# The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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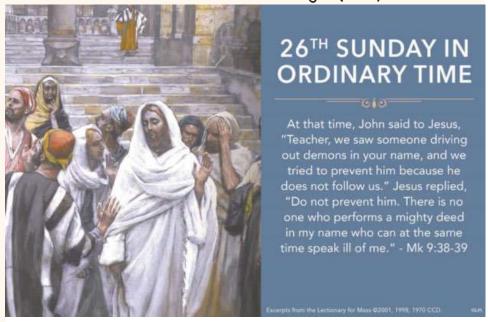
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#### September 29th, 2024

#### 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**

**Larry Schmid, Trustee:** (612) 670-7655 **David Pohlen, Trustee:** (952) 428-9649

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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.

#### **ENVÍOS AL BOLETÍN**

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

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#### 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, September 30th

#### **Tuesday, October 1st**

5:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Henry Stacken7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

#### Wednesday, October 2nd

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Marie Koll 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation, Campus-wide

#### Thursday, October 3rd

8:00 a.m. Mass, & Flora Lano

#### Friday, October 4th

3:00 p.m. Apple Crisp Baking, Gym and Kitchen 6:00 p.m. Mass (SN), ⊕ Deceased Members of the Mahowald Family

#### Saturday, October 5th

7:30 a.m. Apple Crisp Baking, Gym and Kitchen 8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church 8:30 a.m. Mom's Group, Room 004 11:00 a.m. Apple Crisp Early Bird Sale, Gym 3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church 3:30 p.m. Apple Crisp Sale, St. Francis Hall 4:30 p.m. Mass outside at SN, & Marilyn Schepers

#### Sunday, October 6th

7:00 a.m. Apple Crisp Sale, St. Francis Hall 8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Barbara Schaer 10:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Dorothy Dunk 12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

#### 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: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-

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Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5. 10

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Nm 11, 25-29/Sal 18, 8. 10. 12-13. 14 (9)/Sant 5, 1-6/Mc 9, 38-43. 45. 47-48

Lunes: Job 1, 6-22/Sal 16, 1. 2-3. 6-7/Lc 9, 46-50

Martes: Job 3, 1-3. 11-17. 20-23/Sal 87, 2-3. 4-5. 6. 7-8/Lc 9, 51-56

Miércoles: Job 9, 1-12. 14-16/Sal 87, 10-11. 12-13. 14-15/Mt 18. 1-5. 10

Jueves: Job 19, 21-27/Sal 26, 7-8. 8-9. 13-14/Lc 10, 1-12 Viernes: Job 38, 1. 12-21; 40, 3-5/Sal 138, 1-3. 7-8. 9-10. 13-14/Lc 10, 13-16

Sábado: Job 42, 1-3. 5-6. 12-16/Sal 118, 66. 71. 75. 91. 125. 130/Lc 10, 17-24

Domingo siguiente: Gn 2, 18-24/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6 (ver 5)/ Heb 2, 9-11/Mc 10, 2-16 o 10, 2-12

#### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

#### Year-To-Date 7/1/24—9/16/24

Guardian Angels St. Nicholas

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Goal, Year-to-Date	\$169,572	\$15,691
Last Sunday's Collection	\$13,338	\$1,034
Total Giving YTD	\$130,048	\$14,194
Percent of Goal Funded	77%	90%

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

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

#### **Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:**

Contributions this fiscal year: \$12,976.03 Expenses this fiscal year: \$22,228.50 Fund Balance: \$108,875.50

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



#### DOES THE CHURCH TELL ME WHOM TO VOTE FOR?

As the election nears, this question may be on many of your minds. The answer is that the Church does not tell us whom to vote for or, for that matter, that we should join this party or that party. However, this in no way exempts us from using our judgment to apply the teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ and our core faith values to the choices we make in the voting booth. As Catholics, following the challenging path to discipleship, we need to evaluate the issues and candidates in light of our Catholic faith. Then, we are challenged in our civic duty to get actively involved, by voting and engaging in other civic activities.

These days, we have a temptation, it seems to me, to get the "real news" from this source or that source and make moral judgments based on what is said from that source. But these sources often play to a clientele and the truth, or the perspective on that truth, is very much slanted. The candidates themselves, of course, stretch the truth because they know that it creates emotion which drives voting choices.

We must choose a different path. We must maintain a willingness and openness to seek what is right through studying Scripture and Catholic teaching by using our reason to study key issues in light of this teaching, and by prayerfully seeking to understand the will of God. This is how we form our consciences for faithful citizenship. As we do so, we form the virtue of prudence that enables us to discern true good in what is often complex circumstances and to choose the right means of achieving it. To do so, we must, first of all, understand the basic principles of our Catholic social teaching.

Did you know that there are seven basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching? They are:

Life and Dignity of the human person.

Call to Family, Community, and Participation.

Rights and Responsibilities.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.

Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers.

Solidarity.

Care for God's Creation.

As I stated in my last article, the dignity of the human person is the foundation for a moral vision of society. This principle is the foundation for Catholic social teaching and comes from the inherent gift that all humans were "made in the image and likeness of God." The respect and sanctity of all humans requires that human life be valued and protected from conception to natural death, based on who they are, not ever dependent on what they do. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person. Life is to be treated as precious and valid regardless of the circumstances surrounding the individual. Christ loved us first, and we are called to be that love to others and share the message of dignifying life. We must put this message to action that gives a bright witness to the sacredness of human life.

I will write about the other principles of Catholic social teaching in future articles.

Father Tony

#### APPLE CRISP WEEKEND

October 4-6th

GA Annual Apple Crisp weekend is October 4th-6th. We are in need of donated apples and workers to peel apples and bake. Join the fun Friday (Oct. 4th) at 3 p.m. in the school kitchen or on Saturday at 8 a.m. The Early Bird sale starts at 11 a.m. in the gym.

This event is eligible for a matching grant from Catholic United Financial of up to \$1,000.

Call (952) 448-7569 (Tina) to donate apples.

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#### **MOM'S GROUP**

Calling all Moms! We are kicking off a new year of our Saturday morning Moms Group! We hope you will make time to join a great group of moms to grow in our faith & vocation, as well as friendship with one another.

We meet 1st & 3rd Saturdays for a morning to pray, reflect, & connect with one another. Refreshments provided. Childcare available—please RSVP to Jenna Salinas with number of kids. Call/text (612) 201-4894.

Next Meet Up: Saturday, Oct. 5th, 9-10:30 a.m., Basement Room 004 (enter door #2). Be sure to grab a flyer for the full calendar of dates.

# SMALL GROUPS ARE STARTING UP AGAIN THIS FALL!

Come and See! Our Archbishop dreams and desires a church that is connected to one another on our faith journey. Please consider joining a small group to experience our belonging, fellowship, and friendship with one another! We are truly better together! We welcome all no matter where you are on your faith journey! We have a variety of small groups available; Co-ed, Men's, Women's, Mom's, and Dad's. The groups meet at various times and locations. See us at the back information desk at church to determine which group will work best for you. Or, just contact Terry at tkschepers@gmail.com or (612) 599-9901 for more information. Our content and discussions this fall will be focused on the Mass and the Eucharist.

#### OUR MASS WILL BE OUTDOORS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 4:30 P.M.

It will take place at the Saint Nicholas Prayer Garden together with Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas parishioners.

Bring your own chair if you are able. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

Confessions will be at Guardian Angels 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We will not have Mass at GA that day nor have Mass at St. Nicholas on Sunday, October 6th.

Come and get to know your neighbors! We look forward to the time together!

## BOUNTIFUL BASKET CURRENT NEEDS - September 2024

· Cereal & Oatmeal

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta

Instant Potatoes & Rice

Pancake Mix

Canned Chicken

Canned Fruit

- September 2024
  - Hearty Soup
  - Saltine Crackers
     Cooking Oil
  - · Cooking Oil
    - Spices, Salt & PepperSalad Dressing
    - · Ketchup & Mustard
    - Flour & Sugar
    - Diapers any size!

Fall is right around the corner!

Hearty soups and saltines would be greatly appreciated!



#### MARIAN NOVENA





Thanks to the 35-55 people who joined the Marian Novena each day from August 30th-September 7th. It was a beautiful time of prayer and fellowship. It is so nice to see new people join each year! Mark your calendar and plan to join us next year for as many of the days as you can!



# THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Do you know of someone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic? Please invite them to come to Guardian Angels!

Do you have a desire to learn more about the Gospel and the teachings of the Catholic Church?

Do you have a desire to know and love God more?

Have you (or a family member or friend) considered becoming Catholic?

We invite you to join OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Through OCIA, the Church invites you to learn more about its rich traditions and deep roots as the family of God. At Guardian Angels, we invite you to join our Encounter group that meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. The Encounter Group involves parents of children and youth in faith formation and other parishioners who want to learn more about their faith. We have a large group presentation with small group prayer and reflection that we believe you will enjoy.

Additionally, we will celebrate the rites of the Catholic Church that allow you to become Catholic and/or celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

Call or email Father Tony VanderLoop at frtonyvanderloop@gachaska.org or (952) 679-9415. Or, contact Deacon John Cleveland at jcleveland@gachaska.org

#### NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

If your child in 4th grade or over would like to start altar serving this fall, we would love to have them! We also encourage you to speak with children who haven't mentioned it. Serving at the altar is a great way to enrich a young Catholic's faith.

New servers need to come to two training dates. The remaining dates are: Wednesday, October 9th at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, October 26th at 10:00 a.m.

Please let us know if you are coming, or just drop by!

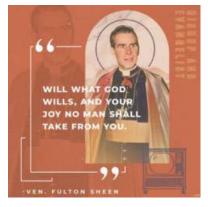
#### CANTORS FOR MASS

Have you ever thought about becoming a cantor? 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

#### COORDINATOR OF FAITH FORMATION POSITION OPENING

The Church of the Guardian Angels in Chaska is seeking a full-time Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry to lead Faith Formation grades 1-10 for a small, but growing program. He/she will have the advantage of working in close collaboration with an experienced Latino Ministry Coordinator in a combined English-Latino program in some respects. He/she will work with a budding group of middle-school youth in youth ministry. Please consult our parish website, <a href="www.gachaska.org">www.gachaska.org</a> (under About Us ➡ Employment), for a more complete summary, a job description, and application instructions. Thank you!



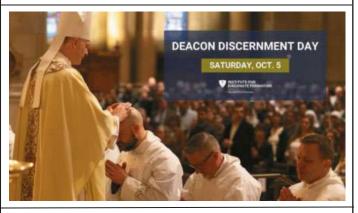
#### UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

# EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF THE MOST REVEREND KEVIN THOMAS KENNEY

Monday, October 28th, 1 p.m., Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul and live streamed on the Archdiocese's Facebook page

The morning of July 25th, Pope Francis named Father Kevin Thomas Kenney, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. All are invited to his episcopal ordination, which will take place at the Cathedral of St. Paul and live streamed.





#### ANNUAL RED MASS

Wednesday, October 9th, Noon, Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis

All lawyers, canon lawyers, judges, and others involved in the administration of justice, along with their families, are invited to Mass and lunch to follow. Law School professors and judges are invited to attend in their professional regalia.

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# Moms Group

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GA School Basement, Room 004 217 W 2nd St, Chaska (Enter door #2)



Sept 7 & 21 Jan 4 & 18

Oct 5 & 19 Feb 1 & 15

Nov 2 & 16 Mar 1 & 15

Dec 7\* Apr 5\*

May 3 & 17

\*no meetings Dec. 21st or April 19th



A morning to pray, reflect & connect with other Catholic moms – supporting one another in faith, vocation & friendship.

Coffee & refreshments provided – just bring yourself!

Childcare available. (Please RSVP with # of kids)

#### **NEW MEN'S GROUP AT GUARDIAN ANGELS**

# DATE BUILDING

# **SATURDAYS 6:30AM**

The Patriarch men's group will reflect on the models of fatherly leadership narrated throughout scripture in order to move men to be intentional, daring and sacrificial in their vocation as fatherly leaders in their families, church, places of employment, and nation.

God does not intend for us to walk alone!





# **OCT 12 START**

GA SCHOOL BASEMENT ROOM 004 217 W 2ND ST, CHASKA ENTER DOOR #2

## 2024-2025 DATES

OCT 12 | NOV 9 & 23 | DEC 14 JAN 11 & 25 | FEB 8 & 22 MAR 8 & 22 | APR 12 & 26 | MAY 10 & 24