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**Guardian Angels** 

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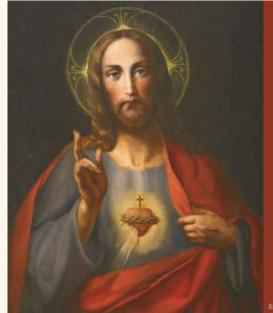
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## 7<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

## February 23rd, 2025

## Weekly Liturgy Schedule / Horario de Misas

#### Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. 7:30 a.m. at Saint Nicholas Sunday: 12:00 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: 9 a.m. Domingo: 12:00 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	Church Calendar	
Larry Schmid, Trustee: (612) 670-7655	Monday, February 24th	
David Pohlen, Trustee: (952) 428-9649 Steve Rasmussen, Facilities Council Chair: (612) 802-6442		
Francis Kerber, Cemetery Board Chair: (952) 836-5467	Tuesday, February 25th	
Scott Guillemette, Finance Council Chair: (952) 227-4000 Kayla Pascoe, Pastoral Council Chair: (952) 412-4712	<u>5:30 p.m. Mass</u>	
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 Dan Svoboda, Trustee: (952) 448-2345	7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting, 1st Floor Conference Room	
Prayer Garden: (952) 913-4964	Wednesday, February 26th	
BULLETIN SUBMITTALS	<u>8:00 a.m. Mass</u>	
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	6:30 p.m. Faith Formation, Campus-Wide	
before. Photographs must be in .jpg format.	Thursday, February 27th	
ENVÍOS AL BOLETÍN	<u>8:00 a.m. Mass</u>	
Si tiene algo que enviar para el boletín de Guardian Angels o	8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church	
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.	7:00 p.m. Latino Prayer Group, GA Church	
GET THE BULLETIN EMAILED DIRECTLY	Friday, February 28th	
TO YOU!	<u>6:00 p.m. Mass (SN),</u>	
Did you know that you can get this bulletin sent to your email		
inbox? You can! Call the Parish Office to get signed up.	Saturday, March 1st	
	8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church	
<b>RECIBE EL BOLETÍN POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO ¡DIRECTAMENTE A USTED!</b>	8:30 a.m. Mom's Group, Rom 004	
¿Sabías que puedes recibir este boletín en tu bandeja de	3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church	
entrada de correo electrónico? ¡Puedes! Llame a la oficina parroquial para registrarse.	<u>4:30 p.m. Mass,</u> For the People	
	Sunday, March 2nd	
ANOINTING	<u>7:30 a.m. Mass (SN),</u>	
If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.	8:30 a.m. Fellowship, Parish Center	
	8:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft	
HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, AND HOMEBOUND VISITS	9:00 a.m. Mass, & Floyd and Bertha Kohman	
Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes	10:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall,	
when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested	<u>12:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish),</u>	
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.		

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Mass Intentions:	<b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>	
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. <b>Baptism</b> :	Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27- 38 Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30- 37 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/ Mk 9:38-40	
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 90:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Special dates requested for Baptism will be consid- ered and accommodated depending on circumstances.	Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50 Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16 Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45	
Matrimony:	LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA	
Marriage preparation is required. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 at least 8 months in advance.	Domingo: 1 Sm 26, 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23/1 Co 15, 45-49/Lc 6, 27 -38	
Communion for the Homebound:	Lunes: Eclo 1, 1-10/Sal 92, 1. 1-2. 5/Mc 9, 14-29 Martes: Eclo 2, 1-13/Sal 36, 3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40/Mc 9, 30-	
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.	37 Miércoles: Eclo 4, 12-22/Sal 118, 165. 168. 171. 172. 174. 175/ Mc 9, 38-40 Jueves: Eclo 5, 1-10/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/Mc 9, 41-50 Viernes: Eclo 6, 5-17/Sal 118, 12. 16. 18. 27. 34. 35/Mc 10, 1- 12 Sábado: Eclo 17, 1-13/Sal 102, 13-14. 15-16. 17-18/Mc 10, 13- 16 Domingo siguiente: Eclo 27, 4-7/Sal 91, 2-3. 13-14. 15-16 (ver 2)/1 Co 15, 54-58/Lc 6, 39-45	

# STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Today's Gospel has encouraging words for good stewards— "Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." What encouragement to give generously of the resources entrusted to our care!

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

New A/C Compressor Architectural Fees for School Steps

## Year-To-Date 7/1/24-02/17/25

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$443,503	\$43,112
Last Sunday's Collection	\$11,982	\$793
Total Giving YTD	\$383,375	\$38,079
Percent of Goal Funded	86%	88%

#### **Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:**

Contributions this fiscal year:	\$34,793.46
Expenses this fiscal year:	\$47,989.34
Fund Balance:	\$117,162.42

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

## THE SABBATH DAY



With the Sunday morning Mass time change, I know that it will change how you approach your Sunday and in some cases significantly. Yet, this is an opportunity to reflect upon the Sabbath day as a whole and, perhaps, renew our sense of how important it is and specifically what we can do to make it a great day.

Our faith is meant to flow from the Mass and Sunday as a holy day extends from the Mass. It doesn't end with Mass. We can think of Sunday as a day that we climb the mountain and come to the table of the Lord. But it would be a mistake to reduce it to that

alone. Our Sunday rest in God does help us to make sense of our work and responsibilities and the Mass is the high point of that rest in God. Our work and leisure are meant to compliment each other in a rhythm that flows from the Eucharist and back to it.

The messages in our culture are not necessarily conducive to the idea of work as something that adds to our dignity as human beings or leisure in the sense of "re-creation." Think of the connotation of the "weekend." What does that make you think of? Perhaps it is a pleasurable thought as many of us think of not working, but really Sunday is meant to be a week-beginning. Often, we tend to think of ourselves as work machines and play machines. But there is the inhaling of life, which is the resting, and then there is the exhaling which is the working. What am I resting in? How am I receiving anew from God? What am I working for? How am I giving? These are important questions because if we don't get Sunday right, we won't get Monday through Saturday right either.

Sometimes we think of leisure as amusement. Think about how entertainers are the highest paid people in our society. Leisure becomes a time not so much to reflect upon reality, but a time to forget and a time to escape reality. The advent of iPhones has greatly contributed to this. The problem is that amusement doesn't really have the capacity to inspire. There is a failure to marvel at the ordinary and experience its mystery, so our time away from work becomes very compartmentalized.

At the same time, our work can be seen as a job devoid of any meaning except the economic. We can see our jobs as "making a living" and the company reinforces efficiency, productivity and, above all, profitability. The satisfaction that we get out of life is relegated to the non-working hours.

But a Catholic view of work and leisure is different and involves integration. Work is very human. Adam and Eve worked and their condition was very fallen as they were banished from the garden to toil when they committed Original Sin. We experience the heaviness of work, but it still has the dignity to enable us to give sincerely and in this we go beyond ourselves. We participate in God's creative activity and we do it with "companions" in a company whom we share in the process, ideally cooperatively. Work can be an opportunity to reshape, reform, or add to as a participation in the cross of Christ's love for us and thereby grow in holiness.

Leisure can take the form of receptivity, celebration and service. Leisure as contemplation moves us away from achievement toward "receivement." It is a call not to take possession of reality and subdue it, but to receive it as a gift. Think about going to Mass. It doesn't accomplish anything except opening our hearts to God who so wants to give. What we do receive is ever new and has the capacity to surprise us. When we extend this openness to others and to the world around us in a receiving kind of way, then we once again can be creative, active, and constructive.

Next week, I will write about some practical ways that we can approach our Sunday. May God bless our pilgrim's walk of faith together.

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.

## FATHER/SON APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

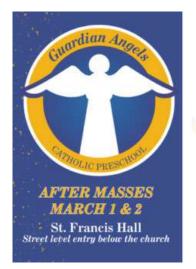


Sunday, March 9th, 2025 St. Francis Hall: 10 a.m. A heartfelt gratitude for your hard work and dedication to another successful year at the Beef and Sausage Dinner.

**Come Hungry!** 

## **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.





## PRESCHOOL PRE-ENROLLMENT INQUIRY

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

## **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.

## PRESCHOOL SUVEY RESULTS AND NEXT STEPS

#### Dear Parishioners and Survey Respondents,

Grace and peace to you in Christ!

On behalf of The Church of the Guardian Angels, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you who participated in our preschool interest survey. Your thoughtful responses have provided us with valuable insight into the needs and desires of our parish families and the broader community.

## **Survey Highlights**

We received 37 responses, with overwhelming support for establishing a high-quality preschool. Notably:

- 97.3% of respondents believe there is a need for a high-quality preschool in our community.
- **51% of respondents are very likely to enroll their child** in a Guardian Angels preschool within the next three years.
- Faith-based education (78%) and cost (83%) were among the most important factors in selecting a preschool.
- **64% of families prefer a full-day, year-round program**, emphasizing the need for a structured and reliable educational environment.

## Moving Forward: A Faith-Filled Commitment to Early Childhood Education

Based on your feedback, I am pleased to announce that Guardian Angels Church will move forward with plans to open a **faith-based preschool in Fall 2025**. This decision is rooted in our mission to provide a nurturing, developmentally appropriate, and Christ-centered educational experience for young children in our parish and beyond.

Your responses indicate a strong desire for a preschool that prioritizes formation in faith in God, curriculum excellence, and safety. We are committed to creating a program that reflects these values, ensuring a loving and engaging environment for our youngest learners.

## **Next Steps**

- We will continue planning and developing our curriculum, facilities, and staffing to meet the needs identified in the survey.
- We will host <u>a Preschool Pre-Enrollment Inquiry after our 4:30 PM Mass on March 1<sup>st</sup> and after our 9:00 AM Mass on March 2nd in Saint Francis Hall to answer any questions and offer early enrollment.</u>

We invite you to stay connected and involved as we take this exciting journey together. Look for our new Guardian Angels Catholic Preschool Facebook page!

Thank you for your prayers, feedback, and support as we embark on this mission. If you have any questions or would like to be involved in the planning process, please do not hesitate to reach out.

With gratitude and in Christ's service,

## Father Tony VanderLoop

The Church of the Guardian Angels

## NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT WEEK!

Our new Sunday morning Mass schedule beginning next Sunday will be:

4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday in English at Guardian Angels

7:30 a.m. Mass in English at Saint Nicholas 9:00 a.m. Mass in English at Guardian Angels 12:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish at Guardian Angels

Our Daily Mass schedule will stay the same.

I encourage you to experiment a little and go to Saint Nicholas and meet your neighbors for the early Mass at 7:30 a.m. or come to Guardian Angels at 9:00 a.m. and meet your neighbors there as well. We will have refreshments and fellowship time after both Masses. May God bless our pilgrim's walk of hope together!

Father Tony

## **MOM'S GROUP MEETING**

Saturday, March 1st, 9-10:30 a.m., School Basement, Room 004 (enter door 2)

We meet 1st & 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).

## ANDREW DINNER

#### Tuesday, February 25th, 6-8 p.m., Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 777 Forest Street, Saint Paul

The Andrew Dinner is an opportunity for men, ages 16-50, who are interested in learning more about the priesthood. The dinner is hosted by Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Father Mark Pavlak, vocation director. The evening includes prayer, dinner, and conversation with vocations testimonies on priesthood and religious life. It is typical for a pastor, deacon, religious, or youth minister to accompany each discerning guest. Register at www.10000vocations.org.

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Jesus' call to "do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6: 31) seems doable – until it applies to those who have hurt us. The "others" Jesus refers to aren't limited to our family and friends who treat us with respect. "Others" includes the difficult people in our lives, even the malignant ones. He is asking us to transfer the kind of love reserved for ourselves and our loved ones to those who may very well be undeserving – when viewed exclusively through their actions – but who are children of God and thus merit love and respect. Elsewhere, Jesus says, "Even the pagans do good to those who do good to them."

If we are to love as God loves, we must focus more on others and less on ourselves. There is no "what's in it for me" in Jesus' message. In fact, Jesus offers numerous examples of how the love He is calling us to is anything but reciprocal. Someone takes your coat? Give him the shirt off your back. Suffer a strike across one cheek? Turn to offer your assailant the other one. Someone wishes you ill? Bless them and wish them well. Are you the recipient of mistreatment? Pray for the perpetrator.

Jesus is holding us to a very high standard. Be generous, be loving, and expect nothing in return. We do this when, as parents, we spend the night tending to a sick child or spend hours consoling a friend who has lost her husband. But this is service given to those we know and love. When we give to those we never meet by supporting the Catholic Services Appeal, we are answering Christ's call to "lend expecting nothing back" (Luke 6: 35).





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