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February 9th, 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.

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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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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, February 10th

6:00 p.m. D of I Meeting, St. Francis Hall

Tuesday, February 11th

5:30 p.m. Mass, Families of ⊕ Ruth and Tony Pass 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

Wednesday, February 12th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Robert Therres 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation, Campus-Wide

Thursday, February 13th

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church

5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Francis Hall

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour, GA Church

7:00 p.m. Latino Prayer Group, GA Church

7:00 p.m. Blessing of Couples, GA Church

Friday, February 14th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

Saturday, February 15th

8:00 a.m. D of I Rosary, GA Church 8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church 3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church 4:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Marcel Adjoumani 5:00 p.m. Youth Night, Gym

Sunday, February 16th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Donna Prewitt
9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall,
Knights of Columbus
9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
10:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Floyd and Bertha Kohman
10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), For the People
11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall,
Knights of Columbus
12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

4:00 p.m. Scouts Blue and Gold, Gym

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 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 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/ Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/ Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10 Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 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

Lunes: Gn 1, 1-19/Sal 103, 1-2. 5-6. 10 y 12. 24 y 35/Mc 6, 53-56

Martes: Gn 1, 20—2, 4/Sal 8, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Mc 7, 1-13 Miércoles: Gn 2, 4b-9. 15-17/Sal 103, 1-2. 27-28. 29-30/Mc 7, 14-23

Jueves: Gn 2, 18-25/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5/Mc 7, 24-30 Viernes: Gn 3, 1-8/Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 6. 7/Mc 7, 31-37 Sábado: Gn 3, 9-24/Sal 89, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 12-13/Mc 8, 1-10 Domingo siguiente: Jr 17, 5-8/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4. 6. (40, 5)/1 Co 15, 12. 16-20/Lc 6, 17. 20-26

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do *I* hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am *I* prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send *me*!"?

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/24 to Date:

New A/C Compressor Architectural Fees for School Steps

Year-To-Date 7/1/24-02/03/25

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$417,415	\$40,576
Last Sunday's Collection	\$8,390	\$876
Total Giving YTD	\$359,551	\$36,182
Percent of Goal Funded	86%	89%

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.



A LOT OF FISH AND A LOT OF MERCY

Place yourself in Peter's shoes for a moment. Jesus is with him in the boat teaching the crowds on shore. Who is this Jesus, he might have asked to himself. Then Jesus says to him, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Peter had considerable doubt that it would do any good, since they had caught nothing all night long. But he had some amount of trust in this great teacher even at that point. We can imagine his heart racing from the effort and emotion, gasping for breath as he made his way through the fish to where Jesus was sitting in the stern. He was approaching Jesus and perhaps this seemed

unbearable because they were so different. Yet it probably seemed to him that Jesus' presence was an absolute gift to him.

He realized his unworthiness before him in being petty, false, angry, greedy, proud or vile, but now all of this had become a nauseating heap. Imagine barely being able to raise your eyes to Jesus, kneeling before him and saying, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." How often have we shied away from getting really close to Him because we feel this way? But he called Him "Lord." And we can imagine how as these words dissipated and the moment passed that he understood that these words too were false.

When we come close to Him, we recognize the truth of his mercy about ourselves and that he wants us to be forgiven so that we can follow him and live in Him. "Do not be afraid: from now on you will be catching men." Are we ready to leave everything in order to follow these words? Peter and the others found them compelling enough to leave everything and follow Him when they brought their boats to shore. Let us place our lives before His loving, merciful, healing presence. Let us allow ourselves to hear these words most especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to let them ring in our hearts in our prayers.

Father Tony

THANK YOU

The Daughters of Isabella would like to thank all who contributed to Roses for Life. The money collected will be sent to local pro-life groups in the Twin Cities area.

ALL MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

This month is an All Member Birthday Party. Please bring an item for the food shelf.

VIANNEY VISIT

February 13-15th, Saint John Vianney College Seminary, St. Paul

The Vianney Visit is for Catholic men, high school sophomores through college-aged men who have not completed undergraduate studies (up to age 24). This event provides a closer look at college seminary life. You will hear testimonies from current seminarians, attend spiritual conferences with SJV priests, pray with the community, and tour the University of St. Thomas. You may also have the option to meet individually with priests on staff or the rector.

BEEF AND SAUSAGE DINNER TODAY!



The Men's Club invites you to come and enjoy a delicious dinner this Sunday, February 9th, in the School gym.

Serving is from 11 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Making Chaska History since 1949!

CANS

Help make a difference. Please drop off aluminum cans at the can shed behind the church. So far since July 1st, 2024 can recycling has brought in \$647.42. Let's see if we *can* double this amount by June 30, 2025.

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.

CHARITY, CREMATIONS, COSTS, CELEBRATIONS, CASKETS, AND CONCERNS

Thursday, February 20th, 6:00 p.m., Bertas Funeral Home (behind GA), registration required

This program is designed to help educate consumers and to remove some of the burden and doubt that surrounds personal issues and funeral service. (No products will be sold, and you are under no obligation to use our funeral home in the future).

Relax with your neighbors, tour our newly remodeled building, enjoy some finger foods, and listen to our guest speaker, Pat Zalusky, as he covers a wide range of important topics.

Everyone who attends will receive a FREE folder of take-home information.

As part of the program, we're also encouraging (but not requiring) all those who attend to bring a donation or nonperishable food item for Bountiful Basket.

Advance registration is required to assist us in our preparation of handouts, seating, and refreshments. Please call, text, or email to reserve your spot.

Text: (952) 201-6504 Call: (952-448-2137

Email: megwheintze@gmail.com

BUSY PEOPLE SMALL GROUP

Group Type: Both Men and Women are welcome **Meeting Time:** Saturday Morning at 6:30 a.m. **Location:** 1509 Sunshine Ct., Chaska (although it sometimes rotates to St. Francis Hall or other Members' Homes)

Openings: We could comfortably handle 6 more attendees, but we'll figure out a way to work things out if more show up

Contact: Craig Schapira at (320) 492-1362

We have scheduled the prayer group at this time to accommodate busy schedules where it won't conflict with kids'/grandkids'/family activities. We love coffee and have grown together in faith and fellowship, and we have even gathered outside of the small group to lend a hand to a parishioner in need.

WOMEN IN THE NEW EVANGELIZATION CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 1st, St. Bartholomew Church in Wayzata, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Registration and payment required

Beginning with Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, followed by time for registration and a few snacks, the conference will officially start at 9:00 a.m. with our ever-endearing emcee, Alyssa Bormes.

Keynote Speakers Marie Miller (singer-songwriter who helped introduce WINE to the world in 2014), Sr. Rose Marie Tulacz, SND (gifted photographer and founder of Notre Dame Creations Ministry), Terri Savaryn (founder and owner of Sovereign Estate Winery), and Kelly Wahlquist (author, speaker, and founder of WINE) will ignite our souls with faith-filled inspirational talks.

Along with inspirational talks, the day will include the music of Teresa Peterson, motivational entertainment, shopping, personal time to pray with prayer teams, confession, adoration, tons of laughter, a fabulous lunch, CHOCOLATE, door prizes, and a fun raffle!

Registration can be found at catholicvineyard.com. Register today; price increases after Feb. 12th!

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL



Trusting God can be difficult. We *say* we trust that God will provide, has a plan for us, will heal us, loves us no matter what, etc. Still, surrendering to God's will and trusting, as St. Francis de Sales reminds us, that he will "...either shield us from suffering or give us strength to bear it" is easier said than done. Self-reliance, it seems, is more in our nature.

But look what happens when we trust in God's ways. Like Simon Peter's nets that are so full of fish they begin to tear, our life yields incredible fullness when we trust in God. Maybe this fullness doesn't always take the form we want, but it is always what we need. Time and time again, we experience God's boundless love, but fear causes us to revert to the habit of relying on our own efforts. We are afraid to give ourselves over to the Lord even though He repeatedly tells us to "be not afraid."

Even in our own faltering, we can help others experience God's grace – and experience it ourselves. By supporting our Catholic Services Appeal, we can bring this feeling of plenty to those who need to know God's love for themselves.

MOM'S GROUP

Saturday, February 15th, 9-10:30 a.m., School Basement, Room 004 (enter door #2)

We meet 1st and 3rd Saturdays for a morning to pray, reflect, and connect with one another.

Refreshments provided. Childcare available—please RSVP to Jenna Salinas with # of kids (call/text 612-201-4894).

PRO-LIFE MARCH

Showing love for God's most vulnerable children: the unborn. Several people from GA attended the march, walking from the Cathedral to the State Capitol, including Bill and Maria Boecker, Doug and Vi Wentz, Dennis Hively, Bob VanDenBroeke, and Father Tony. It was a great day and well represented by all age groups. Next year consider joining to make it even better!





CARDIAC DISEASE EDUCATION

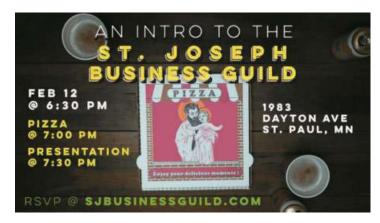
Tuesday, February 11th, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Benedictine St. Gertrude's Chapel, 1850 Sarazin Street, Shakopee

This free education offers an overview of the signs, symptoms and risk factors, and the role of hospice in end-stage heart disease.

Presented by: Tracy Kaminski, RN, CTN

We welcome anyone to attend. Nurses and Social Workers will get a Certificate of Attendance to submit for 1.0 CEU credit to their respective governing boards.

RSVP to Yvonne.anderson@benedictineliving.org or (952) 233-4488



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

WANT TO HEAR A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP?

Sign up for "Together on the Journey" at www.archspm.org/togetheronthejourney (or the myParish app) to see a monthly video and read a weekly message from the Archbishop. He wants to speak to you and be your shepherd!

HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY: TIPS FROM THE LATEST RESEARCH

Saturday, February 22nd, 10:00-11:00 a.m., St. Gertrude's 1850 Sarazin Street, Shakopee

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how lifestyle choices may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age.

Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

RSVP Yvonne Anderson at Yvonne.anderson@benedictineliving.org or (952) 233-4488

SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE WINTERFEST

Join us for a traditional German celebration! Saturday, February 22nd, 2025, 6 p.m. social, dinner will follow.

Saints Joachim and Anne—Marystown Social Center. Tickets: \$25 per person

Payment is due at the time of registration. Reservations required.

Questions? Call coordinators: Gary (612-716-3106) or Diane (612-716-3501).

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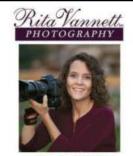
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