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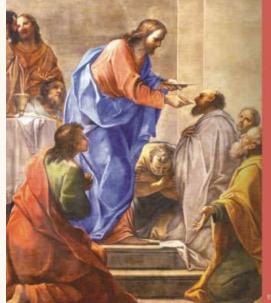
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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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October 20th, 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

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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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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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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, October 21st

Tuesday, October 22nd

5:30 p.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

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

Wednesday, October 23rd

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Cathy Cress's Small Group, St. Francis Hall

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation, Campus-wide

Thursday, October 24th

8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, October 25th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

7:00 p.m. Movie Night, St. Francis Hall

Saturday, October 26th

6:30 a.m. Dad's Group, Room 004

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

8:00 a.m. Set-up for Volunteer Appreciation Event,
Parish Center

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, For the People

Sunday, October 27th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Babos Géza

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN)

11:00 a.m. Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event,
Parish Center

11:00 a.m. Respect Life Group, St. Francis Hall

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

1:00 p.m. Marriage Encounter, St. Francis Hall

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: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21 Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38 Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48 Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/
Mk 10:46-52

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 53, 10-11/Sal 32, 4-5. 18-19. 20. 22. (22)/Heb 4,

14-16/Mc 10, 35-45 o 10, 42-45

Lunes: Ef 2, 1-10/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 4. 4-5/Lc 12, 13-21 Martes: Ef 2, 12-22/Sal 84, 9-10. 11-12. 13-14/Lc 12, 35-38 Miércoles: Ef 3, 2-12/Sal 11, 2-3. 4. 5-6/Lc 12, 39-48

Jueves: Ef 3, 14-21/Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 11-12. 18-19/Lc 12, 49-53

Viernes: Ef 4, 1-6/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 12, 54-59 Sábado: Ef 4, 7. 7-16/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/Lc 13, 1-9

Domingo siguiente: Jr 31, 7-9/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6 (3)/Heb

5, 1-6/Mc 10, 46-52

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



All discipleship involves mission. The bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us, "Every member of the Church is called to evangelize, and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitable leads to evangelization."

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/23 to Date:

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

Year-To-Date 7/1/24—10/14/24

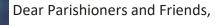
	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$208,704	\$19,312
Last Sunday's Collection	\$13,709	\$1,247
Total Giving YTD	\$159,980	\$19,065
Percent of Goal Funded	77%	99%

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

Contributions this fiscal year:	\$13,826.53
Expenses this fiscal year:	\$28,753.50
Fund Balance:	\$115,431.33

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

STEWARDSHIP: A DISCIPLE'S RESPONSE



As you know from my presentations on our financial giving, we have a financial need that is outpacing our current level of giving. Last year, our expenses at Guardian Angels outpaced our giving to our regular operations by \$66,609. Now, we are about \$48,000 short of what was budgeted already.

What are we to do in this situation? "I have given to the best of my ability," we might say. "Our church has lost membership," others might say. The first thing to remember is that stewardship always entails a personal response. Our Lord has asked which of us have added a moment to our lives by worrying. While we ought not worry about our financial situation, we do well to reflect personally on all of the good that God has brought to our lives and to thank God for it. Stewardship always starts with the personal experience of the Risen Christ in our hearts. The core of the Easter message of the earliest Christian community was, "We have seen the Lord!" So, we do well to ask ourselves, "How have I seen the Risen Lord?" How have I seen Him in my time at Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas? How has the Lord been present in all the activity here?

When the Risen Christ is in our hearts, we know that we are called to a vocation of discipleship. Discipleship requires our surrender to Jesus through His saving work and the choice to follow Him. Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves. A disciple is both a learner and a companion of Jesus Christ, as well as one open to the movement of the Holy Spirit towards a gracious generosity of heart. The authentic disciple regards all he or she is and possesses as gifts and blessings and realizes the need to share those gifts and blessings with others for the sake of the kingdom of God.

It is also important to recognize that our personal stewardship is an expression of the discipleship that we are called to, and it has the power to change how we understand and live our lives. Good stewards live with joy and gratitude for the blessings they have received, including those that have multiplied through diligence and hard work. They strive through our Lord and the Spirit to return all gifts to the Father "with an increase."

Please consider the following testimony by Tom and LaNell Lilly of Owensboro, Kentucky, taken from Stewardship, A Disciple's Response by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1992:

"As our concept of stewardship continues to evolve after twelve years of marriage, we are grateful for the people who have challenged us from the beginning to embrace fully Christ's teachings. They weren't always telling us the things we wanted to hear, but we feel blessed that we were able to work through the initial frustrations of committing the best portion of our time, talent, and treasure to the Church. It's difficult to separate ourselves from the demands and possessions of the world, but there's a tremendous amount of peace that comes from every decision we make for Christ and his will for us. We can't overstate the powerful impact the lifestyle has had on our marriage and three children."

Mr. and Mrs. Lilly speak about "giving" the best portion of their time, talent, and treasure to the Church. What might be your best portion? What are the challenges in separating oneself from the demands and possessions of the world in order to do so? What peace has come as a result of embracing this continued challenge?

May God bless you abundantly through the gifts that you have offered and will offer in the future!

Father Tony

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Why World Mission Sunday Matters

World Mission Sunday, observed today, is not just another Sunday; it is a powerful reminder of our call to be missionaries. The collection taken up on this day is unique as it is mandated by the Code of Canon Law and is essential for the survival and growth of the Church in mission territories.

These funds support the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church, including building churches, providing healthcare and education, and training future priests and religious. In places where resources are scarce, your generosity makes a profound difference. As we reflect on the theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us remember that our participation and support help invite countless souls to the feast of God's love.

PRAY THE RESPECT LIFE NOVENA!

Get the daily prayers by email or text message at www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena and keep praying and speaking for life! Join thousands of Catholics across the country praying for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, a short reflection, ideas for building a culture of life, and more. The novena is meant to be prayed October 22nd-30th.

WE ARE TRYING SOMETHING NEW FOR FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY!

The Daughters of Isabella First Saturday Rosary is moving to prior to the Saturday evening Mass on November 9th. Come join us at 4 p.m.! We ask that you sit in the far west bank of pews directly in front of Mary's side altar. This spot was selected to minimize interaction with those going to confession and choir practice. Once we complete the rosary, you are free to move to your favorite Mass viewing spot.

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.

MOVIE NIGHT

Bring the whole family to our kid friendly Movie Night featuring the Lego Movie on October 25th at 7 p.m. in St. Francis Hall. Admission and concessions are free. Hope we will see you there!

2024 FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to our 2024 Fall Festival Raffle Winners!

\$1,500: Jeanne Gadbois \$1,000: Molly Kaivumaki \$500: Brett Schanzebach

\$100: Don Mohs
Cheryl Lentz
Deanne Schabert
Laura Welter
Father Tony
Jennifer Fahler

\$50: Bill Boecker
Sandy Ponto
LeRoy Brose
Diane Engen
Edward Seiberlich

Dakota Bower

CELEBRATE LIFE IN OCTOBER!

Every human life is a precious gift from God, created in His image and loved unconditionally.



GA will be distributing birthday bags to all children of the parish ages 10 and under on the last weekend of the month. We encourage families to embrace this opportunity to celebrate and talk to their children about the value of every human life from conception to natural death.

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING!

As we have announced, we are beginning a new electronic giving campaign and are now switching to ParishSOFT as our e-giving platform.

Both new and current online givers, we remind you to create a new ParishSOFT e-giving account with your giving selections. It's very easy to set up your account! Go to our website, gachaska.org. At the upper right of the home page, click on "Giving." Then, scroll down and click on "Setup or Login to Your Account." Then, click on "Signin." Then, scroll down to click on "Don't have a giving account? Create One." Then, you can enter in your personal information.

The advantages of electronic giving with ParishSOFT is that it saves you time and you can now give to any of our second collections. So, there is no need for envelopes! Let's make our giving as effective, planned, and prioritized as it can be by choosing electronic giving with our new platform.

Thank you!

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

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

WINTER COAT DRIVE

We are partnering with Love INC to collect gently used winter weather apparel (coats, hats, mittens, gloves, snow pants, and boots). Please place your donation(s) in the bin at the back of the church by Sunday, October 27th.

The items will be collected after Mass on October 27th and delivered to Love INC.

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION: PAVING A PATH FORWARD

Thursday, October 24th, 5-8:30 p.m., St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 1079 Summit Ave, St. Paul

Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps in welcoming Archbishop Bernard Hebda, who will moderate a discussion between Monique Maddox and Fr. Tim Kesicki, S.J., on the Jesuits' efforts to seek reconciliation with the descendants of those whom the Order once enslaved, and how the organizations are working together to promote racial healing and transformation.

All are welcome to attend this event, though the language spoken will be English.

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.



Opportunity for **Guardian Angels parishioners** to experience a weekend retreat together.

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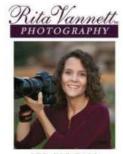
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