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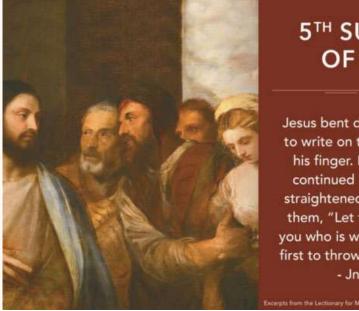
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5[™] SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

April 6th, 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.

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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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Larry Schmid, Trustee: (612) 670-7655 **David Pohlen, Trustee:** (952) 428-9649

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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 bulltin@gachaska.org antes de las 12:00 p.m. el martes anterior. Fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.

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¿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, April 7th

6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Francis Hall

Tuesday, April 8th

5:30 p.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

Wednesday, April 9th

8:00 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Family Night, Campus-wide

Thursday, April 10th

8:00 a.m. Mass

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

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour

6:15 p.m. Women's Small Group Meeting, 1st Floor Conference Room

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

Friday, April 11th

4:00 p.m. Fish Fry, Gym

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Both Churches

Saturday, April 12th

6:30 a.m. Dad's Group, Room 004

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

4:00 p.m. Cursillo: Ultreya, St. Francis Hall

4:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Robert Therres

Sunday, April 13th

7:30 a.m. Mass (SN), For the People

8:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

12:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For His sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

Guardian Angels Year-To-Date

Regular Operating Income Need Yearly: \$678,300 Monthly: \$56,525

Weekly: \$13,045

	Amount Given	Above/Belov
July	\$42,613	\$13,912
August	\$42,611	\$13,914
September	\$48,155	\$8,370
October	\$41,630	\$14,895
November	\$48,209	\$8,316
December	\$77,740	\$21,215
January	\$35,490	\$21,035
February	\$39,044	\$17,481
March	\$50,772	\$5,753
Week 3/24-3/31	\$7,624	\$5,421
Total Thru March	\$426,264	\$82,461
Need Thru March	\$508,725	

Please give \$10 more per week or \$50 more per month.

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

Contributions 7/1/24— 3/31/25: \$57,027 Expenses since 7/1/24: \$50,610

New A/C Compressor Architectural Fees for School Steps Regulators for Church Boiler

Fund Balance thru 3/31/25: \$136,686

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-

3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56 Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

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 9:00 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.

Saint Nicholas Regular Operating Income

Need for Entire year:	\$66,450
Need for 7/1/24—3/31/25:	\$51,115
Weekly Income need:	\$1,280
Week 3/17—3/31 Collected:	\$1,304
Total Giving, Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$43,263



STOP DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

For decades, the state of Minnesota has made a commitment to all students, including those attending private schools, to fund certain essential services such as nursing, counseling, instructional aids, and busing. But Governor Walz's budget proposal for the next biennium completely cuts nonpublic pupil aid and nonpublic transportation aid – programs that amount to \$1,080 per year per student in lost aid for essential services and transportation. Nonpublic schools already save the state nearly \$500 million annually by

educating students outside the public school system. Cutting aid undermines this cost-effective partnership and unfairly targets families who rely on nonpublic schools that serve their child's needs.

It would lead to increased costs for families, likely leading to higher tuition and potentially putting nonpublic education out of reach for many. For example, at Saint Therese Catholic School in Deephaven, 60% of its students depend on busing to access its nurturing environment. Transitioning to private busing would, for this school, necessitate an exorbitant tuition increase of \$3,500 per student per year — a financial strain that most families simply cannot endure. Beyond busing, nonpublic pupil aid is vital for accessing essential educational resources including textbooks, testing, nursing services, and guidance and counseling services that directly benefit students' learning and well-being.

Such a proposal would ultimately most harm low-income and middle-income families who are served by nonpublic schools and in many cases having difficulty raising money just to continue attending. Furthermore, continuing funding commitment to these programs would actually save the state money by ensuring students and families have the resources they need and avoiding the necessity of many students having to transfer to public schools.

Speak up now for equal access for all students. Nonpublic pupil aid ensures that every student has access to the tools all students need to thrive, regardless of their school. Speak up now for support for families. Cuts to this aid would burden families financially, potentially forcing them to abandon their school of choice. Stand with Catholic and other nonpublic school students and families. Tell the Governor and your legislators to protect funding for nonpublic pupil aid and transportation aid.

Go to <u>www.mncatholic.org/actionalerts</u> to find an efficient and an effective way to let them know that you oppose cuts to this aid.

Father Tony

DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL POSITION OPEN

Guardian Angels Catholic Preschool will be opening this autumn 2025. We are excited to share this new beginning with many members of our surrounding community. Our director position is open for the 2025-2026 school year. Please share the opportunity with your friends and acquaintances who may be qualified. Go to our website, gachaska.org, and scroll down to preschool to view the job description and application instructions. May God bless our journey of hope for our parish and the young ones and their families who join our school.

HOMEMADE CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY IS BACK

TODAY Sunday, April 6th after the 9 a.m. Mass, St. Francis Hall

Come down and enjoy a free roll and coffee with your fellow parishioners. Hosted by our GA Catholic United Financial Council 19 members.



RUMMAGE SALE

We will be having the Rummage Sale this year in June, so keep us in mind when you're doing your spring cleaning.

We will be accepting donations on June 9-11th from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.

FISH FRY

Guardian Angels Catholic Church (Chaska) — The Knights of Columbus FISH FRY, 4 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11th! Includes Pollock fish (deep-fried beer battered, deep-fried dry rub or lemon pepper oven baked), mashed potatoes and potato salad, coleslaw, green beans, dinner roll, dessert, coffee, water or milk. Take outs available. 1st Street and Cedar Street in Chaska. Adults = \$17 / Kids 6 to 12 = \$7 / Kids 5 and under = Free / Family = \$50 for parent(s) with their minor children. Proceeds go to Guardian Angels Church and various charities. For more info, email haroldbrose@vahoo.com.

Credit Cards are accepted as well as checks made out to Knights of Columbus or cash.

Iglesia Católica de los Ángeles Guardianes (Chaska) — Los Caballeros de Colón CENA DE PESCADO FRITO, 4 a 7:30 p.m. ¡El viernes 11 de Abril! Incluye pescado Pollock (rebozado con cerveza frita, aderezo seco frito o horneado con pimienta y limón), puré de papas y ensalada de papas, ensalada de col, judías verdes, panecillos, postre, café, agua o leche. Comidas para llevar disponibles. 1st Street y Cedar Street en Chaska. Adultos = \$17 / Niños de 6 a 12 años = \$7 / Niños de 5 años y menos = Gratis / Familia = \$50 para padres con sus hijos menores. Las ganancias se destinan a la Iglesia de los Ángeles Guardianes y a varias organizaciones benéficas. Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico a haroldbrose@yahoo.com .

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.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

With great joy and gratitude to God, I am thrilled to announce that Guardian Angels Catholic Preschool, opening in Fall 2025, is now accepting enrollment! This moment is the fruit of much prayer, dedication, and the steady support of our faith community. Rooted in the teachings of Christ, our preschool will nurture young hearts and minds, forming children in faith, wisdom, and love from their earliest years.

Your encouragement and prayers have been instrumental in bringing this vision to life. Let's keep praying for its success! As we embark on this mission, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing a loving, faith-filled environment where children can grow academically and spiritually. I invite you to learn more and secure a place for your child by visiting www.gachaska.org/preschool.

May God bless this new chapter for our parish, and may our children grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Thank you for your prayers, support, and commitment to Catholic education!

Father Tony VanderLoop

MEAL TRAIN FOR FATHER TONY



We know Father Tony often works late and doesn't eat supper sometimes until he gets home around 9:30-10:00 p.m. So we've set up a Meal Train for parishioners to sign up to bring a meal to the Parish Office so he can eat at the office on those late nights. Sign up as often as you like!

Meal Train URL for Father Tony: www.mealtrain.com/01zk13

Father Tony likes healthier food choices and does have a hearty appetite! No desserts.

- Bring food to the Parish Office kitchen during office hours (8:30-4:40 T-Th, 8:30-12:30 M & F)
- Include heating instructions
- Put your name on your containers
- Pick up your containers in the Parish Office

May God bless you and Father Tony in this ministry! Questions? Call Jean at (612) 245-9252.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." Mt 25:35a. Thanks to all who went to FMSC in Chanhassen on March 27th, and did this work of charity for our brothers and sisters around the world! May the Lord bless this food and bless those who receive it.



LIVING A VIBRANT SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Tuesday, April 8th, 7-9 p.m., Surly Brewing, 520 Malcolm Ave SE, Minneapolis

Using the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas as a guide, Saint Paul Seminary Assistant Professor of Dogmatic Theology, Dr. Brandon Wanless, will discuss and answer questions on how to live a thriv-

fulfilling life of faith by receiving the sacraments well.

Includes talk, Q&A and social time/opportunity to connect with Saint Paul Seminary program directors and professors. Each guest will receive one drink ticket courtesy of The Saint Paul Seminary.

Register at www.saintpaulseminary.org/event/living -a-vibrant-sacramental-life (all dashes included).

PACK-UP A PICKUP BOUNTIFUL BASKET FOOD SHELF

We are having our food and hygiene items drive on Saturday, April 5th at the 4:30 p.m. Mass and on Sunday April 6th at the 9 a.m. Mass. We need brown paper bags! Please drop them off in the Kiosk ASAP!

Please drop off your food and hygiene products donation at the truck located in front of the church before the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Envelopes will be available in the pews for your monetary donations. You may drop them in the collection basket.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Bountiful Basket is in need of the following items (or monetary donations):

- Fresh Produce
- Cereal and Oatmeal
- Instant Potatoes and Instant Rice
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Spaghetti Sauce, pasta, and ramen
- Canned Chicken, Tuna, Fruit, Hearty Soup, Chili
- Salad Dressing
- **Granola Bars**
- Cooking Oil and Butter
- Spices, Salt and Pepper
- Ketchup and Mustard
- Flour, Sugar, Cake Mix, Frosting
- Toilet Paper, Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6), Feminine Hygiene Products, Dish and Laundry Soap

BOUNTIFUL BASKET CURRENT NEEDS - April 2025



- Hearty Soups
- Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges
- Canned Carrots & Diced Tomatoes
- White & Brown Rice
- Instant Rice

- Cereal
- Crackers Cooking Oil
- Mayonnaise
- · Flour and Sugar
- · Baking mixes

We could also always use your brown paper bags!

44TH ANNUAL MN FOODSHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN

March 1st, 2025 to April 6th, 2025 All food and funds proportionally matched!

Now in its 44th year, the Minnesota Food Share statewide campaign brings awareness to the need for food shelves while collecting critical food and funds at a time when inventories are at their lowest following the holidays. This collaborative effort unites organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to support over 300 food shelves across the state.

At Bountiful Basket Food Shelf, we're committed to eliminating food insecurity for the 9,000+ individuals we serve annually. Over the past year, we experienced a 72% increase in individuals served, underscoring the growing need in our community. In response, we expanded our capacity with the opening of a second site in Cologne in 2023 and an off-site pantry at West Creek Apartments in 2024. These milestones, alongside launching additional mobile deliveries, school snack and weekend food programs to our local schools, foster care and immunization food bag initiatives with the county, and more—have resulted in a remarkable 226% increase in individuals served since 2022.

This growth is part of a larger trend across Minnesota, where food insecurity is rising at unprecedented rates. Feeding America reports that 537,890 Minnesotans, including 34% under age 10, are facing hunger. In 2024, Minnesotans made a record-breaking 9 million visits to food shelves, a 20% increase from the previous record of 7.5 million in 2023 and 150% higher than pre-pandemic levels. The state's charitable food system, including food shelves like Bountiful Basket, is operating at capacity as families struggle with rising food prices, inflation, and stagnant wage growth. While statewide efforts have made strides in combating hunger, the demand for emergency food assistance continues to grow.

With your support, Bountiful Basket Food Shelf remains determined to meet these challenges and needs head-on. Together, we can ensure that everyone who walks through our doors feels welcomed, supported, and empowered to address their food needs. Thank you for being part of this critical mission.

FREE ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP AT GUARDIAN ANGELS

Tuesday, April 22nd 9-10 a.m., St. Francis Hall

If you already have a trust or will it is recommended to revisit it every 12 months. Hear Brad's presentation and maybe hear something new that may help the plan you already have. It is free and you can enjoy a snack while listening to his presentation!



We're excited to welcome Fiat Wealth Management, a local financial planning firm in Wayzata, to lead this free workshop on estate planning. This is your chance to learn from local experts who truly care about your financial well-being and taking care of the gifts that have been given to you.

Attendees will receive free resources, including a book by financial expert Brad Gotto (Owner and CEO of Fiat Wealth Management), and the opportunity, if desired, to schedule a complimentary 30-minute follow-up visit to discuss your own personal estate planning needs.

Light snacks and refreshments provided.

Please RSVP by calling Bill Van Hecke at (612) 812-8615. Signups are also located at the entrances of the church.

Don't miss this chance to learn from local experts and take control of your financial future.



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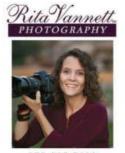
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