

# The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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**Wednesday:** 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**Thursday:** 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**Friday:** 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the bread of life. Your  
ancestors ate the manna in  
the desert, but they died;  
this is the bread that comes  
down from heaven so that  
one may eat it and not die."  
- Jn 6:48-50

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## August 11th, 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.

bilingüe en San Nicolás

### 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

Larry Schmid, Trustee: (612) 670-7655  
David Pohlen, Trustee: (952) 428-9649  
Steve Rasmussen, Facilities Council Chair: (612) 802-6442  
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## BULLETIN SUBMITTALS

Please submit announcements, feature articles, or event summaries for the bulletin for Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas by email at [bulletin@gachaska.org](mailto:bulletin@gachaska.org) by 12 p.m. the Tuesday before. Photographs must be in .jpg format.

## ENVÍOS AL BOLETÍN

Si tiene algo que enviar para el boletín de Guardian Angels o St. Nicholas, envíe un correo electrónico a [bulletin@gachaska.org](mailto:bulletin@gachaska.org) antes de las 12:00 p.m. el martes anterior. Fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.

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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, August 12th

### Tuesday, August 13th

5:30 p.m. Mass, † Barbara Schaer  
6:00 p.m., FAMILY NIGHT, St. Francis Hall

### Wednesday, August 14th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Steven Guillemette

### Thursday, August 15th

12:00 p.m. Mass, For the People  
7:00 p.m. Mass, † Henry & MaryAnn Stacken

### Friday, August 16th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN), † Jack Van Remortel

### Saturday, August 17th

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church  
3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church  
4:30 p.m. Mass, † Tony & Marie Koll

### Sunday, August 18th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Claude Vannett  
10:00 a.m. Mass, † Arlan Pauly  
10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), † Dinah Mahowald  
12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), Para La Gente

### Mass Intentions:

Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † 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: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51  
 Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
 Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20  
 Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/  
 Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
 Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12  
 Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15  
 Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 1 Re 19, 4-8/Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (9)/Ef 4, 30—5, 2/Jn 6, 41-51  
 Lunes: Ez 1, 2-5. 24-28/Sal 148, 1-2. 11-12. 13. 14/Mt 17, 22-27  
 Martes: Ez 2, 8—3, 4/Sal 118, 14. 24. 72. 103. 111. 131/Mt 18, 1-5. 10. 12-14  
 Miércoles: Ez 9, 1-7; 10, 18-22/Sal 112, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mt 18, 15-20  
 Jueves: *Vigilia*: 1 Chr 15, 3-4. 15-16; 16, 1-2/Sal 131, 6-7. 9-10. 13-14/1 Cor 15, 54-57/Lc 11, 27-28 *Día*: Ap 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10/Sal 44, 10. 11. 12. 16/1 Cor 15, 20-27/Lc 1, 39-56  
 Viernes: Ez 16, 1-15. 60. 63 o 16, 59-63/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6/Mt 19, 3-12  
 Sábado: Ez 18, 1-10. 13. 30-32/Sal 50, 12-13. 14-15. 18-19/Mt 19, 13-15  
 Domingo siguiente: Prov 9, 1-6/Sal 33, 2-3. 10-11. 12-13. 14-15 (9)/Ef 5, 15-20/Jn 6, 51-58

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah—food, water, rest, and encouragement—were given not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?

### Year-To-Date 7/1/24—7/29/24

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$74,688	\$7,242
Last Sunday's Collection	\$9,926	\$1,049
Total Giving YTD	\$61,769	\$6,817
Percent of Goal Funded	83%	94%

### Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/23—6/30/24 Contributions:	\$69,938
7/1/24—7/29/24 Expenses:	\$3,262.50
Fund Balance:	\$114,865

### Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/23 to Date:

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

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

## LIVING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

In the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), Pope Francis calls the Church to a new chapter of evangelization and invites every Christian to a life of missionary discipleship. The Holy Father writes that “the word of God constantly shows us how God challenges those who believe in him ‘to go forth.’”<sup>1</sup> As those who have encountered Jesus, we are called to share the joy of the Gospel: “Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the ‘peripheries’ in need of the light of the Gospel.”<sup>2</sup>

*Evangelii gaudium* reflects on the example of Christ who himself knelt to wash the disciples’ feet. Like Jesus, an evangelizing community becomes involved in the lives of its people; “it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.”<sup>3</sup> Parishes make manifest the presence of the Church in a local community and provide an environment to encounter God and grow in the Christian life. The parish is “a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach.”<sup>4</sup>

The foundation of all our missionary efforts is the truth “that every person is worthy of our giving... because they are God’s handiwork, his creation.”<sup>5</sup> God created human beings in his image and likeness, and every person reflects God’s glory: “Every human being is the object of God’s infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives.”<sup>6</sup>

Therefore, every Christian is called to “be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love.”<sup>7</sup> Pope Francis challenges the Church to be bold and creative in reassessing its approach to evangelization: “Pastoral ministry in a missionary key seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says: ‘We have always done it this way’.”<sup>8</sup>

Instead, the Holy Father proposes a culture of encounter and accompaniment, “standing by people at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be.”<sup>9</sup> With “patient expectation and apostolic endurance”<sup>10</sup> the art of accompaniment “teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other (cf. Ex 3:5)”<sup>11</sup> and to show special preference for the poor, despised, and overlooked.

Pope Francis reminds us that “among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us.”<sup>12</sup> The defense of unborn life upholds “the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development.”<sup>13</sup> Yet, the Holy Father acknowledges that the Church has often “done little to adequately accompany women in very difficult situations, where abortion appears as a quick solution to their profound anguish.”<sup>14</sup>

As members of the Church that “goes forth,” we are called to take the first step toward those in need—sharing in their lives, listening to their concerns, offering them both material and spiritual support. For “true faith in the incarnate Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others.”<sup>15</sup> And while we may feel unequipped for such a mission, the Holy Father reminds us that “whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.”<sup>16</sup>

Our mission as disciples of Christ Jesus “is at once a passion for Jesus and a passion for his people.”<sup>17</sup> For having received the love of Christ, how can we but share that love with others? “The joy of the Gospel is such that it cannot be taken away from us by anyone or anything (cf. Jn 16:22).”<sup>18</sup> The evils of our world and challenges within the Church cannot diminish our commitment to missionary discipleship: “With the eyes of faith, we can see the light which the Holy Spirit always radiates in the midst of darkness.”<sup>19</sup>

The joy of the Gospel is for all people. May each of us seek to renew and deepen our relationship with God and strive “to meet every challenge as a leaven of Gospel witness.”<sup>20</sup>

In response to Pope Francis’ call to share the joy of the Gospel, especially with those on the peripheries, the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to walk in the shoes of local pregnant and parenting mothers in need. Through the initiative *Walking with Moms in Need*, parishes and dioceses are invited to join a nationwide effort to increase outreach and support to pregnant and parenting women facing difficulties. To learn more about this effort, visit [walkingwithmoms.com](http://walkingwithmoms.com).

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1 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013), 20. 2 *Ibid.* 3 *Ibid.*, 24. 4 *Ibid.*, 28. 5 *Ibid.*, 274. 6 *Ibid.* 7 *Ibid.*, 120. 8 *Ibid.*, 33. 9 *Ibid.*, 24. 10 *Ibid.* 11 *Ibid.*, 169. 12 *Ibid.*, 213. 13 *Ibid.* 14 *Ibid.*, 214. 15 *Ibid.*, 88. 16 *Ibid.*, 3. 17 *Ibid.*, 268. 18 *Ibid.*, 84. 19 *Ibid.* 20 *Ibid.*, 75.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

John Paul II writes, "Welcoming our brothers and sisters with care and willingness must not be limited to extraordinary occasions but must become for all believers a *habit* of service in their daily lives."

You can be the face of Guardian Angels' Hospitality by volunteering with your family, your ministry, or small group members to serve coffee and donuts after Sunday 8 and 10 a.m. Masses. Maybe you want to sign up for a regular Sunday time like the Knights of Columbus who serve every 3rd Sunday. Or you can pick a couple of dates when it is convenient for you.

Call or text (612) 201-7449 (Ken Forner) or (612) 201-7002 (Laurie Forner) if you would like to support our Sunday Hospitality.

## START THINKING ABOUT THIS FALL

Summer is a fantastic season we should fully enjoy as we do not always have this lovely weather here in Minnesota! However, here at the end of July it is not too early to start thinking about this fall. As you print out your kids' school supply lists (do people still print them out these days?), you should also get out your calendar. The sign up periods for many ministries are opening up in the next couple of months. Does your child need to be signed up for Faith Formation? Do you want to sign up to be a catechist? Does anyone in your family want to serve for the Mass? If you plan for these things being on your calendar now, you will have a smoother transition into fall. Pay attention in the next few months as ministries begin to advertise their needs and commitments. You may be able to do more than you thought.



### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

*Saturday, August 17th, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass*

Catholic United Financial is sponsoring an Ice Cream Social to welcome Father Tony back from his retreat and vacation. All are welcome to donate your favorite ice cream toppings.

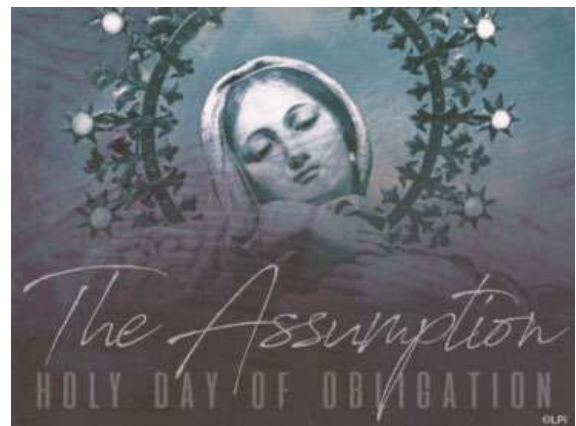
## FATHER LARRY JOHNSON'S PASSING

Dear Parishioners,

As you may know, Father Larry Johnson served as a priest here at Guardian Angels some years ago. He has unfortunately died at the hands of a homeless man and authorities are ruling it a homicide. Ramsey County prosecutors have charged Nathan Thomas Wondra, 32, of Saint Paul with second-degree murder in the killing of Father Johnson. Father Johnson was apparently befriending him as a homeless man by driving him to an appointment for a mental health evaluation. The charges allege that he choked Father Johnson to death while parked off of Interstate 94 in Saint Paul. The suspect told authorities that voices told him to commit the act. Archbishop Hebda asks for our prayers for the repose of the soul of my brother priest, Father Johnson. Please pray for the suspect and that there could be consolation for Father Johnson's family and eventual reconciliation in this very tragic and difficult situation. At the time of submittal of this announcement, funeral arrangements are pending. We will send them as soon as we receive them. Thank you.

Father Tony

## ASSUMPTION MASS SCHEDULE



Our Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary are on Thursday the 15th at 12 noon In English and 7 p.m. Bilingual. Please join us.



**Everyone is Invited!**  
**FAMILY NIGHT**  
*Prepare for the Feast of the Assumption*

**Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00pm – 8:00pm**  
**in St. Francis Hall**

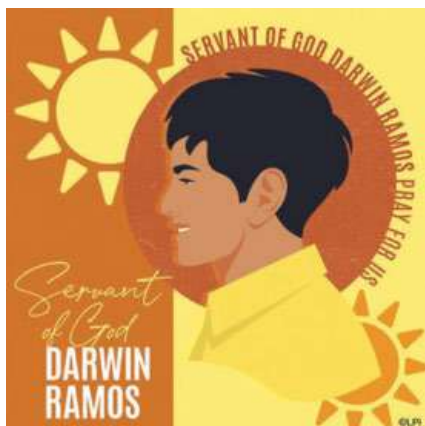
**Activities for Pre-K to Adults.**  
**Dinner at 6:00; Program at 6:30pm**  
**To ensure enough food & materials,**  
**please RSVP to 952-843-8937.**

**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](http://10000vocations.org/assumption.html)

**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](http://www.archspm.org) under the events tab.

**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.

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