

# *The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas*

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**Tuesday:** 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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## **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Jesus said: "My sheep  
hear my voice; I know  
them, and they follow  
me. I give them eternal  
life, and they shall  
never perish."  
- Jn 10:27-28a

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**May 11th, 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

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

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John Turek, Trustee, Finance/Property Chair: (952) 448-2345

Dan Svoboda, Trustee: (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, May 12th

6:30 p.m. Daughters of Isabella Meeting, St. Francis Hall

### Tuesday, May 13th

5:30 p.m. Mass, † Steven Guillemette

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

7:00 p.m. All Commissioners Meeting, SN Parish Center

### Wednesday, May 14th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Floyd and Bertha Kohman

### Thursday, May 15th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † John Fink

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

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

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

### Friday, May 16th

12:00 p.m. Organ Tuning Appointment, GA Church

6:00 p.m. Mass, Nathan Tower

### Saturday, May 17th

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

8:30 a.m. Mom's Group, Room 004

10:00 a.m. Confirmation, Cathedral of Saint Paul

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, † Tony and Marie Koll

### Sunday, May 18th

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

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

9:00 a.m. Mass, † Vic and Cole Carlson

10:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall,  
Knights of Columbus

12:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish), † Agustina Villalobos

# STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

## Guardian Angels Year-To-Date

### Regular Operating Income Need

Yearly: \$678,300 Monthly: \$56,525

Weekly: \$13,045

	Amount Given	Above/Below
July -September	\$133,379	\$36,196
October—December	\$167,579	\$1,996
January—March	\$125,306	\$44,269
April	\$71,670	\$15,145
<b>Total Thru April</b>	<b>\$497,934</b>	
<b>Need Thru April</b>	<b>\$565,250</b>	<b>\$67,316</b>
<b>Week 5/1—5/5</b>	<b>\$9,151</b>	<b>\$3,894</b>
<b>Total May thru 5/5</b>	<b>\$9,151</b>	<b>\$3,894</b>

*Please prayerfully consider increasing your offertory gift in reference to Father Tony's Letter of Ask mailed to all parishioner families. Scan the QR code to contribute now or adjust your giving. Thank you for your support!*



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## Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

Contributions 7/1/24— 5/5/25:	\$66,422
Expenses since 7/1/24:	\$65,426
New A/C Compressor and follow-up Architectural Fees for School Steps Regulators for Church Boiler	
Fund Balance thru 5/5/25:	\$131,265

*Please remember the Church of the Guardian Angels or Saint Nicholas in your Will and Estate Planning.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30  
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14  
 Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

## 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 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—5/5/25:	\$57,505
Weekly Income need:	\$1,280
Week 4/29—5/5 Collected:	\$923
Total Giving, Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$49,498



## THEY KNOW HIS VOICE

This fourth Sunday in the season of Easter is called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Various passages are read from the tenth chapter of the gospel of John on this Sunday in which Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd. He had warned his hearers against the false shepherds, the hirelings who are thinking only of their own profit and are indifferent to the welfare of the flock.

How can the flock know who is the good shepherd and who is the bad one? The sheep would follow a shepherd's voice, but not that of a stranger, and Jesus' hearers knew this.

The sound of a shepherd's voice was one that the sheep could trust. What was Jesus trying to say through this parable? He knows me better than I know myself. He knows me through and through. He knows me as a shepherd knows his sheep and he knows what I need, and wants to lead me to good pastures. "I give you eternal life," says Jesus. And just as a good shepherd fights for his sheep against predators, Jesus declares energetically, "They shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand."

Have no fear that God is all-knowing! It is inseparable from his mercy. It is comforting to know that nothing is hidden from him in that he does not condemn us. Yet, there are voices that condemn and criticize and we often find fault with one another. There is always a fly in his ointment and we also say to ourselves, "You ought to have done that differently!" Self-criticism can also drive us mad.

Yet here is a voice that sounds different. It does not condemn, nor does it butter me up. It tells me the truth and yet it is full of love and kindness. It is the voice of the Good Shepherd. It can speak to me in my heart through the scriptures. Distinguishing this voice from other voices is of vital importance as he is leading me along a good path. I can trust this voice completely. It is leading me along the path to life.

God bless you all!

Father Tony

## 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](mailto:bkaufmann@gachaska.org).

## HOSPITALITY AFTER SUNDAY 9 AM MASS

Matthew 10:40 "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me, receives the one who sent me."

Please join us after 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass for Sunday hospitality. Our social time to visit with the community after Guardian Angels' Mass is growing. It is heartwarming to see so many come downstairs to St. Francis Hall to enjoy a treat and conversation with each other.

## 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](http://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

## HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED FOR MAY THROUGH JUNE

Please consider serving and providing hospitality after our 9 a.m. Masses. It just takes about 15 minutes before Mass to set up and then service after Mass. Detailed instructions will be provided. The link to the Signup Genius is under Ministries > Community and Outreach > Coffee and Donuts on Sundays or contact Laurie at (612) 201-7002 (call or text ok). Our hope is to provide a time for hospitality and conversation after every Sunday 9 a.m. Mass. We appreciate the help!

### MOM'S GROUP

*Saturday, May 17th, 9-10:30 a.m.,  
Room 004 (enter door #4)*

Attention all Mamas! We hope you can join us for our LAST Moms Group meet-up before summer break. We will resume meeting again in the fall. Childcare available—please RSVP to Jenna Salinas with # of kids (call/text 612-201-4894).

FOR SUMMER, we've planned a series of park playdates at various local parks. These are open to all caregivers (not exclusively moms) & kids, and provides the opportunity to connect with other adults while the kids get a chance to play! Grab a flyer with dates and locations.

## 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](http://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.

## PACKUP A PICKUP AND HOLY THURSDAY RESULTS

Thank you very much to the parishioners of Guardian Angels and St. Nicholas for their generous donations to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf!

Pack-Up-A-Pickup: \$2,478 and 834 lbs. of food  
Holy Thursday: \$1,364 and 48 lbs. of food  
A grand total of \$3,842 and 882 lbs. of food

A special Thank You to the volunteers in this photo for unloading and sorting items at Bountiful Basket. Also, to Tom LaTour and Jack Worm for the use of their trucks and time collecting donations before and after the Masses.



## ST. PAUL STREET EVANGELIZATION WORKSHOP

*Saturday, April 10th, 8:45 a.m. registration, 9 a.m.-12 (noon) workshop, Saint Nicholas Parish Center*

**For more information** call Viviana or Father Tony at 952-227-4000

**A free will offering will be taken.**



Each Sunday we are told “Go Forth, the Mass is ended.” What are we to go forth and do? We are to share the Good News with others. This is evangelization. How often do we follow this call from Jesus to spread the Good News? Most of us don’t because we are not sure how to do it. Deb McManimon, a team leader and speaker with St. Paul Street Evangelization, will guide you through the basic tools of evangelization to use in your daily life, in this practical, hands-on workshop. St. Paul Street Evangelization is a grassroots, non-profit Catholic evangelization organization, dedicated to responding to the mandate of Jesus to preach the Gospel to all nations by taking our Catholic Faith to the streets. We do this in a non-confrontational way, allowing the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of those who witness our public Catholic presence. Get ready to join thousands of Catholics across the country who are bringing Jesus to the world!

## 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](http://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.

## DEMONTREVILLE RETREAT

Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. Join us for a three-day men’s silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The retreat begins Thursday evening June 19th, 2025, and ends Sunday evening June 22, 2025. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at (651) 777-1331 or see our website [www.demontrevilleretreat.com](http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com)

### 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!*

## COME AWAY WITH ME RETREAT

*Saturday, May 17th, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Dunrovin Retreat Center, Marine on Saint Croix*

Consider time away—for only a day—to be refreshed as you listen for the whisper of God’s personal love for you. This is an almost-silent retreat where everyone is welcome to be spiritually nurtured through lectio divina, Ignatian mediation, short talks, and Eucharistic adoration, with time for a walk on the beautiful grounds of Dunrovin retreat Center. God invites you to “come away with Me.”

All are welcome to attend this event, though the language spoken will be English.

## OUR PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM IS COMING TO LIFE!

It's really happening—our preschool classroom is being lovingly prepared and thoughtfully set up... just waiting to welcome joyful little learners this fall! From cozy reading corners to hands-on activity shelves, every detail is designed to nurture **curiosity, creativity, and community** in a faith-filled environment. As you can see in this photo, this space is more than a classroom—it's a home for growing hearts and minds.

Also, construction is in full swing as the Guardian Angels Steps Project begins to take shape. Our new front entry stairs are not just about beautifying our grounds, but rather they are a meaningful investment in the future of our parish and families, made with our new preschool opening this fall firmly in mind. As we prepare to welcome little ones into a space filled with faith, wonder, and joyful learning, projects like this help ensure every step, quite literally, is safe, welcoming, and ready for generations to come. Stay tuned for more updates as we move closer to opening day. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we build something truly special together.

There's a seat waiting just for your child. Will you be one of our **Founding Families** who help shape the very first chapter of this beautiful new beginning?

Enrollment is open! Come and take a tour, ask your questions, and see the magic in person! Call us at (952) 227-4000.



## 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.

## NOCHE DE MUJERES CATÓLICAS

*Viernes, 16 de Mayo, 6-9 p.m., Encarnación,  
3801 Pleasant Ave, Minneapolis*

La Oficina del Ministerio Latino invita a todas las mujeres a celebrar el 11 Aniversario de la Noche de Mujeres Católicas con nuestra invitada Marta Pereira. El evento es en español y solo para adultos.



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