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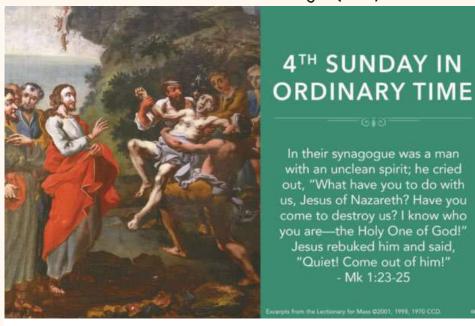
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January 28th, 2024

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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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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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, January 29th

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

Tuesday, January 30th

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

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

Wednesday, January 31st

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Dorothy Dunk

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

Thursday, February 1st

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

Friday, February 2nd

10:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus Wives Appreciation Dinner Set-up, St. Francis Hall

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group, GA School

Saturday, February 3rd

8:00 a.m. D of I Rosary

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

8:45 a.m. Baptism Class, 1st Floor Conference Room

9:00 a.m. Mom's Group, Room 004

3:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

3:15 p.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, & Mary Meyer

6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Wives Appreciation Dinner

Sunday, February 4th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Giles and Clarice VanSloun

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, The Guillemette Family

10:00 a.m. Mass, Joey Reynolds

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, The Guillemette Family

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN)

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), Para la Gente

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

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1 -20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or

2:22-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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

Lunes: 2 Sm 15, 13-14. 30; 16, 5-13/Sal 3, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mc 5, 1-20 Martes: 2 Sm 18, 9-10. 14. 24-25. 30—19, 3/Sal 85, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mc 5. 21-43

Miércoles: 2 Sm 24, 2. 9-17/Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 6. 7/Mc 6, 1-6 Jueves: 1 Re 2, 1-4. 10-12/1 Chr 29, 10. 11. 11d-12. 12/Mc 6, 7-13 Viernes: Mal 3, 1-4/Heb 2, 14-18/Sal 23, 7. 8. 9. 10/Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22 -32

Sábado: 1 Re 3, 4-13/Sal 118, 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14/Mc 6, 30-34 Domingo siguiente: Job 7, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 (ver 3)/1 Cor 9, 16-19. 22-23/Mc 1, 29-39

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

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—1/22/24

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$424,230	\$34,110
Sunday Collection	\$12,504	\$1,053
Contributions	\$6,090	\$1,202
Total Giving	\$402,854	\$35,537
Amount above or below	-\$21,376	+\$1,427

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.





I was heartened to ride the bus to the Cathedral and the State Capitol as we prayed for the safeguarding of human life and an end to abortion and marched at the Capitol. We were handed fetal models and placed them on tables at the Capitol. Each table was brought into the rotunda to illustrate the devastating impact of 12,175 lives lost in Minnesota this past year due to abortion. Shockingly, they told us that in this past year, 2023, it is estimated that a likely 17,000 lives were lost to abortion. This is a direct result of the laws that proabortion legislators enacted that stripped away virtually all laws that restricted abortion all

the way up to birth, including parental notification and Women's Right to Know.

Did you know that in our state, parents of any child born with complications can be told that there is nothing we can do for that child? Health care facilities do not have to treat such infants and are free of any legal recourse against such decisions. This is language that is included in a bill that passed last year.

Along these same lines, out of an apparent desire to ration health care, the House Health, Finance, and Policy Committee is voting to move an assisted suicide bill out of committee and one step closer to legalization. The Minnesota Catholic Conference reminds us, "Assisted suicide is neither compassionate nor about real choice. Protecting the choices of a few by legalizing assisted suicide will endanger the health care choices of all. Assisted suicide deliberately undermines human dignity by endangering the health of society's most vulnerable, especially among those who underutilize hospice and palliative care."

Urge your legislator to oppose efforts to legalize assisted suicide. Starting on February 12th, our House and Senate will be in session again and more bills such as this will come to the floor. Keep up-to-date on how you can share your voice with legislators by visiting the Minnesota Catholic Conference website at mncatholic.org and signing up for the advocacy network. Go to the action center and write a letter (with help provided) to your legislator asking them to oppose assisted suicide.

We must always continue to be Church not only by advocating for the common good in the public square, but also by walking with mothers, fathers, and children in need and being involved in pro-life efforts, including supporting our local pregnancy resource centers. Prayer is also crucial. Let's continue to pray and work always for the day when abortion and assisted suicide become not only illegal, but unthinkable.

Father Tony

MAKE OUR PARISH A 'CENTER OF CONSTANT MISSIONARY OUTREACH'

You know who you are. You're amazing: you love our parish, you volunteer in so many ways, you come to Mass with a joyful heart, and share Christ in how you live. But you also see a Church that needs renewal, surrounded by a culture that is rejecting the love of our Lord. Pope Francis has called the parish a "center of constant missionary outreach." How? By being a "community of communities" - fostering small groups that bring its members into deeper relationship with the Lord and with our parish. Be part of that mission this Lent. Find a small group at archspm.groupvitals.com/groupFinder or email Terry Schepers, tkschepers@gmail.com to join. We have a dozen groups between our English and Spanish speaking communities and almost 50 participants and we would love to grow that number!

GIVING IN LOVE— FEBRUARY 3RD AND 4TH

Today's Gospel states that Jesus "taught as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Mark 1:22). He proved his authority with accompanying signs, such as casting out a demon. The people were astonished.

Today, many of us waver between craving real authority and rebelling against authority altogether. We criticize our leaders for being too weak or the Catholic Church for being too firm. Some even ask, "Why can't the Church loosen up her doctrines and get with the times?"

The truth is, the Church cannot "change with the times." Jesus, who "is the same today, yesterday, and forever," founded the Church (Hebrews 13:8). However, together we can continue to stay strong in the way God is calling us and, through your support of the Catholic Services Appeal, spread the Good News as we always have.

Our Catholic Services Appeal Collection will take place at Mass on February 3rd and 4th. Thank you for your previous support and participation. Please give generously to the appeal. Thank you!





JOIN A NEW COMMUNICATION TEAM!

Bulletins, My Parish app, Quarterly Newsletter, eblasts, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, posters, information desk, door hangers, and yard signs. There are many ways to communicate these days. This is true even when we think of communicating with announcements in our newly formed small groups. We would like to start a Communication Team at Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas. Such a team would help our office to communicate the events, the stories, and the offerings of our parishes, so that your wisdom as parishioners would come to the fore, and so that we would have a more consistent and robust communication effort at our parishes. Interested in being on the Team? Please call Father Tony at (952) 679-9415 or email him at frtonyvanderloop@gachaska.org. Thanks!

WANTED: ALL MEN AND BOYS OF THE PARISH

Your help is needed at the Beef and Sausage Dinner—February 11th, 2024

The GA Men's Club Annual Beef and Sausage Dinner is Sunday, February 11th in the School Gym. New workers are needed to help put on this fun dinner that has been the talk of the town since 1949! If you have worked in the past or have not worked in the past at this dinner this is the year to jump in and see how fun it is. Table leaders, kitchen helpers, cleaning and resetting tables, etc., are some of the many areas that you can pick from.

- Thursday, Feb. 8th, 2:00-5:00 p.m.—cut up meat in the School Kitchen
- Friday, Feb. 9th, 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.—make sausage
- Saturday, Feb. 10th, 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.—cut up sausage, set up dining room
- Sunday, Feb. 11th—workers begin at 10:00 a.m.
 Serving is from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Table Captains: Call your workers to remind them to come at 10:00 a.m. Sunday Feb. 11th.

Call General Chairman, Billy Boecker at (952) 463-5768, Kitchen Chair, Jack Worm at (612) 919-4584, or Dining Room Chair, Bill Van Hecke at (612) 812-8615 for questions and/or to volunteer. We look forward to seeing you anytime Thursday-Sunday!



WORKERS LIST AVAILABLE AT ENTRANCE OF CHURCH



All men of the parish are asked to pick up a Beef and Sausage Worker's list at the entrances of the church.

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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.

PIES, PIES, PIES!



Every parishioner family is asked to donate two pies for the February 11th Beef and Sausage dinner.

Every kind of pie is welcome.

Please drop them off at the school gym entrance of 1st and Cedar Street during any of these times:

- 1. Friday, Feb. 9th, 8-10 a.m.
- 2. Saturday, Feb. 10th, 8-10 a.m.
- 3. Sunday Feb. 11th, 8-10:30 a.m.

Thank You!

CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY RETURNS!

Homemade cinnamon rolls and coffee will be served by Catholic United Financial Council 19 members after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses on February 4th. Come on down to meet and eat a treat with fellow parishioners.



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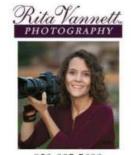
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