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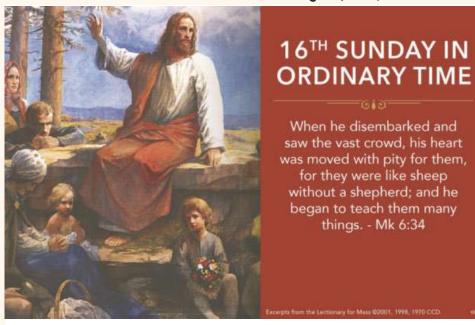
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July 21st, 2024

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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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, July 22nd

Tuesday, July 23rd

Wednesday, July 24th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Ray & Helen Therres

Thursday, July 25th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Barbara Schaer 7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group, GA Church

Friday, July 26th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

Saturday, July 27th

Sunday, July 28th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Sandi Boecker

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall, Knights of Columbus

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall, Knights of Columbus

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), For the People

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), Por el bienestar de Gaudencio

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: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50 Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/ Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Jr 23, 1-6/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 (1)/Ef 2, 13-18/Mc 6, 30-34

Lunes: Cant 3, 1-4 o 2 Cor 5, 14-17/Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18

Martes: Miq 7, 14-15. 18-20/Sal 84, 2-4. 5-6. 7-8/Mt 12, 46-50 Miércoles: Jr 1, 1. 4-10/Sal 70, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 15 y 17/Mt 13, 1-9 Jueves: 2 Cor 4, 7-15/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6/Mt 20, 20-28 Viernes: Jr 3, 14-17/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11/Mt 13, 18-23 Sábado: Jr 7, 1-11/Sal 83, 3. 4. 5-6. y 8. 11/Mt 13, 24-30 Domingo siguiente: 2 Re 4, 42-44/Sal 144, 10-11. 15-16. 17-18 (ver 16)/Ef 4, 1-6/Jn 6, 1-15

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

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 7/1/24—7/7/24

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$24,896	\$2,414
Last Sunday's Collection	\$10,725	\$1,175
Total Giving YTD	\$20,407	\$3,140
Percent of Goal Funded	82%	130%

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/23—6/30/24 Contributions:	\$69,938
7/1/23—6/30/24 Expenses:	\$139,263
Fund Balance:	\$118,128

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

THINK ABOUT LIFE...

Sometimes you hear people argue that abortion should be legal if the baby would have a low quality of life. When people make this argument, the first question to ask is, "Wait a minute... what do you mean by 'quality of life?'" Usually they're talking about babies who will be disabled or poor. But having a disability doesn't mean someone is going to have a low quality of life, and neither does being poor.

If we believe that quality of life comes from having physical health and money, then the less of these things we have, the more likely we are to think we have a low quality of life. But Christians believe that a greater quality of life can be experienced by giving and receiving faith, hope, and love, and all of the virtues that go along with them.

This doesn't mean that we shouldn't care about tending to the material needs of others. Poverty, illness, disabilities, and physical defects can be serious burdens for the people who experience them, and everyone has a responsibility to help ease their burdens. But killing unborn people because they might be born poor, ill, disabled, or with a physical defect makes as much sense as lining up all born people who have the same conditions and killing them because we think they have a "low quality of life."

First of all, one person should never be allowed to decide what kind of quality and worth another person's life has. Secondly, just because someone is born poor does not mean she has to stay poor, and just because someone is disabled doesn't mean he can't participate in any of the human activities that make life worth living. Thirdly, which of the following is truly compassionate – helping people reach a better quality of life, or killing people who are in need because we think their lives don't have any value?

Mother Teresa (now known as Saint Teresa of Calcutta) was a Catholic nun who lived in Calcutta, India, and took care of tens of thousands of the poorest and sickest people on earth for over 45 years. But she once said that America is the poorest country in the world because we do not know how to love. She is attributed with saying, "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." Another side of the "quality of life" argument is the claim that abortion is justifiable for babies who are diagnosed with terminal illnesses. After all, they are going to die anyway, so what kind of quality of life can they possibly have?

First, it is very difficult for doctors to predict exactly when someone is going to die, and they are frequently wrong.

Secondly, if you really think about it, it isn't fair to condemn someone to death because "they are going to die anyway." *You* are going to die someday, too. That would *not* be a good excuse for someone to kill you now. Recall Mary at the foot of the cross. She knew her son was going to die, but she didn't run around begging the Roman soldiers to "put Him out of His misery." She stayed with Jesus out of love, commitment, care, and compassion, recognizing that His life had a purpose even to the very end.

Thirdly, just because someone may soon die doesn't mean that person cannot experience a high quality of life. Quality of life is not ultimately about how long you live; it's about experiencing and participating in love. If every person is loved and wanted by Jesus, then wouldn't every unborn child in some way be able to experience the highest quality of life – even those who are diagnosed with terminal illnesses and may not live very long? If we worked as hard to love and want every unborn child as some people work to keep abortion legal, we could help those children experience a very high quality of life, indeed.

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D OF I ROSARY NOTICE

There will be no Daughters of Isabella rosary on the first Saturdays of July and August.

FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETIG

Save the Date!

Guardian Angels Fall Festival and Car Show is Saturday, September 28th. A planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30th in St. Francis Hall from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring your friends and ideas for enhancing this celebration and evangelization event!

¡Reserva la fecha!

El Festival y Exhibición de Autos de Otoño de los Ángeles Guardianes es el sábado 28 de septiembre. Una reunión de planificación está programada para el martes 30 de julio en St. Francis Hall de 6:30 a 8:30 p.m. ¡Traiga a sus amigos e ideas para realzar este evento de celebración y evangelización!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE TO THE PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support in our Peter's Pence Collection! At Guardian Angels, we collected \$428. At St. Nicholas we collected \$281.50. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. You can drop a donation in the regular collection. Extra envelopes are located on the information desk in the back of church. At St. Nicholas, they are located on the back ledge. Also, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

CANTORS FOR MASS

Have you ever thought about becoming a cantor? Summer is a great time to start! We are looking for new cantors for both Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas. You will get trained in on how to lead the congregation in joyful praise to the Lord!

For more information or to sign up, contact Brittany Kaufmann at bkaufmann@gachaska.org

STATEMENT REGARDING NEW BISHOP OF RAPID CITY



United in Faith, Hope and Love

From Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda

I rejoice with the Church in western South Dakota over Pope Francis' appointment of Bishop-elect Scott Bullock as the new bishop of Rapid City. I have admired him since our time as seminarians together, more than 35 years ago. I know that he brings to our Province great priestly zeal and a wealth of ministerial experience, gained over his decades of selfless service in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. I am grateful that Pope Francis has recognized in Bishop-elect Bullock the gifts needed to build upon the legacy of Bishop Peter Muhich and his illustrious predecessors. I know that the new bishop will find the Diocese of Rapid City to be a vibrant faith community, and I look forward to collaborating with him in the years to come.

COFFEE AND DONUTS JULY 21ST!



Walk on over to the Parish Center after Mass for your very own donut!

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMITTEE ON CATHOLIC SCOUTING: CATHOLIC CAMPOREE 2024

Friday, September 6—Sunday, September 8, Rum River Scout Camp, Anoka

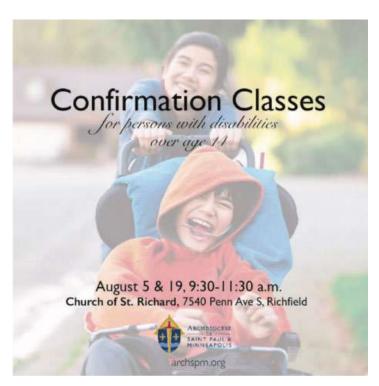
Members of the Cub Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Scouts BSA, and Girl Scouts of the USA are invited to attend. The weekend will feature faith and fellowship with events like gaga ball, Eucharistic Adoration, obstacle courses, and time to work on religious emblems. Whole units are welcome to register or individuals can come, too. Registration can be found at www.archspm.org under the Events tab.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES MASS

Sunday, September 29th, Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis

This is an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move, to pray for them as they face many challenges, and to increase awareness about the ways in which our Archdiocese has been enriched by them.

This event is part of Year 2 Implementation focused on the Mass, particularly the Eucharist.



SEMINARY INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, August 15th, 5 p.m.-8 p.m., Saint John Vianney College Seminary, Saint Paul

The Seminary Information Night is for Catholic Junior and Senior High School men and their parents who would like to learn more about St. John Vianney College Seminary. The event, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis Office of Vocations, will be held on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will begin with 5 p.m. Mass, followed by dinner, informational program, and seminary tour. RSVP is required. RSVP at 10000vocations.org/assumption.html

AN EVENING WITH ALAN AMES

Monday, September 16th, 6:30 p.m., Maternity of Mary, St. Paul

With the written support from his Archbishop in Perth, Australia, Alan Ames travels globally with his gifts of healing. He shares his "Saul to Paul" story, which begins with his life in a motorcycle gang filled with violence and alcohol abuse immersed in sin against God. Alan accepted forgiveness from Jesus and has been given an incomprehensible gift of grace for healing by God! He now travels globally healing those with mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual ailments. Join him at Maternity of Mary for Mass, and for his talk and healing.

GRANDPARENTS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, July 26th, 8:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Nativity of Our Lord, 1938 Stanford Ave, Saint Paul

Grandparents Apostolate of Sts. Joachim and Anne invites all grandparents and spiritual grandparents to a celebration and morning of enrichment in honor of its patronal feast day, highlighted by a presentation by Fr. John Rumpza, of St. Odilia in Shoreview. Join for Mass at 8:15 a.m. in the church, with the event downstairs after. Refreshments will be served. Handicap-accessible entrance is available on Prior Avenue.

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A PATH TO HOLINESS: RECOGNIZING GOD'S CALL WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

Saturday, October 12th, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Patrick, Edina

God has called you to love and serve Him through your current vocation. Join women from around the Archdiocese for a women's day retreat as we learn from five Catholic speakers how women can live out their current vocation infused with the fruits of the Holy Spirit! The day will include breakfast and lunch, talks by Catholic speakers, Mass, adoration and rosary, shopping with various vendors, and door prizes. All proceeds go to SouthWest Options for Women and needed items will be collected as well.

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE RETREAT

Tuesday, August 13th—Sunday, August 18th, St. Paul, \$1,800 (partial scholarship assistance available)

You can be empowered. You can be healed. You can experience Jesus. At Grief to Grace MN, you can receive the care you need. Adults, 18-80s, are invited to join this five-day overnight retreat and discover a safe and hopeful path to healing through faith-based and trauma-informed care.

RSVP at grieftogracemn.org/request-information

BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, July 27th, 7 a.m.—6:30 p.m., St. Patrick, Blessed Solanus Casey Friary, St. Paul to St. Michael, Stillwater

Honor and pray with the local holy man with a walking pilgrimage to the parish where he was confirmed, St. Michael's in Stillwater. Various length options available.

The full pilgrimage day will begin with optional daily Mass, followed by Morning Prayer at the Blessed Solanus Casey Friary in St. Paul, and a continental breakfast. The full route from the friary will cover 18 miles, primarily along the Gateway State Trail, stopping for a picnic lunch along the way. The pilgrimage will culminate with the Sunday Vigil Mass at St. Michael's, which the parish will celebrate for the feast day.

Shorter pilgrimage access points are available starting from St. Peter, North St. Paul (12 mile pilgrimage), St. Jude of the Lake, Mahtomedi (8 miles), and Northland Park, Stillwater (2 miles). Please select your starting point at the time of sign up so we know how many people to look for at each area.

Following Mass, supper will be served in the parish hall, and a bus ride back to the starting points will be available for a \$10 add-on fee.

Register at:

www.moderncatholicpilgrim.com/pilgrimage-calendar/solanus (all dashes included)

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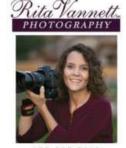




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