# The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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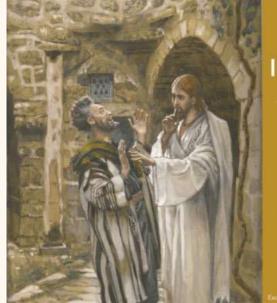
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When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

#### February 4th, 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.

#### **Guardian Angels Lay Leadership Positions**

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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, February 5th

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Francis Hall

#### Tuesday, February 6th

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

5:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Deceased Family Members of Jim and Steph Smyth

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

7:00 p.m. New Member Welcome Team, 1st Floor Conference Room

#### Wednesday, February 7th

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

#### Thursday, February 8th

8:00 a.m. Mass, & Betty Bleichner

2:00 p.m. Beef and Sausage Dinner Setup, School Kitchen

#### Friday, February 9th

8:00 a.m. Beef and Sausage Dinner Setup, Gym and Kitchen

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

7:00 p.m. Bible Class (Spanish), St. Francis Hall

#### Saturday, February 10th

8:00 a.m. Beef and Sausage Dinner Setup, Gym and Kitchen

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

3:15 p.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

4:00 p.m. Cursillo: Ultreya

#### Sunday, February 11th

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, Marriage Encounter

10:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Eileen Kessler

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN)

11:00 a.m. Beef and Sausage Dinner, Gym

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), For the People

#### **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: 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

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 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

Lunes: 1 Re 8, 1-7. 9-13/Sal 131, 6-7. 8-10/Mc 6, 53-56 Martes: 1 Re 8, 22-23. 27-30/Sal 83, 3. 4. 5 y 10. 11/Mc 7, 1-13 Miércoles: 1 Re 10, 1-10/Sal 36, 5-6. 30-31. 39-40/Mc 7, 14-23 Jueves: 1 Re 11, 4-13/Sal 105, 3-4. 35-36. 37 y 40/Mc 7, 24-30 Viernes: 1 Re 11, 29-32; 12, 19/Sal 80, 10-11. 12-13. 14-15/Mc 7, 31-37

Sábado: 1 Re 12, 26-32; 13, 33-34/Sal 105, 6-7. 19-20. 21-22/ Mc 8, 1-10

Domingo siguiente: Lv 13, 1-2. 44-46/Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 11 (7)/1 Cor 10, 31—11, 1/Mc 1, 40-45

#### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

#### Year-To-Date 7/1/23—1/29/24

	<b>Guardian Angels</b>	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$438,371	\$35,247
Sunday Collection	\$11,373	\$961
Contributions	\$24,138	\$1,202
Total Giving	\$375,114	\$36,498
Amount above or below	-\$63,257	+\$1,251

#### 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

#### **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.

#### JESUS WILL MAKE IT SUFFICIENT



Dear Friends,

In our bulletin, you will see a strange number: \$-63,257. This is the amount of deficit from our budget that we are running during the period July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through this week. I had previously reported that we had rallied to make our giving match our budgetary needs. However, we made the mistake of not subtracting out our maintenance fund contributions in order to arrive at the deficit figure. The figure is, therefore, much larger than last week

and it is clear now that we have not rallied quite like I had hoped. I thank you for your stewardship and at the same time, I hope that we can make such a rally.

We have had trying times at Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas. Everyone knows that. But we hear, for example, the story of the Loaves and Fishes when Jesus makes what is offered sufficient. Does this mean that he will close the gap? No, we must be the ones to do so. But first, we must believe. The disciples thought it was impossible. Then, a boy approached the Lord and offered up five barley loaves and two fish. The boy knew what He had to offer was insufficient to fill the entire hunger need, but he had faith in Jesus anyway and put that faith to action.

Now, we have small groups, we have a need for substitute and regular catechists, we have a need to have a fabulous time at the Beef and Sausage Dinner, we have a need to simply give generously so that we can keep the lights on and pay our staff, we have the Catholic Services Appeal, and we have a need to sing out at Mass in order to make a joyful noise to the Lord. What are your barley loaves? What are your two fish?

Jesus took the food and not only provided nourishment for everyone, but fed them all lavishly. Today, Jesus' response to our needs is just as sufficient. We experience this in the Eucharist. Each time we come to the Eucharist, the Lord wants to nourish us spiritually with the Bread of Life. He is able to nourish and transform our hearts and souls.

When you put your faith into action and offer up your gifts to the Lord, miracles can happen. Let students benefit from your teaching and help, let those who come through our gym doors see the strong tradition of a nice dinner together, let the future of Guardian Angels be secure and the staff rest easy, let the poor and others benefit from your generosity to the CSA, and let those around you experience the vibrancy of the Mass through your participation.

Thank you for your stewardship and commitment to this Church. Your sacrifice helps to make the love of Jesus real and tangible!

**Father Tony** 

#### SCHOOL OF CHARISMS: DISCOVERY

Tuesday, February 6—April 16th (no class April 2), 7-9 p.m., St. Peter, Mendota

Father Michael Becker, vicar of charisms, is hosting the School of Charism Discovery, a 10-week course which includes lectures and practicum. The goal is to learn about the Holy Spirit's charisms gifted to the Body of Christ and for each participant to discover which charism(s) God is gifting to them. Learn more and register at archspm.org/school-of-charism-discovery. (all dashes included)

#### WORKER'S 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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# GIVE TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL!

Today's Gospel theme is the opposite of "hesitation." The disciples did not hesitate to ask the Healer for help. Jesus did not hesitate to respond. And even Simon's mother-in-law, after returning from fever, rises to serve him immediately. If Jesus were to walk in the door of our parish right now, he would be on a mission to love someone. If he were to enter your home, as he entered Simon's, he would be on a mission to love you.

Our parish is on Jesus' same mission of love, and we need your help to spread the love Christ entrusted to us. Love acts! When Jesus showed Simon's mother-in-law love, her heart wished to respond with more love. She chose to serve herself. Today, evaluate your ability to give, listen to the prompting of love, and then, do not hesitate... act by giving to our Archdiocesan Catholic Service Appeal!



#### THANK YOU!

The Daughters of Isabella would like to thank all who contributed to Roses for Life. The money collected will be sent to local pro-life organizations in the Twin Cities area.

#### 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.

#### 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 11, 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.

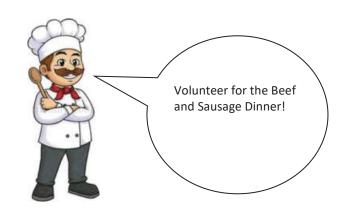
 Thursday, Feb. 8th, 2:00 p.m.—lay cardboard down in Gym/Kitchen

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!





#### PARISHIONER EARNS SCOUTS EMBLEM

Congratulations to Audrey Smyth who her earned her Pius XII religious emblem for Scouts BSA (formerly Boy Scouts). Pius XII can be earned by any Catholic enrolled in Scouts BSA or Venture Scouts programs. Through the Religious Emblem Program, Scouts from 1st-12th grade delve deeper into their faith than what is just required to earn their respective ranks.



#### 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 at 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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## COME AND SEE

Jesus in yourself and others as we prepare our hearts for Lent by walking through the Mass together.

Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> What is the Mass?

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY Masses 12:00pm & 7:00pm (bi-lingual)

Optional Adult Opportunity & Fran with kids activity in church: 6:15 – 6:45 PM

St. Francis Hall: Learn about Annulments, Divorce, Remarriage & God's compassion by Fr. Tony

Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> The Introductory Rites and Preparing Well for the Mass Beforehand

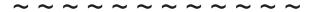
Encounter Adult small groups meet on Wednesdays from 6:15pm – 7:45pm in St. Francis Hall.

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If you have ever considered sharing your faith by teaching our youth in Faith Formation, but are not able to serve every week, this is your chance!

We are in need of substitute catechists!

Lesson plans are provided & as much advance notice as possible will be given. Please contact Fran Oprosko at 952-466-6984 if interested.





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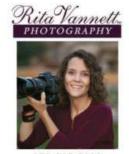
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