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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

February 2nd, 2025

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.

Church Calendar Guardian Angels Lay Leadership Positions Larry Schmid, Trustee: (612) 670-7655 Monday, February 3rd David Pohlen, Trustee: (952) 428-9649 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Francis Hall Steve Rasmussen, Facilities Council Chair: (612) 802-6442 Francis Kerber, Cemetery Board Chair: (952) 836-5467 Scott Guillemette, Finance Council Chair: (952) 227-4000 **Tuesday, February 4th** Kayla Pascoe, Pastoral Council Chair: (952) 412-4712 5:30 p.m. Mass, 🕆 Floyd and Bertha Kohman Saint Nicholas Lay Leadership Positions 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft Elaine Ess, Cemetery: (571) 315-4980 Darlene Mahowald, Prayer Chain/Funeral: (952) 448-4464 John Turek, Trustee, Finance/Property Chair: (952) 448-2345 Wednesday, February 5th Dan Svoboda, Trustee: (952) 448-2345 Prayer Garden: (952) 913-4964 8:00 a.m. Mass **BULLETIN SUBMITTALS** 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation, Campus-Wide Please submit announcements, feature articles, or event 6:45 p.m. Family Faith Formation Penance Service, summaries for the bulletin for Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas GA Church by email at bulletin@gachaska.org by 12 p.m. the Tuesday before. Photographs must be in .jpg format. **ENVÍOS AL BOLETÍN** Thursday, February 6th Si tiene algo que enviar para el boletín de Guardian Angels o 8:00 a.m. Mass 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. Friday, February 7th 6:00 p.m. Mass (SN), 🕆 Vincent Jernander and Family GET THE BULLETIN EMAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU! Did you know that you can get this bulletin sent to your email Saturday, February 8th inbox? You can! Call the Parish Office to get signed up. 6:30 a.m. Father's Group, Room 004 8:00 a.m. D of I Rosary, GA Church **RECIBE EL BOLETÍN POR CORREO** 8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church **ELECTRÓNICO ;DIRECTAMENTE A USTED!** 3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church ¿Sabías que puedes recibir este boletín en tu bandeja de 4:00 p.m. Cursillo: Ultreya, St. Francis Hall entrada de correo electrónico? ¡Puedes! Llame a la oficina 4:30 p.m. Mass, 🕆 Vic and Cole Carlson parroquial para registrarse. ANOINTING Sunday, February 9th If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish 8:00 a.m. Mass, For the People Office: (952) 227-4000. 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall, Sunday Experience Committee HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, AND HOMEBOUND VISITS 9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes 10:00 a.m. Mass, 🕆 Phyllis Nelson when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested 10:00 a.m. Mass (SN) it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall, a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office. Sunday Experience Committee 11:00 a.m. Beef and Sausage Dinner, Gym 12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

Mass Intentions:	READINGS FOR THE WEEK
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.	Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21 -43 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk
Baptism:	6:1-6 Thursdow ligh 12:18 10 21 24/05 18:2 25h 25d 4 0 10 11//
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 consid- ered and accommodated depending on circumstances.	Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11// Mk 6:7-13 Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30 -34 Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-1
Matrimony:	
Marriage preparation is required. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 at least 8 months in advance.	LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA Domingo: Mal 3, 1-4/Heb 2, 14-18/Sal 23, 7. 8. 9. 10/Lc 2, 22- 40 o 2, 22-32
Communion for the Homebound:	Lunes: Heb 11, 32-40/Sal 30, 20. 21. 22. 23. 24/Mc 5, 1-20 Martes: Heb 12, 1-4/Sal 21, 26-27. 28 y 30. 31-32/Mc 5, 21-43
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.	Miércoles: Heb 12, 4-7. 11-15/Sal 102, 1-2. 13-14. 17-18/Mc 6, 1-6 Jueves: Heb 12, 18-19. 21-24/Sal 47, 2-3. 3-4. 9. 10-11//Mc 6, 7-13 Viernes: Heb 13, 1-8/Sal 26, 1. 3. 5. 8-9/Mc 6, 14-29 Sábado: Heb 13, 15-17. 20-21/Sal 22, 1-3. 3b-4. 5. 6/Mc 6, 30- 34 Domingo siguiente: Is 6, 1-2. 3-8/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 7-8 (1)/1 Co 15, 1-11 o 15, 3-8. 11/Lc 5, 1-11

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born, and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/24 to Date:

New A/C Compressor Architectural Fees for School Steps

Year-To-Date 7/1/24-01/27/25

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$391,320	\$39,308
Last Sunday's Collection	\$8,137	\$1,113
Total Giving YTD	\$388,994	\$35,306
Percent of Goal Funded	96%	90%

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

Contributions this fiscal year:	\$34,793.46
Expenses this fiscal year:	\$44,457
Fund Balance:	\$120,694.76

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



WALKING ON A PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

I was thinking about the state of our parishes this past week and my reflection led me to the realization that it is not easy for Saint Nicholas parishioners to go from a Sunday morning Mass time of 10:00 AM to 7:30 AM. Nor is it easy to lose the every-Sunday services of our faithful visiting priest, Father Devorak. Also, from the standpoint of Guardian Angels, we will not go to one 9:00 AM Mass without adjustment. Furthermore, we have a parish debt of \$70,000 with a projected shortfall of an additional \$60,000 through June 30th of this year.

I believe that a good theme for this upcoming year is "Walking on a Pilgrimage of Hope." I remember going on a pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2000 in Rome as a seminarian. It was very demanding and they say, to this day, that the temperatures in those days were record highs reaching about 100 degrees. I remember riding the subway to a field at Tor Vergata University where we were to celebrate the final Mass with Saint John Paul II with the other pilgrims in our group. The subway ride went on for two or three hours as it would repeatedly stop and then go again. It was extremely crowded and each time it stopped, the heat was almost unbearable. Then, we got off the subway and began walking. At that time, I didn't have a sleeping bag with special material. Rather I had a rolled-up cloth sleeping bag that I placed my left arm through. That is how I carried my sleeping bag to the final Mass where we were to camp out overnight. It was all quite demanding as there were an estimated 2.1 million people there at that event.

So why do it? Why go on such a pilgrimage across the Atlantic where the logistics were so demanding at times that we barely had the opportunity to hear the scheduled talks about our faith. We could have saved the money and gone to other events of faith around here and it would have been easier. It is because we attend to ourselves spiritually in a different way when going on a pilgrimage. We go to different places where we see things through a different spiritual lens. Hope is also an element of a pilgrimage. Think of the wise men who went on a pilgrim's journey, following the star, to see Jesus, a baby, lying in a manger. Did such a journey change them? Yes! Had they stayed home and prayed, it would have been good for them and for the world, but the journey really changed them. When we go on a pilgrimage, we hope to see Jesus himself in a different way. We hope to meet others who share the same hope, whom we otherwise would not have met without journeying on such a pilgrimage.

With the Jubilee Year of Hope declared by Pope Francis, I believe that we should celebrate this hope and have this hope. But, I also believe that we cannot stay put in the way that we have existed before. We must rise and be on our way with Jesus. We cannot do things in the same manner as before in order to truly respond in faith in Jesus, given our situation. Our hope must be marked by a walk to a new place in our parish histories. Such a walk is not easy! Think of the Israelites who journeyed through a desert, out of slavery, yes, but through a desert. But what did they find in the end? They found freedom in a Promised Land. We will get to that land for us as the Churches of Chaska and Carver. Let us begin the journey with great hope and faith in our Lord!

Father Tony

BEEF AND SAUSAGE DINNER IS NEXT SUNDAY



All men of the parish are asked to pick up a Beef and Sausage Worker's list at the entrances of the church.

Making Chaska history since 1949!

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.

THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

We'd love to welcome women who are looking for a supportive and uplifting community to grow together in faith and fellowship.

This is a women-only small group that meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The meeting location rotates between members' homes. We currently have space for 4 new members.

For more information or to sign up go to archspm.groupvitals.com/groupfinder/ profile/70855.

PIES PIES PIES!



Every parishioner family is asked to donate two pies for the February 9th Beef and Sausage Dinner. Every kind of pie is welcome.

Please drop them off at the School Gym entrance of 1st and Cedar St. during any of these times: Friday, February 7th from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, February 8th from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. Sunday, February 9th from 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Thank you!

"LIFE IS GOOD" SPEAKER SERIES

"The Gift of Peter" A Trisomy 18 Story

At this FREE event, Mary Kellett, founder of Prenatal Partners for Life, will speak at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 680 Mill Street, Excelsior. You can choose from two sessions:

- 1. Tuesday, February 4th, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 2. Wednesday, February 5th, 8:30-10 a.m.

TAKE OUR PRESCHOOL SURVEY

We have exciting news! Early survey results show strong interest in a Guardian Angels Catholic Preschool and we're thrilled about the possibility of opening our doors this autumn. This would be a wonderful opportunity to nurture young hearts and minds in a faith-filled environment that fosters spiritual growth, academic readiness, and a love for learning. While we are eager to move forward, enrollment is not yet open. We understand that many preschools are currently accepting applications, and we encourage families to secure a spot elsewhere if needed. However, we sincerely hope you'll consider joining the Guardian Angels Preschool family when the opportunity arises.

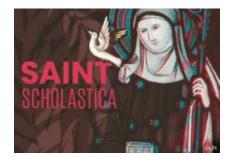
To make this dream a reality, Guardian Angels needs your help! A short survey has been developed to gather input from our parish and community. Your participation is vital—it will help us understand the level of interest, the needs of local families, and how we can best serve our children.

Please take a moment to complete the survey and share it with other families in the community. Together, we can shape a preschool that reflects our shared values and vision for the future.

Please keep us in your prayers as we work toward making this vision a reality and stay tuned for updates on enrollment. We can't wait to welcome your little ones!

scan me to take the survey! ☺





CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL NEXT WEEK



Loving someone means you'll experience both joy and sorrow. This is especially true if you are a parent. Profound love for a child means incredible happiness and deep distress. Mary has already experienced this – or at least caught a glimpse of it – in Jesus' short life. His birth was heralded by angels. He was visited by three magi bearing precious gifts as an infant.

Now, 40 days later when Mary and Joseph, according to Judaic law, presented Jesus in the Temple, they hear their son exalted as the Messiah by two holy people. But the torment Mary will experience on the road to Calvary and at the foot of the cross is prophesied by Simeon: "You yourself a sword will pierce."

Throughout Jesus' childhood, Mary is reminded that His path will be a singular one, and she "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." (Luke 2:19). She and Joseph remain faithful to God's call to be the earthly parents to His son. And they share Him with a world that needs His light.

May we all follow their example of love and faithfulness in our relationships with our family and friends, as well as our greater Church community through support of the Catholic Services Appeal. If you didn't get the chance to make your contribution this week, please take an envelope or a sheet with the QR code from the back of church or visit love.archspm.org. Please make checks payable to Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you for your contribution that so many depend on!



Beginning Sunday March 2nd, our new Sunday morning Mass schedule will be:

7:30 AM	Mass in English at Saint Nicholas
9:00 AM	Mass in English at Guardian Angels
12:00 PM	Mass in Spanish at Guardian Angels

Our Archbishop has responded to our strategic plan. He stated in his recent letter to Father Tony that he was pleased with 3 aspects of the plan:

- <u>The plan envisions going out to evangelize our</u> <u>neighbors.</u> Pope Francis often reminds us that we cannot thrive, or even survive, as a Church that only looks inward. We must find ways to successfully welcome those who are new to the area.
- 2. <u>Leaders from Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas</u> <u>collaborated in this planning effort.</u> As we bring the good news of Jesus to our neighbors, we must work together, building upon the strengths of each parish. This is very true for us who have limited financial and staff resources.
- 3. <u>The plan proposes a reasonable Mass schedule</u> <u>that can be fulfilled by one priest.</u>

Archbishop Hebda looks forward to receiving an extensive update by October 31st, 2025 as to how our progress has unfolded and he assures us of his prayers. The work that we do together in these coming months will surely be of critical importance in growing Jesus' Church in Chaska and Carver. Thank you for your efforts!

Father Tony



Beef & Sausage DINNER

Dine-in or Take-out

Adults and Take-outs \$16.00 Children (12 & under) \$8.00 Homemade Sausage Ib. \$6.00

Sunday Feb. 9th, 11-1pm

Guardian Angels School Gym Enter at - 217 W. 2nd St., Chaska





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