

# The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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**Wednesday:** 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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## 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Well done, my good and  
faithful servant.”  
— Mt 25:21

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November 19th, 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.

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### 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  
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**Bill Van Hecke, Pastoral Council Chair:** (612) 812-8615

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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](mailto: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 [bulletin@gachaska.org](mailto:bulletin@gachaska.org) antes de las 12:00 p.m. el martes anterior. Fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.

## GET THE BULLETIN EMAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU!

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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 20th

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

### Tuesday, November 21st

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

5:30 p.m. Mass, † William Kones

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

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting, 1st Floor Conference Room

### Wednesday, November 22nd

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Mary Meyer

### Thursday, November 23rd

9:00 a.m. Mass, † Ron Schleicher

### Friday, November 24th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN), † Tom Remick

### Saturday, November 25th

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

3:15 p.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, † MaryAnn Stacken

### Sunday, November 26th

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

10:00 a.m. Mass, For the People

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), † Caroline Lenzmeier

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: 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  
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44  
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48  
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40  
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 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  
Lunes: 1 Mac 1, 10-15. 41-43. 54-57. 62-64/Sal 118, 53. 61. 134. 150. 155. 158/  
Lc 18, 35-43  
Martes: 2 Mac 6, 18-31/Sal 3, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Lc 19, 1-10  
Miércoles: 2 Mac 7, 1. 20-31/Sal 16, 1. 5-6. 8 y 15/Lc 19, 11-28  
Jueves: 1 Mac 2, 15-29/Sal 49, 1-2. 5-6. 14-15/Lc 19, 41-44  
Viernes: 1 Mac 4, 36-37. 52-59/1 Cr 29, 10. 11. 11-12. 12/Lc 19, 45-48  
Sábado: 1 Mac 6, 1-13/Sal 9, 2-3. 4 y 6. 16 y 19/Lc 20, 27-40  
Domingo siguiente: Ez 34, 11-12. 15-17/Sal 22, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6 (1)/1 Co 15, 20-26. 28/Mt 25, 31-46

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

### 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.*



## THE DISCERNMENT TEAM IS WORKING

The Discernment Team is doing its work after we have conducted our Prayer and Listening Sessions. Thank you so much for attending them and prayerfully discussing the hopes that you have for our parish, the challenges and the things that we might need to let go of. We really appreciate the time commitment you made to participate in them. Although I did not sit at any of the tables, I thought that everyone expressed their heartfelt desires to see the parish grow in many constructive and varied ways.

As of November 8<sup>th</sup>, the day that this article was due, we have not yet compiled the results of the written surveys. However, the Discernment Team, after team members themselves attended the sessions, is hard at work as we begin to consider both what our parish statistics at Guardian Angels and at Saint Nicholas are telling us, and what our Archdiocese is envisioning for each parish in beginning Parish Evangelization Cell Systems, otherwise known as small groups.

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, we discussed Mass attendance and sacramental data and since 2013, there has been a dramatic decline in these numbers at both parishes. These trends are God's call to us to begin to do things differently! Please pray that the Holy Spirit will work through our process. Several months from now, the process will include a presentation to all parishioners of what we will propose to be important action steps toward changing this decline in the coming months and years.

Now, as our next step on November 20<sup>th</sup>, we will hear a presentation on the vision of small groups at our parishes and in early December we will review the results and summaries from the Prayer and Listening Sessions. We understand the skepticism of those who would say, "It's no use. Everything has already been decided." But we firmly believe that the Holy Spirit is in charge and will lead us. No decisions have been made.

May God bless all of the steps we take in faith in His guidance and call as we give Him thanks.

Father Tony

## 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.

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

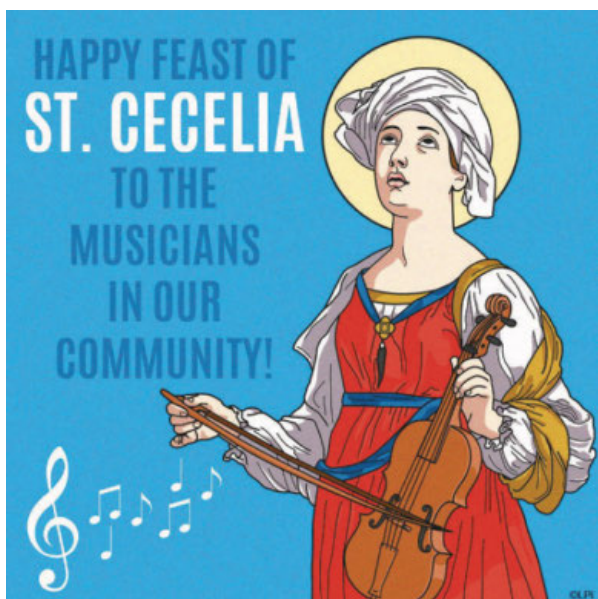
Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

## 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](mailto:lforner2@gmail.com)



## 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.

## 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.

## ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (NOV. 23RD AND 24TH) THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE



**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR YOUR BLESSINGS THIS YEAR**

## GIVING TREE/MINISTERIO “ÁRBOL QUE DA”

There are two trees at the entrance of the church filled with tags listing the needs of fellow parishioners and area residents who are struggling to make ends meet.

### How does the Giving Tree Work?

Choose a tag from the tree, fill out and tear off the bottom half of the tag, and purchase a gift (typically \$25-30) using the list of ideas on the tag. Then bring your gift, concealed in a gift bag, to church with the tag attached to the outside of the bag. Please remember to attach the tag to the gift bag so that we are able to match the gift with the recipient.

### When/Where are the gifts returned?

Put your gift(s) under the trees at the entrance of the church by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>. All gifts will be organized and delivered that week.

### Donations Accepted

If you would like to donate a new gift or monetary donation to the Giving Tree, please contact the Parish Office or Jean Van Hecke at 612-245-9252. We will use these gifts for supplementing individuals and families with extraordinary needs.



### Ministerio “Arbol que da”

Hay dos árboles en la entrada de la Iglesia. Estos árboles tienen unas etiquetas con las necesidades de parroquianos y otras personas que viven en esta área y que tienen dificultades para llegar a fin de mes.

### ¿Cómo funciona el “Árbol que da”?

Escoja una etiqueta del árbol, complétela y arranque la parte de abajo. Compre uno de los regalos (generalmente de \$ 25 - \$30) que se listan en la etiqueta. Ponga el

regalo dentro de una bolsa de regalo y pegue la etiqueta en la parte de afuera de la bolsa. Deje el regalo en la Iglesia. Por favor no olvide pegar la etiqueta a la bolsa.

### ¿Cuándo y dónde se dejan los regalos ?

Los regalos deben dejarse debajo de los árboles que están en la entrada de la Iglesia. La fecha límite para entregarlos es el DOMINGO 11 DE DICIEMBRE.

### Se aceptan donaciones

Si desea donar un regalo nuevo o hacer una donación de dinero para el “Arbol que da” por favor llame a la oficina de la Iglesia o a Jean Van Hecke al 612-245-9252. Usaremos estas donaciones para ayudar a personas y familias con necesidades extraordinarias.

# Sharing the JOY of the birth of Jesus!

# Compartamos la alegría del

## THE EUCHARIST SOURCE AND SUMMIT

*The Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis*

On June 19th, 2022 the Catholic Church in the United States embarked on a three-year journey to encourage a deeper understanding of the mystery of the Eucharist. We just finished the *Year of Diocesan Eucharistic Revival* which saw many initiatives in different dioceses throughout the country. Currently we are in the *Year of Parish Revival* which will culminate with a Eucharistic Congress to be held in Indianapolis from July 17th-24th. The Basilica invites you to participate in several initiatives, including a series of lectures on different aspects of the Eucharist.

**The Incarnate Word of God and the Eucharist:** Thursday, November 30th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Martin Connell will present on (1) the unity and variety of the New Testament witnesses to the Eucharist, (2) Pope Benedict XVI's exhortation *The Word of God*, (3) how the Sacrament of the Eucharist complements the Word of God, and (4) how – in spite of human sin and frailty – God calls the baptized to incarnate and preach the Word of God in the liturgy and the world.

**The Eucharist as Source and Summit of our Christian Life:** Sunday, January 28th, 11 a.m. Presented by Dr. Hanson Goo from St. John's University.

**Sixty Years after the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy: Pope Francis and Contemporary Liturgical Renewal:** Sunday, February 25th, 1 p.m. Presented by Father Michael Joncas.

**“Who do you say ‘I am’?”: On Eucharist and Conformity:** Thursday, March 14th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Presented by Dr. Kim Vrudny.

## **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!

## **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.

## **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](http://eucharisticrevival.org).

## **ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE**

*Saturday, December 9th, 10 a.m.,  
Cathedral of Saint Paul*

All the faithful, ordained and lay, are invited to this Mass, during which Archbishop Hebda will ordain eighteen men as permanent deacons. You may also watch the livestream on the Cathedral’s Facebook page.

## **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](mailto:kaempfferp@archspm.org).

## **ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS**

*Saturday, December 9th, 7 p.m.,  
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Minneapolis*

This service is a musical celebration combining seasonal carols, choral music, and Scripture readings. Our observance of this English tradition has a uniquely Polish flare, and it features beloved kolędy and even a couple of readings in Polish! This program features choral music by Hildegard von Bingen, Palestrina, Rheinberger, Backman, 15th Cent. Anon, Elgar, Handel, and Rachmaninoff. Free and open to the public with festive reception to follow!

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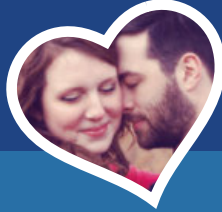
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## *The Feast of St. Nicholas*

**Sunday, December 3**

**10 am Mass**

*St. Nicholas Church  
with blessing of new*

*St. Nicholas statue for the garden*

**Volunteer Appreciation**

**lunch to follow  
*in the Parish Center***



Please RSVP number attending to Jodee at 952-913-4964 or  
fosninfo@gmail.com by **Monday, November 27.**

We look forward to seeing you as we celebrate the Feast of St.  
Nicholas and appreciate your dedicated service to Guardian Angels  
and St. Nicholas Church & Prayer Garden!



# Preschool Open House

COME JOIN THE FUN!



Join us for a fun and informative evening at Saint John the Baptist School in Jordan!

Meet all of our early childhood teachers and explore the preschool and kindergarten rooms.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 FROM 5-7PM.

scan for more info



**DOOR PRIZES!**  
**RAFFLE**

**FOOD & REFRESHMENTS**

**FACE PAINTING**

**RAD ZOO!**