Heidgerken, St. Paul Seminary Professor and one of the originators of The Cloud of Witnesses art collection, to present the collection and lead us in conversation around these saints. This collection is brought to Risen Savior by the Many Parts Inc. and illustrates the beautiful unity and cultural diversity of Catholicism. The presentation will be in English with Spanish interpretation.

CHASTITY PROJECT PURIFIED EVENT WITH JASON EVERT

Wednesday, November 15th, 6-8:30 p.m., St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, New Prague

PURIFIED: A family-based event that invites parents as well as teens to learn about God's plan for love. It combines Jason Evert's presentation on chastity for the family, with a time of prayer, adoration, and the sacrament of reconciliation for everyone. We will also be distributing free resources to every attendee so that every member of the family can take items home to help them live out this lifestyle.

WHAT WE CALL "IT" MATTERS: UNDERSTANDING THE SPIRITUAL IMPACT OF ABUSE IN A CHURCH CONTEXT

Monday, November 27th, 6:30-8 p.m.

Join this discussion that will explore the common understandings, problems and implications of spiritual damage done through sexual, emotional, and physical abuse by religious authorities. Gerard J. McGlone, SJ, PhD, and Dr. Joane Durkin will lead the discussion. For more information contact Paula Kaempffer, Coordinator of Restorative Practices and Survivor Support for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, kaempfferp@archspm.org.



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