

# The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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**Monday:** 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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**Wednesday:** 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**Thursday:** 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**Friday:** 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you who  
are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.  
Blessed are you who  
are now weeping,  
for you will laugh."  
- Lk 6:21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. (Lk 6:21)

## February 16th, 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.

## 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  
Scott Guillemette, Finance Council Chair: (952) 227-4000  
Kayla Pascoe, Pastoral Council Chair: (952) 412-4712

## Saint Nicholas Lay Leadership Positions

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John Turek, Trustee, Finance/Property Chair: (952) 448-2345  
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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](mailto: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](mailto:bulletin@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, February 17th

### Tuesday, February 18th

5:30 p.m. Mass, † Ray Pieper  
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft  
7:00 p.m. Joint Pastoral Council Meeting,  
1st Floor Conference Room

### Wednesday, February 19th

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

### Thursday, February 20th

*The Parish Office will be closed for an Archdiocesan Staff Formation Day.*

8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church  
7:00 p.m. Latino Prayer Group, GA Church

### Friday, February 21st

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

### Saturday, February 22nd

6:30 a.m. Dad's Group, Room 004  
8:00 a.m. Latino Prayer Group, SN Parish Center  
8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church  
3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church  
4:30 p.m. Mass, † Tony and Marie Koll  
5:00 p.m. Family Night, Open Gym

### Sunday, February 23rd

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Ted Janey  
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, † Jim, Joanne, and Russell Luce  
10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), † Deceased Members of  
the Dusoski Family  
11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall,  
Knights of Columbus  
12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), Para le 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: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26  
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26  
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33  
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1  
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19  
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Jr 17, 5-8/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4. 6. (40, 5)/1 Co 15, 12. 16-20/Lc 6, 17. 20-26  
Lunes: Gn 4, 1-15. 25/Sal 49, 1 y 8. 16-17. 20-21/Mc 8, 11-13  
Martes: Gn 6, 5-8; 7, 1-5. 10/Sal 28, 1 y 2. 3-4. 3 y 9-10/Mc 8, 14-21  
Miércoles: Gn 8, 6-13. 20-22/Sal 115, 12-13. 14-15. 18-19/Mc 8, 22-26  
Jueves: Gn 9, 1-13/Sal 101, 16-18. 19-21. 29 y 22-23/Mc 8, 27-33  
Viernes: Gn 11, 1-9/Sal 32, 10-11. 12-13. 14-15/Mc 8, 34—9, 1  
Sábado: 1 Pe 5, 1-4/Sal 22, 1-3. 4. 5. 6/Mt 16, 13-19  
Domingo siguiente: 1 Sm 26, 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23/1 Co 15, 45-49/Lc 6, 27-38

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



The words of the psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings, "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season—assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

### Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/24 to Date:

New A/C Compressor  
Architectural Fees for School Steps

### Year-To-Date 7/1/24—02/10/25

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$430,459	\$41,844
Last Sunday's Collection	\$11,842	\$1,104
Total Giving YTD	\$371,393	\$37,286
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.*



## WHY NOT JOIN A SMALL GROUP THIS LENT?

This Lenten season will be a time of hope for our parishes. The days will “lengthen” and that is where Lent gets its name. We will be looking to establish a new Catholic pre-school. And most importantly, we will, as we always do, look to renew our own personal faith as we stand in awe before our Lord’s sacrifice of Himself on the Cross.

With this in mind, I think of Saint Paul when he says, “For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and self-control” (2 Timothy 1:6). We have need to stir into flame a renewed missionary energy in which we experience God’s presence through walking with one another on a pilgrim’s journey of hope. Our small groups here and around the archdiocese are already proving to be an ingredient for parish renewal and missionary movement beyond the parish. May our small groups at our own parishes here in Chaska and Carver give us a new evangelistic courage.

The archbishop points out that we are aiming at a culture of small groups rather than simply small-group programming. Small groups serve to deepen our encounter with Jesus Christ and help us experience stronger relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ. They are meant to be places of intercessory prayer and service to each other and accompaniment in suffering. They are places where we share our love for the Eucharist and the Mass in this year of emphasis on the Mass.

This is why small groups grow not so much by signing up, but by someone asking you to join. These experiences are a real encounter with Jesus Christ. Our small groups this year have been focusing on learning all about the Mass and have told me that they really enjoy it and that it has enhanced their understanding of the Mass and their experience of it. Soon, we will focus on the Year 3 initiative of our pastoral plan for our archdiocese which is Parents as Primary Educators. Imagine what could happen if we all set the tone and the example for young parents by joining a small group.

Before such time, when Lent begins, we will have the opportunity to begin anew as a parish with all groups reflecting upon and sharing about the same topic. Please don’t be surprised if someone invites you to join in their small group.

One women’s group at Holy Name of Jesus in Medina had a profound experience of renewed faith as they began to come together to share the Good News with each other. The group leader only invited one other woman whom she knew to take part in their small group. Then, her roster began to fill up. Two were divorced, another was a widow, and it was a very random group who now has become the best of friends. As time went on with praising God with songs and prayers, sharing recent experiences of God and searching for God, and sharing God’s teaching together, they began to even share group texts of prayers needed and the graces of recognizing the Lord’s actions in their lives. One member shared how she was thinking about returning to confession. The majority of the group had not been to confession in many years. Then a member suggested that they go as a group and everyone immediately agreed. There was both anxiety and excitement but, as one member put it, “you could literally feel the desire for this experience of love and mercy.” They went together and celebrated and hugged and now there was talk about bringing other family members in the future and coming back soon.

There are many stories of how God can work in a small group and those shared around our archdiocese are a testament to this. So again, please do not be surprised if someone should enthusiastically ask you to be a part of a small group as Lent begins. May God bless our upcoming Lenten journey to renewed faith!

Father Tony

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://catholicvineyard.com).



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:

1. The plan envisions going out to evangelize our neighbors. 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. Leaders from Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas collaborated in this planning effort. 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. The plan proposes a reasonable Mass schedule that can be fulfilled by one priest.

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

## THANK YOU FROM D OF I

The Daughters of Isabella want to send out a special thanks to those from the Respect for Life who helped collect monies for Roses for Life. Your help was very much appreciated.

## 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](http://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](http://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!

**BOUNTIFUL BASKET**  
CURRENT NEEDS - February 2025



• Hearty Soups	• Cereal
• Easy Mac	• Crackers
• Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta	• Mayonnaise
• Canned Tuna	• Flour and Sugar
• Canned Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges	• Baking mixes
• Peas and mixed vegetables	• Dish soap
• White Rice	• Laundry detergent
• Cooking oil	• Diapers size 3, 4, 5, 6

**We could also always use your brown paper bags!**

## LENT WILL SOON BE HERE!

Ash Wednesday this year is March 5th. We will have a Mass in English at 12:00 p.m. (noon) and a bilingual Mass at 7:00 p.m. May God be with us in our pilgrim's journey of hope as we renew our faith and commitment to God.



**AFTER MASSES**  
**MARCH 1 & 2**  
St. Francis Hall  
*Street level entry below the church*

# You're Invited

## PRESCHOOL PRE-ENROLLMENT INQUIRY

- Ask Questions
- Meet Parents
- Learn More
- Save your Spot!

## A NOTE FROM BOUNTIFUL BASKET

*Editor's Note: We recently passed along the balance of funds raised to Bountiful Basket from the Thanksgiving collection and other donations received. This year, we will have our Holy Thursday collection once again. Thank you for your support of our local food shelf!*

Dear Parishioners of Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas,

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generous gift of \$1,322.00.

**Your support has helped nourish families, inspire hope, and empower parents and grandparents to make loving sacrifices for their children and grandchildren—just as you have done for our community through your support.**

**Our mission, “Nourishing neighbors, inspiring hope, and supporting families on their road to self sufficiency,” guides everything we do,** and it’s because of

friends like you that we can continue this work. Your donation provides a lifeline to those, like George and Jill, who are quietly carrying heavy responsibilities.

George, a gentle and quiet man, comes to our food shelf faithfully. From his visits, we understand that he and his wife are raising their four grandchildren. When George shops, he never thinks of himself. Every choice he makes centers around his grandkids— “the kids would like this” or “the kids wouldn’t eat that.” He always picks canned fruit cocktail, which he mixes with Jell-O to make a treat they love. When we have Jell-O available, it’s a small bonus that brings him joy, knowing it will brighten their day.

And then there’s Jill, a devoted mother whose son has significant disabilities. Each visit, she carefully selects items she knows he’ll enjoy, always prioritizing his needs. Despite the daily challenges she faces, Jill is unfailingly cheerful and speaks with love and gratitude. Her commitment to her son is humbling, and she never fails to express her thanks for the support your generosity makes possible.

**These stories remind us why we’re here. With your continued support, we’re able to nourish these families with more than food; we offer them dignity, relief, and a community that cares.**

With gratitude,

**Patti Sinykin, Executive Director**

[patti@bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org](mailto:patti@bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org) | 952.556.0244

## 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](mailto: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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