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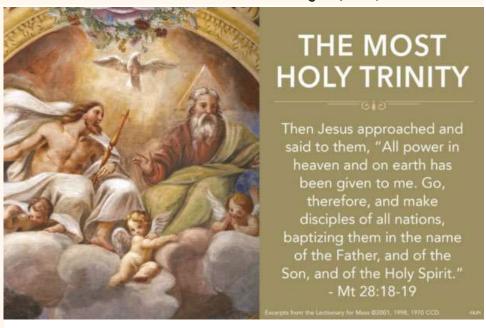
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Weekly Liturgy Schedule / Horario de Misas

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.

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HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, AND HOMEBOUND VISITS

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Church Calendar

Monday, May 27th

Office is Closed for Memorial Day

8:30 a.m. Mass, For the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, May 28th

Wednesday, May 29th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Bill and Helen Koness

6:00 p.m. New Altar Server Training, GA Church

Thursday, May 30th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Living and Deceased Family Members of Florian and Ester Van Sloun

11:00 a.m. Welter Funeral, GA Church

7:00 p.m. Latino Prayer Group Gathering, GA Church

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

Friday, May 31st

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

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

Saturday, June 1st

8:00 a.m. D of I Rosary, GA Church

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

9:30 a.m. New Altar Server Training, GA Church

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, [♣] Tony and Marie Koll

Sunday, June 2nd

8:00 a.m. Mass, For the People

10:00 a.m. Mass,

⊕ Henry Stacken

12:00 p.m. Corpus Christi Picnic, SN Gardens

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 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/

Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27 Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31 Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147 :12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/Mk 10:46-52 Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk

1:39-56

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 11:27-33 Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb

9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Dt 4, 32-34. 39-40/Sal 32, 4-5. 6. 9. 18-19. 20. 22 (12)/Rom 8, 14-17/

Mt 28, 16-20

Lunes: 1 Pe 1, 3-9/Sal 110, 1-2. 5-6. 9 y 10/Mc 10, 17-27 Martes: 1 Pe 1, 10-16/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Mc 10, 28-31 Miércoles: 1 Pe 1, 18-25/Sal 146, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/Mc 10, 32-45

Jueves: 1 Pe 2, 2-5. 9-12/Sal 99, 2. 3. 4. 5/Mc 10, 46-52 Viernes: Sof 3, 14-18 o Rom 12, 9-16/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6/Lc 1, 39-56

Sábado: Jds 17. 20-25/Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6/Mc 11, 27-33 Domingo siguiente: Ex 24, 3-8/Sal 115, 12-13. 15-16. 17-18 (13)/Heb 9, 11-15/Mc 14, 12-16. 22-26

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Today's second reading reminds us that we are the adopted sons and daughters—the heirs—of God. We are good stewards of our inheritance when we share our faith and fulfill Our Lord's command to "go...and make disciples of all the nations."

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/23 to Date:

Friary Doors, Church Fence, Repair Sanctuary/Sacristy windows, replace furnace room windows, church boilers, Gym Lights

Year-To-Date 7/1/23—5/20/24

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$664,627	\$53,439
Last Sunday's Collection	\$13,359	\$1,013
Total Giving YTD	\$554,007	\$56,560
Percent of Goal Funded	83%	106%

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/23—4/30/24 Contributions: \$58,481 7/1/23—12/31/23 Expenses: \$139,262.91 Fund Balance: \$106,670

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





As we come upon Memorial Day and welcome the National Eucharistic Procession passing through our Archdiocese on the way to Indianapolis this summer, we reflect on the sacrificial, self-giving love of Jesus whom we receive at every Mass. Our veterans reflect this sacrificial giving in a singular way. I encourage you to look at our board in the back of church near the information desk at Guardian Angels and remember our sons and daughters who are serving in the military. Some studies have revealed that as many as 18% of combat veterans struggle with significant mental health issues upon returning home.

Additionally, one study concludes that as many as 30% of returning Army Reserve and Guard members are struggling in the same way four to six months after returning from combat.

When a soldier has gone to war, both soldier and family have been through odysseys that have stretched, challenged, and overwhelmed them and pushed them to the limits of their endurance. In order to go to war and back a soldier travels a road that leads from citizen to soldier to warrior and through a difficult process, back to citizen. The road travels from security to insecurity and back to security, from safety to danger and back to safety, from comfort to discomfort and back to comfort, from law and order to chaos and lawlessness back to law and order, from cooperation to survival and back to cooperation, and from trust through mistrust back to trust.

The road is intense and includes an adjustment on the part of family members as well. Families learn to fill the void left by the soldier and new roles are assumed and sometimes mastered. New rules have taken effect and money has been managed without the soldier's direct input. In combat, life is simpler because the military guided and provided, and the soldier bonded with a few; in civilian life the soldier will be expected to interact and make decisions with a myriad of networks of people. In addition to moving from simplicity to complexity a combat veteran must face the challenges of overcoming the sense of alienation that comes from having such an intense experience that those who have not experienced it could know. They must come to a sense of peace with themselves, with God, and with others.

As we pray for our veterans, we remember the price of freedom. As Christians we want to take that freedom seriously by living upright lives and faithfully living out our life with Jesus which some countries don't allow the freedom to do. As we receive him and walk with him in our Eucharistic processions, we reflect on how we can imitate him in loving sacrificially as he did.

We pray that our veterans may be protected from physical, emotional, or spiritual harm. As we listen to our pope speak about what truly leads to peace, we pray for a true and lasting peace in the world. When the opportunity presents itself, we can welcome our veterans home and affirm what they did for us. This does not mean that we have to support our country's foreign policy. It only means that we acknowledge the sacrifice they made by being the ones willing to do it when their country asked. We can also support them with our patience. As families, having realistic expectations knowing that reintegration takes time will make things a little easier. As employers, while not ignoring harmful behavior, we can calculate and plan for the additional time needed in their training and for time to check-in and attend to their specific needs. Finally, we can offer our encouragement to our veterans in their reengagement with their families, their work, and their society and offer them opportunities to succeed.

We remember all of our veterans and especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. To all our veterans we say thank you for the sacrifices you have made and for your service!

Father Tony

ALTAR SERVER TRAININGS

It is spring time again, which means that incoming 4th Graders are now eligible to start serving this summer!

If you or your child entering grades 4+ in September are interested in becoming an altar server, we will have trainings on the following dates:

1. Wednesday, May 29th at 6:00 p.m.

All trainings will be at Guardian Angels Church. New servers are required to attend 3 trainings.

Can't make them? No worries! We will have trainings again in the fall.

Current altar servers are not required to come to spring sessions.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Father Tony will celebrate a Memorial Day Mass at Guardian Angels Cemetery to honor our deceased veterans and loved ones. The cemetery is located at 3660 Big Woods Blvd in Chaska. We will have an 8:15 a.m. Honor Guard and an 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please bring your own lawn chair.

LINEN MINISTRY NEEDS HELP

The altar linen ministry needs a couple more volunteers who can give three hours a month to enhance our weekly liturgies. Once a month a volunteer picks up the used purificators, corporals, and other altar towels and linens and takes them home to wash, dry, and iron. Specific washing instructions/training will be provided. Scheduling is flexible to your own timetable. Helping our community behind the scenes is a beautiful way to use your talents and serve God.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Cathy Cress at (952) 807-1087 or email deancathy@comcast.net.

MORE CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you like to vacuum the floor. If a sponge can make you smile. If you like to clean up a bathroom. On a Monday afternoon!

Hang on a second Larry! Isn't it on Monday Mornings?

Oh, ya. Sorry.

Come and join our current cleaning volunteers in helping to keep up our beautiful church.

To join, come on a Monday (Morning!) or contact Dave Kramer at go2zair@gmail.com.



JOIN THE FUN!

Grades 7-12 at St. Nicholas Sunday June 9th – Thursday, June 13th

Grades 1-6 at Guardian Angels Monday, June 10th – Friday, June 14th

> REGISTER NOW! Brochures Available at both Churches.

FATHER PAUL JARVIS RETIRING

Fr. Paul Jarvis—currently serving a Northside Minneapolis parish, and now twenty years a priest—will be retiring for medical reasons from active parish ministry. He has served at St. Bridget's parish for eight years. He served at Guardian Angels fourteen years ago. This July 1st, Fr. Paul will be moving into the Byrne Residence for retired diocesan priests in Saint Paul.

Father Paul Jarvis' retirement reception in the school gym (handicap accessible, and across from St. Bridget's, 3811 Emerson Avenue N, Mpls 55412) is on Saturday, June 15th, after St. Bridget's 4:30 p.m. Mass. It would be a joy to have GA parishioners join us in the after-Mass spaghetti dinner.

Where Fr. Paul has served: Church of St. Joseph in Lino Lakes (deacon-intern during seminary), Church of St. John Neumann in Eagan (summer deacon-intern), Our Lady of Grace in Edina (first assignment, associate pastor), Basilica of St. Mary (Vicar) and Ascension Church (associate pastor) in Minneapolis, Church of the Guardian Angels in Chaska (pastor), Church of St. Joseph in Rosemount (pastor), Church of Christ the King (pastor), Church of St. Bridget in Minneapolis (associate pastor). Fr. Paul has also served as a substitute priest in Bermuda, in the Faroe Islands, and in Greenland. He was also a board member of The Catholic Spirit, of St. Francis Hospital, and of Cursillo. Fr. Paul is also a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus.

Some of Fr. Paul's fondest memories from G.A.:

- Cleaning out and opening up the Old Friary for Chaska River City Days
- Ecumenical efforts with neighboring congregations, including Taizé prayer services
- Parishioner support of a family following the serious accident of a GA School student
- City-wide engagement with the parish festival, "AngelFest", including the "smallest parade in the world" from one side of Second Street to the other side
- Tuckpointing of all the campus's exterior Chaska-brick walls
- Parishioners getting a stoplight finally put in at Second and Chestnut, following the death of a parishioner walking across Chestnut
- The blessing of previously unconsecrated parish cemetery land in which a suicide victim lay
- "Say Hey" downtown Chaska marathons
- Parishioner bell-ringing and party following Christmas Midnight Mass
- Animal blessings
- New parishioner potluck dinners
- GA School Christmas and Spring performances
- St. Paul Seminary and St. John Vianney seminarian basketball tournaments

Two things have been named after Fr. Paul: a missionary project's latrine in Haiti (lol), and the small Friary balcony overlooking the 1885 church, just above the historic Mother of Perpetual Help icon.

"Guardian Angels parishioners were some of the most engaged Christians I have ever seen. Their energy truly inspired me. So much so, I would like my funeral to someday be at G.A., just not in the next few years, please."

Fr. Paul considers himself to be a son of Fr. Augustin Ravoux, missionary priest of the 1842 mission chapel that evolved into Guardian Angels Parish.

DISCERNMENT TEAM UPDATE

Our Strategic planning continues for our parishes. Save the dates! Come to one of our Plan Update meetings. Hear presentations by our four new commissions, each with an objective, goals, and new initiatives. Give input, discuss, and consider how you can participate. Also, come and hear our proposal for our Sunday morning Mass time change and give input. We'll meet Thursday, May 30th at Saint Nicholas, and Sunday, June 9th at 3:00 p.m. here at Saint Francis Hall. Thank You!

COME AND JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AND PICNIC!

- Celebrate 10:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass at Guardian Angels
- Process with the Blessed Sacrament to Saint Nicholas passing through Chaska, along the path near the river, and through Carver with a stop at the Prayer Garden and Benediction in the church
- Join in a picnic on the grounds of Saint Nicholas with both parishes! We will have games for the children also

(Other Masses held: 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m. Masses at Guardian Angels. No 10:00 a.m. Mass at Saint Nicholas or 12:30 Mass in Spanish.)

We hope to see you there for prayer, song, food, and fellowship!



POPE FRANCIS NAMES BISHOP JOSEPH WILLIAMS COADJUTOR BISHOP OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

Pope Francis this past Tuesday appointed Bishop Joseph A. Williams, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as the coadjutor bishop of Camden, New Jersey. Bishop Williams said of his appointment: "Pope Francis has called our heavenly Father 'the God of surprises,' and the Apostolic Nuncio certainly surprised me last week with the call to serve the faithful of the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey as coadjutor bishop." Read more on the archdiocesan website, www.archspm.org. Bishop Williams, we thank you for your great ministry to our archdiocese, particularly in helping us to see the benefits of small groups and launching them, but also in so many different ways. Your gifts of the Holy Spirit are evident and we will pray for you as you make this life -transition to your new diocese!

Early Tuesday, Archbishop Hebda shared these words with us, reprinted from his weekly update email message:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Church of Camden is blessed to be receiving a gifted shepherd with an extraordinary intellect and a heart on fire for the work of evangelization. Bishop Williams' ministry in the Archdiocese, first as a pastor and now as a bishop, has born phenomenal fruit. I know that he will be missed by his brother priests and by the laity of this local Church, especially by the members of the immigrant communities that he has so generously served. I will always be grateful that the Lord blessed me with such a capable colleague just as we were preparing for our Synod Assembly; his groundbreaking work in revitalizing parish life through small groups has been a great blessing for our Archdiocese.

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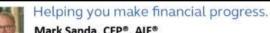
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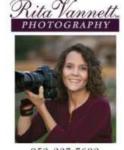
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Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas Eucharistic Procession FAQ

What is the Eucharistic Procession?

The Eucharistic Procession that we will have is a public procession in which we will walk together with Father and Deacon holding up a monstrance under a canopy. The monstrance, which comes from the word, "demonstrate", displays our Lord Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament. We will walk at a reverent pace from The Church of the Guardian Angels to The Church of Saint Nicholas.

Why have a Eucharistic Procession?

Pope Francis in his Homily on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, said, "The procession with the Blessed Sacrament...reminds us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others. To go out with enthusiasm, bringing Christ to those we meet in our daily lives." The Church encourages Eucharistic processions and has traditionally had them on this day of solemnity. It will be an experience and a visible reminder that we do not simply keep Christ in two churches in Chaska and Carver. Rather, we bring him throughout these two territories of our churches. He is really present in the Blessed Sacrament. Therefore, we proclaim that he is alive and dwells among us!

Why such a long procession?

We are Catholics with two parishes, but who are united as one under Jesus Christ. We do well to celebrate this reality together as we give witness to him in a unified way in our local neighborhood. What better way to do so than to have this procession with a picnic together afterwards?

When will the procession begin and end?

Our Eucharistic procession will begin with Father bringing the monstrance with our Lord from the altar at about 11:00 AM the end of the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, June 2nd and out of the front doors at The Church of the Guardian Angels. There will be no dismissal at the Mass. It will simply begin after the Prayer after Communion and announcements. At about 12:00 PM, we will arrive at the Saint Nicholas Prayer Garden and pray for a short time at the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Then, we will enter the church at Saint Nicholas and have Benediction and conclude at about 12:15 PM. Please join in the picnic on the grounds of The Church of Saint Nicholas afterward!

What is Benediction?

Benediction means blessing. After a brief time of prayer, a humeral veil is placed over the shoulders of the priest who goes to the altar and makes the Sign of the Cross over the people. This is the Benediction. The humeral veil symbolizes that Jesus, who is present in the Blessed Sacrament, is blessing the people directly, unlike at Mass when Jesus acts to give his blessing through the priest when the priest makes the Sign of the Cross over the people with his hand. It is customary to make the Sign of the Cross over oneself as a gesture of reception of this blessing.

What Is the route of the Procession?

We will proceed down 2nd street to Hickory Avenue and turn South to 1st Street. We will head West on 1st Street to the path along the river near Chaska Athletic Park that connects downtown Chaska to downtown

Carver. As we approach Casey's General Store, we will emerge from the path to 4th Street in Carver. We will follow 4th Street and cross it and Broadway Street at City Hall. From there we will proceed up the hill to the Prayer Garden and then to the church.

How should I dress?

Please dress according to the weather and wear comfortable footwear appropriate for a long walk on pavement. A hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen are recommended. Please bring your own water bottle if needed.

How will we process exactly, and what safety precautions will there be?

We have permission from both cities of Chaska and Carver for this procession. We only need to stay on the sidewalks or path and allow others to use them as they pass by. We will have a "school patrol group" who will scout ahead and alert those passing by in the opposite direction and stay in the rear to ensure an orderly procession. Please stay on the sidewalks and on the right side of the path. They and the musicians who will lead the singing will be equipped with four megaphones to aid in singing and in case clear and audible direction must be given. The school patrol will use school flags at street crossings to ensure our safety in crossing. If our procession becomes lengthy, they may allow cars to pass through for a short time while some in the procession wait before again proceeding safely across.

What options do I have if I want to participate in only part of the procession or not participate in it?

You can certainly drive to Saint Nicholas and come to the picnic which will get started at about 12:15 PM. However, parking at Saint Nicholas is limited, so please consider carpooling together. Also, be prepared to park on streets in the neighborhoods to the West and South of the church off of 4th Street and making a walk to the church in case the lot is full. Parking between City Hall and Saint Nicholas is quite limited only to streets that are located on hills. Another good option is to park near City Hall and walk only up the hill on 4th Street when the procession arrives there at approximately 11:45 PM. This way, some parking spots will be saved at the church for others. A third option is to walk through downtown Chaska with the procession, then walk back to Guardian Angels, and drive to Saint Nicholas.

How Can I Get Back to my car at Guardian Angels?

We hope to have a church-provided option and we are working on it. However, we have not yet been able to secure a group transportation option yet. If we are successful in doing so, we will let you know in a future announcement. At the same time, we encourage group carpooling back to Guardian Angels as the picnic winds down.

What Happens if it rains?

The procession will continue in light rain, so please dress and prepare accordingly. In the possibility of a severe weather threat, we may decide to modify or cancel this event in part or in its entirety. Please watch the website, www.gachaska.org for updates on the event.

Tell me about the picnic at Saint Nicholas?

Chaska Heights Senior Living will be partnering with our community to provide hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and chips. We will also have a chance to spend time with the residents from both Chaska Heights and Carver Ridge who will be able to travel to Mass at Guardian Angels, then head to Saint Nicholas for this special day.

The picnic will be held outdoors and in the Parish Center where coffee and other beverages will be served. There will be tents with plenty of seats and games for children in the grassy areas. In the event of rain, the picnic will move into the Parish Center. Thank you in advance to the volunteers who will make this event possible by serving at the picnic! We look forward to the day with you!





Moms Group is hosting:

Summer Park Playdates

Enjoy a morning with other moms at the park while the kids play!

2024 Park Playdate Schedule Wednesdays @ 10 am (bi-weekly)		
06/05	Carver Lions Park	
	700 Mt Hope Rd, Carver	
06/19	Chaska Veterans Park (opposite Fireman's Park)	
	619 Creek Rd, Chaska	
07/03	Jordan Lagoon (next to a splash pad)	
	300 Park Dr, Jordan	
07/17	Chaska Hickory Park	
	115 S Hickory St, Chaska	
07/31	Carver Community Park (across Fire/Public Works)	
	800 6th St W, Carver	
08/14	Jordan Lagoon (next to splash pad)	
	300 Park Dr, Jordan	
08/28	Chaska Lions Park	
	1300 Crosstown Blvd, Chaska	

Saturday Morning Moms Group will meet over the summer too!

Come for prayer, reflection and encouraging conversations -- a great opportunity to grow in faith & friendship with other women in the community. Refreshments provided & childcare available - please RSVP.

Saturday Moms Group
Summer Dates:

June 15th • July 20th • August 10th 9:00 – 10:30am

GA School Basement (Door #2) 217 W 2nd St., Chaska

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