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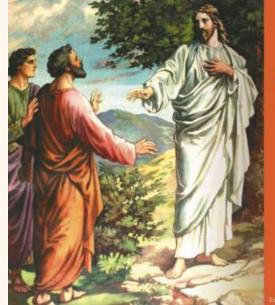
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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(6)

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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January 21st, 2024

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.

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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, January 22nd

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

Tuesday, January 23rd

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

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

Wednesday, January 24th

8:00 a.m. Mass, Richard Schultz

1:30 p.m. Holy Week Planning Meeting, 1st Floor Conference Room

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

Thursday, January 25th

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

6:30 p.m. Small Group Practicum, St. Francis Hall

Friday, January 26th

6:00 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Bill and Mary Meyer

9:00 p.m. Chill Fest Mass, For Middle School Youth attending Chill Fest

10:00 p.m. Chill Fest, Gym

Saturday, January 27th

4:00 a.m. Chill Fest Sunrise, Gym

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, Ruth Pass

Sunday, January 28th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Don and Jeanette Van Sloun ("Van Sloon")

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, Mystery!

10:00 a.m. Mass,

Beverly Tschimperle

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, Mystery!

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: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/ Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20 Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15 -18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Jon 3, 1-5. 10/Sal 24, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (4)/1 Cor 7, 29-31/Mc 1, 14-20

Lunes: 2 Sm 5, 1-7. 10/Sal 88, 20. 21-22. 25-26/Mc 3, 22-30 Martes: 2 Sm 6, 12-15. 17-19/Sal 23, 7. 8. 9. 10/Mc 3, 31-35 Miércoles: 2 Sm 7, 4-17/Sal 88, 4-5. 27-28. 29-30/Mc 4, 1-20 Jueves: Hch 22, 3-16 o Hch 9, 1-22/Sal 116, 1. 2/Mc 16, 15-18 Viernes: 2 Tim 1, 1-8 o Tit 1, 1-5/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 10/Mc 4, 26-34

Sábado: 2 Sm 12, 1-7. 10-17/Sal 50, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17/Mc 4, 35-41

Domingo siguiente: Dt 18, 15-20/Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7, 32-35/Mc 1, 21-28

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples—Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me—at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

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, church boilers (95% Pd), Gym Lights

Year-To-Date 7/1/23—1/15/24

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$410,089	\$32,973
Sunday Collection	\$9,179	\$607
Contributions	\$6,090	\$1,202
Total Giving	\$390,350	\$34,484
Amount above or below	-\$19,739	+\$1,511

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/23—12/31/23 Contributions: \$32,449 7/1/23—12/31/23 Expenses: \$118,510.91 Fund Balance: \$96,140

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

GET ON THE BUS FOR LIFE!

Minnesota is not so nice anymore. This past January 11th, at our Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life presentation here at Guardian Angels, we learned more about how in 2023, the Minnesota legislature and Gov. Tim Walz enacted laws enshrining abortion up to birth, repealing a program supporting pregnant women, and taking away the right of newborn babies to lifesaving care.

Did you know that Minnesota's abortion policy is now as extreme as any in the world?

Abortion in Minnesota is legal for any reason and at any time up to birth. It is even legal late then unborn children can feel excruciating pain and when the health risks to pregnant women.

in pregnancy, when unborn children can feel excruciating pain and when the health risks to pregnant women increase. Non-physicians are now allowed to perform abortions (even late-term surgical abortions), and abortion facilities are not licensed or inspected by the state. More than 40 percent of abortions are funded by taxpayers through the state's Medicaid program. As a result of these extreme laws and repealing of laws, 12,175 abortions took place in Minnesota in 2023, according to the Minnesota Department of Health. That's a sharp 20 percent increase over the previous year.

In 2023, DFL legislative majorities and Gov. Tim Walz enacted legislation enshrining a "fundamental right" to abortion up to birth in Minnesota statute. They also repealed most of Minnesota's longstanding abortion laws, including laws ensuring informed consent for women and preventing non-physicians from performing abortions. They even repealed Minnesota's Positive Alternatives Act that provided support and alternatives to abortion for pregnant women who want to carry their babies to term.

Minnesota law used to guarantee lifesaving care for infants who survive abortion. In 2023, though, the legislature and Gov. Walz repealed the requirement that "reasonable measures consistent with good medical practice" be taken "to preserve the life and health of the born alive infant." They replaced the requirement for lifesaving measures with a requirement for only "care" (which lawmakers described as mere "comfort care"). Moreover, the new law no longer applies specifically to babies who survive abortion, but rather to *all* babies who are born alive.

Under the new language, then, **any viable infant, whether born as a result of abortion or not**, could be denied lifesaving care and allowed to die. Babies born with disabilities, whose lives are often devalued, could be especially at risk. We learned that there are two jurisdictions in the world where such radical laws are in place – Minnesota and China. The philosophy of abortion (and euthanasia, for that matter) that you are too expensive, you do not contribute anything, and we can't afford you is not on the side of compassion! Furthermore, not just mothers and fathers struggling with unplanned pregnancies, but for a young couple or quite possibly in the future, a grown family struggling to care for their loved one, this could be your and my problem too!

Get on the bus that leaves from Chanhassen this Monday, January 22nd, at 9:30 AM and join in the Prayer Service for Life and the MCCL March for Life at the Capitol and plan to return around 2:00 PM. RSVP today to icathy724@gmail.com or 952-334-0780 with your name, telephone number and number of seats you need. Thank you for speaking the gospel of life!

Father Tony



THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

Dear parishioners of Guardian Angels,

This past autumn, Deacon John and I explained that our donated income need here at Guardian Angels to balance our anticipated expenses would be an estimated \$735,300 with any rectory rental and gym rental income bringing this number down. We began the year into the autumn season accumulating a budget deficit that I saw reach some \$57,000 in the time period of July to date. Now, due to your diligent and conscientious participation and support, we saw that number decrease to under \$15,000 after the January 7th collection. Thank you so much! This gives us great hope and enables us to do our budgeting next year with not quite as much pressure. Now, however, we are seeing this number rise to just under \$20,000, so please continue your generous giving. Again, we have about \$120,000 in our savings, which is something we do not want to touch. May God bless our stewardship and faithfulness!

SMALL GROUPS FOR THE PERSON THAT'S 'NOT A SMALL GROUP PERSON'

This Lent, our parish is launching a new way of being parish—through a new type of small group. Imagine a group that meets you where you are and helps you take the next step in your faith journey. Imagine group leaders that welcome new members (in word and deed), so that you don't feel like the "odd person out." Imagine deep prayer, sharing, and community. Now stop imagining—and join a small group this Lent! Go to archspm.groupvitals.com/groupFinder or if you read this ahead of time, we will have sign-up this Sunday with paper forms to sign up at the back information desk. Be confident that God will bless that which our archbishop is calling you to do!

MCCL MEETING



On January 11th, 2024, Don Parker from MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) came to speak to the 25 people in attendance about what has taken place at the state legislature and what we can do as concerned citizens to support the pro-life movement. It was very informative and eye-opening! Did you know that when a baby is aborted and is alive, they no longer do anything to keep the baby alive? The baby is wrapped in a blanket and left to die. Find out how you can help by going to www.MCCL.org and also contact your legislator.

Father Tony

HOSPITALITY AND A WARM SMILE SAYS "WELCOME" AND "HAPPY TO SEE YOU!"

Each Sunday we have anywhere from 25-40 people after Mass in St. Francis Hall and it is so enjoyable to take some time to get to know each other or to welcome visitors and new parishioners.

We have opportunities to celebrate, to find out if others need our prayers, to help someone feel a little less lonely, or just to catch up with old and new friends.

If you can help as a family, as a group of friends, as a ministry team—that would be wonderful! This is a great way for families to serve together, to complete Confirmation service hours, and to get to know your community in conversation.

If you are willing to serve, Laurie Forner will send you a quick checklist (more information is available in the kitchen). It takes about 20 minutes prior to Mass to prep and then after Mass, hospitality usually lasts until the next Mass begins.

We generally serve after the 8 and 10 a.m. Masses and our goal is to provide hospitality every Sunday.

Contact Laurie Forner at (612) 201-7002 or email her at lforner2@gmail.com

CUT-OUT ON ADVERTISING PAGE

Some of you may have noticed that there is a new "ad" on the back page. It is not actually an ad, but a cut-out that you may use to show appreciation. Whenever you patronize a business on the back of the bulletin, you may cut out the "Thank You" box and present it. This shows the business owners that they made good use of their advertising budget by advertising in our bulletin.

FIRE ON THE HILL

Second Saturday of the Month, after the 5:15 p.m. Mass, Cathedral of Saint Paul

On the second Saturday of each month, the 5:15 p.m. Saturday evening Mass (at the Cathedral of St. Paul) will be followed by a time of praise and worship. Prayer ministry will also be included for healing and prophetic encouragement.

Presiders:

February 10th: Archbishop Bernard Hebda

March 9th: Father Jonathan Kelly

April 13th: TBD

May 11th: Father Jon Vander Ploeg

JOIN US FOR PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE AND THE MARCH FOR LIFE

January 22nd, bus from St. Hubert's

Stand up for life on Monday, January 22nd, by attending the annual Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 10:30 a.m. followed by the annual MCCL March for Life at noon.

Beginning at noon on the steps of the Capitol building, the March for Life program will rivet the public's attention to the reality of abortion in our state. Participants will each have the opportunity to carry one of the 12,000 baby models to place in a large display—each life-size model representing a life lost to abortion in Minnesota last year. For more details and resources, visit mccl.org

The St. Hubert Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring free bus transportation. The bus will depart from St. Hubert's front parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and return at approximately 2 p.m. No cost to ride the bus; all ages are welcome.

Please RSVP to jcathy724@gmail.com or (952) 334-0780 with your name, phone, and number of seats you need.

NEWLY MARRIED RETREAT

Saturday, February 3rd, 9 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Good Shepherd, Golden Valley

All couples married 0-7 years are invited to join the Newly Married Retreat with Dr. Edward Sri. Dr. Sri will give two talks, one on 'Marriage: The Good, The Messy, and The Beautiful' and the other on 'Theology of the Body and Marriage.' Learn more and register at archspm.org/nmr.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE: MARIAN ROUTE

May 19th—July 16th

Starting on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, four processions starting at different locations around the country will begin and end at the Eucharistic Congress. The route coming through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is the Marian Route, which departs from the headwaters of the Mississippi, and will descend through the midwestern United States. There is also an opportunity for Catholics ages 19-29 to serve as Perpetual Pilgrims. These pilgrims will travel with a priest chaplain and Jesus in the Eucharist throughout the pilgrimage. Learn more about the stops, Perpetual Pilgrim opportunity, and more at archspm.org/national-eucharistic-pilgrimage-marian-route.

LAUDATE DEUM STUDY SESSION

Monday, January 22nd, 12:30-1 p.m. or Thursday, January 25th, 6:30-8 p.m.

The Laudato Si' Movement Chapter of Minnesota will be hosting Laudate Deum reading groups in January as a precursor to Lent. Laudate Deum is an Apostolic Exhortation released on October 4th, 2023 addressing the need for urgency in addressing climate issues. There will be two study groups for Laudate Deum. If interested in this study group, please fill out the form on the archspm website by January 19th.

THE STAR OF THE NORTH EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

May 17th-18th, 2024, The Sanford Center, Bemidji

Join bishops from across Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Wisconsin to celebrate and glorify Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Preceding the commencement of the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Revival, the congress will inspire pilgrims to increase their devotion in the Eucharist while learning ways to share the many graces of this great Sacrament. For more information and registration go to archspm.org/the-star-of-the-north-eucharistic-congress.

MIRIAM DINNER

Wednesday, January 24th, 6-8 p.m., Archdiocesan Catholic Center, St. Paul

Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Bishop Michael Izen, and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite women ages 16-35 who are discerning consecrated life. It is typical for women discerners to be accompanied by their pastor, consecrated religious, or youth minister. The evening begins with prayer, followed by dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocations testimonies.

Priests, deacons, and consecrated women in the Archdiocese are encouraged to invite women, ages 16-35, who present a sincere interest in consecrated life.

Register at 10000vocations.org/miriam-dinner.html

HEALING MASS

Friday, January 26th, 7 p.m.—9 p.m., Church of Saint Paul, Ham Lake

Father Jim Livingston will celebrate a Mass that aims at helping people find healing in whatever areas they may require it, including physical, emotional, or spiritual situations. A time of individual prayer follows. Prayer teams will also be available to pray for specific needs. All are welcome.

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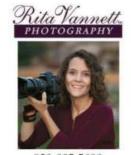
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