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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

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November 24th, 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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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 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 antes de las 12:00 p.m. el martes anterior. Fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.

GET THE BULLETIN EMAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU!

Did you know that you can get this bulletin sent to your email inbox? You can! Call the Parish Office to get signed up.

RECIBE EL BOLETÍN POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO ¡DIRECTAMENTE A USTED!

¿Sabías que puedes recibir este boletín en tu bandeja de entrada de correo electrónico? ¡Puedes! Llame a la oficina parroquial para registrarse.

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, November 25th

Tuesday, November 26th

5:30 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

Wednesday, November 27th

8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, November 28th

9:00 a.m. Mass, † LaVonne Rademacher

Friday, November 29th

1:00 p.m. Giving Tree Setup, GA Church
6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

Saturday, November 30th

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church
8:00 a.m. Taller Serivdores Grupo de Oracion,
St. Francis Hall
3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church
4:30 p.m. Mass, † Marilyn Schepers

Sunday, December 1st

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Glenn "Smokey" and Janet Vogel
9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
10:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Mass (SN)
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: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Dn 7, 13-14/Sal 90, 1. 1-2. 5 (1)/Ap 1, 5-8/Jn 18, 33-37
Lunes: Ap 14, 1-3. 4-5/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 21, 1-4
Martes: Ap 14, 14-19/Sal 95, 10. 11-12. 13/Lc 21, 5-11
Miércoles: Ap 15, 1-4/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 7-8. 9/Lc 21, 12-19
Jueves: Ap 18, 1-2. 21-23; 19, 1-3. 9/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 4. 5/Lc 21, 20-28
Viernes: Ap 20, 1-4. 11—21, 2/Sal 83, 3. 4. 5-6 y 8/Lc 21, 29-33
Sábado: Rom 10, 9-18/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11/Mt 4, 18-22
Domingo siguiente: Jr 33, 14-16/Sal 24, 4-5. 8-9. 10. 14 (1)/1 Tes 3, 12—4, 2/Lc 21, 25-28. 34-36

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests *in the service* of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/24 to Date:

New A/C Compressor
Architectural Fees for School Steps

Year-To-Date 7/1/24—11/18/24

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$273,924	\$25,347
Last Sunday's Collection	\$14,028	\$1,111
Total Giving YTD	\$218,031	\$25,233
Percent of Goal Funded	80%	99%

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

Contributions this fiscal year:	\$23,532
Expenses this fiscal year:	\$44,457
Fund Balance:	\$109,433

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

THE FOLLOWING IS REPRINTED FOR THE ARCHBISHOP'S WEEKLY WORD GIVEN BY FLOCKNOTE TO MEMBERS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As our Archdiocese has been journeying through this Year 2 of implementation of my pastoral letter, *You Shall Be My Witnesses*, and as the Church in the United States continues with our Eucharistic Revival, still benefiting from the graces of this summer's Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, we have rightly been focusing on the Eucharist as being the source and summit of all Christian life. How we celebrate the Mass and participate at Mass is of utmost importance. I'm very grateful to the more than an 80 of our pastors who have joined me over the course of six dinners at my residence over these last months to speak about how we celebrate the Mass. I'm also grateful that our priests and deacons came out in such great number for a workshop earlier this month on the *ars celebrandi* (the art of celebrating) of the Mass.

Part of our discussion, though you won't be surprised, has focused on liturgical music, which seems to be a fitting topic this week, as we approach the feast of St. Cecilia, the patroness of musicians. In the 18 years that I lived in Rome, I would always try to visit the Basilica of St. Cecilia on her feast day. The Basilica, built over her home, is striking and, as you might imagine, the music at Mass was always heavenly. But it was Cecilia's steadfast witness to the faith that always left the great impression. You might remember that the young Cecilia had made a vow to God to remain a virgin, but her father nonetheless arranged a marriage for her to a young pagan. On Cecilia's wedding day, she refused to dance but rather withdrew and sang to the Lord. Her impassioned witness of faith led to the conversion of her husband and his willingness to respect her vow of virginity. She and her husband would eventually be martyred, but not before leading hundreds of Romans to the faith. St. Cecilia was so beloved in Rome that she continues to be remembered every time we pray the first Eucharistic prayer.

Music is deeply rooted in our faith. Our Bible includes the Book of Psalms, which was essentially an anthology of songs written to be sung. We know, moreover, that the angels sang out, "Glory to God in the highest" at Jesus' birth, and an imprisoned Paul endured his suffering by singing hymns to God. In the liturgy itself, we are encouraged to sing the Kyrie (Lord have mercy), the Alleluia, the Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy"), the great Amen, and the Lamb of God. That's a good bit of singing in addition to any hymns!

Nonetheless, singing God's praises doesn't always come naturally in our culture. When we introduced the Parish Evangelization Cells System (PECS) for small groups, there was some grumbling that we were asking groups to begin with song and praise. We can be self-conscious about singing. Yet there's something about music that opens up parts of our heart and our brain that are otherwise unreachable. I recently attended a funeral at the Cathedral and was amazed at the role played by the music in bringing consolation and hope to a mourning congregation. God was truly present in the beauty.

Needless to say, I'm so grateful to our pastoral musicians and to all who contribute musically to our liturgies and prayer experiences. One of my hopes for this Year 2 is that we as a local church can grow to experience liturgy in a fuller, richer way—and support for our music ministry is an important element in that effort. We are really blessed in this Archdiocese with amazing cantors, choirs, and instrumentalists. Please be sure to thank the music ministers in your parishes who serve us week after week.

Many attribute to St. Augustine the adage that "the one who sings prays twice." Please take that to heart. For those of you who are parents, please encourage your children to sing at Mass – and be sure to join in as well. They need your example. Through the intercession of St. Cecilia, let's pray that we might be able to lift our voices in praise at each Mass, in good company with the angels and saints!

Archbishop Hebda

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

December 7th, 6 p.m., St. Francis Hall

Join us for our next movie night December 7th at 6 p.m. in St. Francis Hall sponsored by Council 19 of Catholic United Financial. Enjoy 2 short films: The Little Drummer Boy and A Charlie Brown Christmas, as well as a prize drawing at the end and complimentary concessions.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, we will have morning Mass on Thursday, November 28th at 9:00 a.m. in English. Our office will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th. We have much to be thankful for! May God bless your time of Thanksgiving as we remember also those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

CCHD

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST FOR GA

This list includes items that are not included in our current budget year. You can provide a part of an item or in its entirety.

\$75 each—UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) batteries to replace for:

1. Boiler system computer
2. Video the Mass online
3. Staff office video equipment
4. School video equipment

\$150 each for one new UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply)

\$35 each—2 Burse to hold a Pyx for Holy Communion **PURCHASED!**

\$59 each—2 Pyx for Holy Communion **PURCHASED!**

\$750—Labor to professionally install additional speakers in back of church

\$500—Pascal Candle for 2025 **PURCHASED!**

\$100—Sponsor a GA Faith Formation student

\$1,300—TV and Cart for Faith Formation Classes

\$5,000—Sponsor a GA child for area Catholic School

\$1,750—Railings and labor for Sanctuary steps—**PURCHASED!**

\$200,000—NEW School Steps in Spring 2025—For every dollar you donate another dollar will be donated up to \$25,000 until year end.

THE D OF I THANKS YOU

The Daughters of Isabella would like to thank all who purchased items at our bake sale.

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

Men - December 6-8, 2024

Retreat theme: *Finding God in Difficult Times*

Enjoy a pleasing blend of scheduled time to open time, plus classic retreat elements:

- Guided prayer
- Confession
- Mass
- Delectable meals

Experience four conference talks around a relevant yearly theme **while enjoying fraternity with fellow Guardian Angels men** and other area Catholics.

franciscanretreats.net/mens-ga-group



(Limited to 20 people)

Register now, call 952-447-2182

(mention the Guardian Angels group)

Franciscan Retreat Center, Prior Lake

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CONSIDER TAKING A SUNDAY FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS

Dear committee members, couples, and families,

Our hospitality after Mass is a growing ministry! It is a great way to get to know those who are visiting us and becoming new members, and we do have several who come. Let's continue to make this a thriving ministry by signing up to serve the coffee, doughnuts, and other food items. Please consider when you can help with this ministry and sign up for a Sunday or two. When you sign up, we'll be sure to send you the directions on how to run it. It is pretty easy, actually. Simply go to our website, www.gachaska.org, click directly on "Ministries," then click on "Community and Outreach." Scroll down and you will find our sign up for dates this year and next year. Thanks so much for making Guardian Angels a great place to be connected and get to know our visitors, new parishioners, and each other!

CHURCH DECORATING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a passion for decorating and a desire to help beautify our church? We're looking for volunteers to assist with decorating throughout the liturgical seasons. Whether you have a creative touch or simply a willing heart, we would love your help! Training is provided.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Brittany Kaufmann at bkaufmann@gachaska.org or (952) 227-4000.

SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS PARA DECORAR LA IGLESIA

¿Tienes una pasión por la decoración un deseo de embellecer nuestra iglesia? Estamos buscando voluntarios para ayudar con la decoración a lo largo de las temporadas litúrgicas. Ya sea que tengas un toque creativo o simplemente un corazón dispuesto, ¡nos encantaría contar con tu ayuda! Se ofrece capacitación.

Para más información o para ofrecerte como voluntario, comunícate con: Fr. Tony, frtonyvanderloop@gachaska.org, (952) 227-4000.

DO YOU LOVE TO WRITE OR CREATE? JOIN OUR INTERCESSION WRITING TEAM!

We're seeking volunteers to help write intercessions for our parish. If you enjoy writing or have a creative spirit, this is a wonderful way to contribute to our liturgical celebrations. Father Tony will provide training, so no previous experience is necessary—just a willingness to learn and share your gifts.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact: Meg Garrison, mgarrison@gachaska.org, (952) 227-4000.

¿TE GUSTA ESCRIBIR O CREAR? ¡ÚNETE A NUESTRO EQUIPO DE ESCRITURA DE INTERCESIONES!

Estamos buscando voluntaries para ayudar a escribir las intercesiones de nuestra parroquia. Si te gusta escribir o tienes un espíritu creativo, esta es una excelente manera de contribuir a nuestras celebraciones litúrgicas. Se ofrecerá capacitación, por lo que no se necesita experiencia previa; solo se requiere disposición para aprender y compartir tus dones.

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“LET THERE BE CHRISTMAS” CHOIR CANTATA

*Sunday, December 15, 3 p.m.,
Mary, Mother of the Church, Burnsville*

This cantata features Mary Mother's combined choirs, youth choir, bell choir, full orchestration, and Christmas narratives. All are welcome, a free will offering will be taken.

COMMUNION MINISTRY FOR VICTIM/SURVIVORS

If you are a victim/survivor who would like to receive Communion but cannot come to church, the Eucharist can be brought directly to you, by a victim/survivor. Find out more at safe-environment.archspm.org/communion-ministry

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!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

There are two trees at the entrance of the church filled with tags listing the needs of fellow parishioners and area residents who are struggling to make ends meet.

HOW DOES THE GIVING TREE WORK?

Choose a tag from the tree, fill out and tear off the bottom half of the tag, and purchase a gift (typically \$25-30) using the list of ideas on the tag. Then bring your gift, concealed in a gift bag, to church with the tag attached to the outside of the bag. Please remember to attach the tag to the gift bag so that we are able to match the gift with the recipient.

WHEN/WHERE ARE THE GIFTS RETURNED?

Put your gift(s) under the trees at the entrance of the church by **Sunday, December 15th**. All gifts will be organized and delivered that week.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

If you would like to donate a new gift or monetary donation to the Giving Tree, please contact the Parish Office or Jean Van Hecke at (612) 245-9252. We will use these gifts for supplementing individuals and families with extraordinary needs.

SHARING THE JOY OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS!

MINISTERIO "ARBOL QUE DA"

Hay dos árboles en la entrada de la Iglesia. Estos árboles tienen unas etiquetas con las necesidades de parroquianos y otras personas que viven en esta área y que tienen dificultades para llegar a fin de mes.

¿CÓMO FUNCIONA EL "ÁRBOL QUE DA"?

Escoja una etiqueta del árbol, complétela y arranque la parte de abajo. Compre uno de los regalos (generalmente de \$25-\$30) que se listan en la etiqueta. Ponga el regalo dentro de una bolsa de regalo y pegue la etiqueta en la parte de afuera de la bolsa. Deje el regalo en la Iglesia. Por favor no olvide pegar la etiqueta a la bolsa.

¿CUÁNDO Y DÓNDE SE DEJAN LOS REGALOS?

Los regalos deben dejarse debajo de los árboles que están en la entrada de la Iglesia. La fecha límite para entregarlos es el **domingo 15 de diciembre**.

SE ACEPTAN DONACIONES

Si desea donar un regalo nuevo o hacer una donación de dinero para el "Arbol que da" por favor llame a la oficina de la Iglesia o a Jean Van Hecke al (612) 245-9252. Usaremos estas donaciones para ayudar a personas y familias con necesidades extraordinarias.

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