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**Friday:** 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve,  
“Do you also want to leave?”  
Simon Peter answered him,  
“Master, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of  
eternal life. We have come to  
believe and are convinced  
that you are the Holy One  
of God.” - Jn 6:67-69

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1990 CCD. -dun

**August 25th, 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  
Francis Kerber, Cemetery Board Chair: (952) 836-5467  
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Bill Van Hecke, Pastoral Council Chair: (612) 812-8615

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Darlene Mahowald, Prayer Chain/Funeral: (952) 448-4464  
John Turek, Trustee, Finance/Property Chair: (952) 448-2345  
Dan Svoboda, Trustee: (952) 448-2345  
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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](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 26th

### Tuesday, August 27th

5:30 p.m. Mass, † Delbert Pauly and Dorlene Pauly

### Wednesday, August 28th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Flora Lano

### Thursday, August 29th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Cathy Fritz

### Friday, August 30th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN), † George Navas

### Saturday, August 31st

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, † Leonard and Elizabeth Hilgers and Family

### Sunday, September 1st

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Colby Rothmeier

10:00 a.m. Mass, † Paul Ehlen

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), † Deceased Members of the Dususki Family

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), † Daniel Soriano

### 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: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69  
 Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22  
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26  
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29  
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30  
 Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Jos 24, 1-2. 15-17. 18/Sal 33, 2-3. 16-17. 18-19. 20-21. 22-23 (9)/Ef 5, 21-32 o 5, 2. 25-32/Jn 6, 60-69  
 Lunes: 2 Tes 1, 1-5. 11-12/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5/Mt 23, 13-22  
 Martes: 2 Tes 2, 1-3. 14-17/Sal 95, 10. 11-12. 13/Mt 23, 23-26  
 Miércoles: 2 Tes 3, 6-10. 16-18/Sal 127, 1-2. 4-5/Mt 23, 27-32  
 Jueves: 1 Cor 1, 1-9/Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mc 6, 17-29  
 Viernes: 1 Cor 1, 17-25/Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 10-11/Mt 25, 1-13  
 Sábado: 1 Cor 1, 26-31/Sal 32, 12-13. 18-19. 20-21/Mt 25, 14-30  
 Domingo siguiente: Dt 4, 1-2. 6-8/Sal 14, 2-3. 3-4. 4-5 1/Sant 2, 1-5/Sant 1, 17-18. 21-22. 27/Mc 7, 1-8. 14-15. 21-23

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

### 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—8/19/24

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$99,584	\$9,656
Last Sunday's Collection	\$15,068	\$694
Total Giving YTD	\$85,968	\$9,455
Percent of Goal Funded	86%	98%

### Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

Contributions this fiscal year:	\$5,516.25
Expenses this fiscal year:	\$6,525
Fund Balance:	\$117,118.75

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



## MY TIME AWAY WAS GREAT AND BENEFICIAL

From June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup>, I took part in the Alverna Priestly Renewal at the Alverna Retreat Center in Winona with five other brother priests from this archdiocese and three more from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. The renewal was offered by our archdiocesan Institute for Ongoing Clergy Formation. This was a unique opportunity for me and very timely. I liken it to going into the locker room at halftime and making some adjustments and catching a breather. Will it be half-time? God only knows, but I was ordained at 35.5 years old, and I have been a priest for 21 years. I would love to serve for as long as I can and hope to live a long life, but we never know.

To use another corny sports analogy, I would love to start dribbling with my left hand in my ministry. It is important, as we find little ways to approach things and cope with the challenges of what we are doing, to reassess, and go forth in a way that we really don't know. As Saint John of the Cross once said, "To become what you are not, you must go by a way you know not." That is a real challenge. For me, it centers quite a bit on how to not work so hard that I go home at 9:00, 10:00 and sometimes even 11:00 at night. It can be quite challenging with all the demands, but there are ways. These ways involve a greater trust in God and others. It is your God-given Baptismal right to contribute what you can to build up the Church. The priest cannot do it all.

So, the renewal began with a focus on spiritual formation, followed by a silent retreat. During the silent retreat, we met with a spiritual director for one hour each day. Mine was Father Brian Fischer. He gave each of us directees four scripture passages each day upon which to reflect. This was a very good retreat for me. Then, we had a week of human formation and finished up with conversations around pastoral ministry and leadership. Several moderators came to visit us and led our discussions. It was very, very beneficial to hear the stories of my fellow brother priests and talk about them. We shared a lot in common. But each priest had a little different experience from which to draw wisdom.

It was very nice to be able to take a deep look at my priesthood so that I can serve you, the parishioners and the wider community as best as I can. I didn't have to think about packing up and going home soon and this gave me the opportunity to grow through the experience in my understanding of what God is asking me to do. We all sought a deep and lasting renewal in Christ. This happened through our morning prayer together, the various sessions we had, holy Mass, lunches together, afternoon recreation, Holy Hours, supper together, and evening and afternoon reading. We also had the opportunity to have cookouts together and attend the Minnesota Orchestra, a showing of the play "Hamlet" by Shakespeare, and a wine tasting event at a local winery. Winona has many unique cultural attractions and offerings.

I treasure the bond that I experienced with my brother priests, and, by God's grace, the renewal experience will help me and all of us serve the Church better.

Father Tony



## WELCOME BACK FATHER TONY

Father Tony attended the Alverna Priestly Renewal in Christ month-long program in Winona followed by a 2 week vacation this summer. Catholic United threw an Ice Cream Social to welcome him back last Saturday, August 17th, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass.



## THANK YOU

With deepest gratitude, we would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral of John Peter Gonsalves on August 3rd, 2024. We also give special thanks and gratitude to those who offered thoughts and prayers for John. In our prayers, we remember all of our friends and family at Guardian Angels and in our community.

With Regards and Blessings,  
Juliet Gonsalves and Family

**Jesus said, "Let the children  
come to me..."**



**Help us to lead our children & youth to  
Jesus. We have a great need for several  
teachers, classroom assistants, and  
small group leaders for Faith  
Formation this year.**

**Contact Fran or Viviana at  
952-227-4000 for information.**

## SAVE THE DATE!



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**12:00 – 8:00pm**

**Games, Music, Karaoke,  
Food, and Fun**

**Roll-In Car Show**

**12:00 – 4:00pm**





**The Fall Festival, featuring the Daughters of Isabella General Store & Silent Auction is coming soon!**

**In the GENERAL STORE, we are in need of canned & baked goods and garden produce.**

**We also need new or gently used items that will be sold at discount prices. Indicating the approximate value of the items you donate is greatly appreciated!**



**New & gently used items such as wine, glasses, and wine markers make up a fun wine themed basket. You can either make up your own basket or donate individual items and we**

**will add your items to those donated by others to create the basket.**

**GIFT CERTIFICATES are much-needed items that add great value and appeal to the baskets. Gift certificate ideas include clothing stores, liquor, Visa, sporting events, Spas & Massages, restaurants, and local attractions (Yellow Barn, Valleyfair).**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO GUARDIAN ANGELS. Please bring your items, with their approximate value, to the Church office – the sooner the better! It takes a large amount of time to get this together. Last year we had over 100 baskets – something for everyone**



**If you have any questions, please call Barb Brose at (952)448-5057 or Colleen Tompkins at (612)741-7646.**

## **RESPECT LIFE MEETING**

*Thursday, September 5th at 6:30 p.m., St. Francis Hall*

All are welcome to come and share ideas to support life in our community.

## **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, 1414 Dale St. N, 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.

## **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.*

# *St. Nicholas Bake Sale and Pancake Breakfast*



*Sunday, Sept. 8*

*8 AM – Noon*

*TAKE OUT AVAILABLE*

Enjoy pancakes, blueberry pancakes, french toast, sausage (secret recipe made for St. Nicholas), coffee, juice, and milk.

Adults - \$12.00

Kids 6-12 Years - \$5.00

Kids 5 and Under - Free

*Shop the Bake Sale for a variety of  
delicious treats to take home with you!*

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The Novena begins on Friday, August 30.

We start the Rosary at 6:30 pm, pray the Novena prayer, and enjoy food and fellowship after the prayers. All are welcome to join us! Please bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather. We will continue each evening until Saturday, September 7. We will celebrate the Feast Day on Sunday, September 8. Look for more details to come.



**St. Nicholas Church & Prayer Garden**

412 4<sup>th</sup> Street W, Carver, MN 55315

952-913-4964 [stnicholasprayergarden.org](http://stnicholasprayergarden.org)





# Save the Date

A chance for parishioners from Guardian Angels to attend retreats together in Prior Lake.



**Women -**  
**November 1-3, 2024**

**Men -**  
**December 6-8, 2024**



Retreat theme: *Finding God in Difficult Times*

Watch for more info to come or register now by calling 952-447-2182.

**Mention that you are part of the Guardian Angels group**



*-Limited to 20 people-*

**Franciscan Retreat Center, Prior Lake, MN**

[www.franciscanretreats.net](http://www.franciscanretreats.net)

16385 Saint Francis Lane, Prior Lake MN 55372