# The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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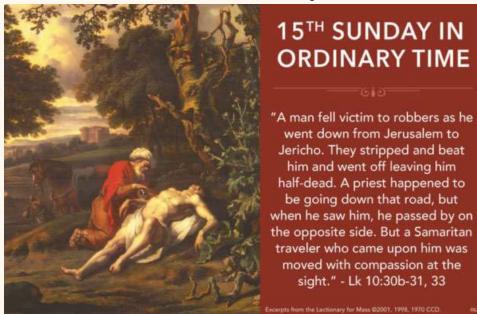
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#### July 13th, 2025

#### 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

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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, July 14th

6:00 p.m. Daughters of Isabella Meeting, St. Francis Hall

#### Tuesday, July 15th

5:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Steven Guillemette

#### Wednesday, July 16th

8:00 a.m. Mass, 🕆 Rose Raser

#### Thursday, July 17th

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

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

#### Friday, July 18th

6:00 p.m. (SN)

#### Saturday, July 19th

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church4:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Edward and Beatrice Schepers

#### Sunday, July 20th

7:30 a.m. Mass (SN), ⊕ Warren and Lorraine Low 9:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Ray and Helen Therres 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall, K of C 12:00 p.m. Mass, Para la Gente

#### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges His hearers—and us—to go and do the same!

#### Guardian Angels Year-To-Date

**Regular Operating Income Need** 

Yearly: \$678,300 Monthly: \$56,525 Weekly: \$13,045

	<b>Amount Given</b>	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
May	\$45,283	\$11,242
June	\$53,777	\$2,748
<b>Total Fiscal Year</b>	\$596,994	
Need For the Year	\$678,300	\$81,306

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!



<— Guardian Angels</p>
Saint Nicholas —>



#### Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

Contributions 7/1/24— 6/30/25: \$77,058 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 6/30/25: \$141,902

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

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see

33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1 Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24 Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27 Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt

11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt

12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt

12:14-21

Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/

Lk 10:38-42

#### 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—6/30/25:	\$66,450
Weekly Income need:	\$1,280
Week 6/24/25—6/30/25 Collected:	\$820
Total Giving for Fiscal Year 2024-2025:	\$55,965

#### A WEEKLY WORD FROM ARCHBISHOP HEBDA

This is the Archbishop's weekly article from last week. You can find Archbishop Hebda's weekly articles on the my Parish App under "weekly."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Going way back to my days as an elementary school student, I would always get a little melancholic on the last day of June. I would wait the whole school year for

summer to come, and the last day of June would signal to me that one of our three Pittsburgh summer months was already over. I would have been happy to vote for a 31st day of June, even if it meant knocking February down to 27 days.

There's no melancholy this year. Though I have many reasons to feel blessed as the Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, this June has really been "chockful of wonderful," with one mountaintop experience after another. Much like Peter, James, and John experienced Jesus in a new way atop Mount Tabor at the Transfiguration, this June has given me time after time to experience the Lord's closeness in new ways—and for that I am most grateful.

The "bookends" at each end of the month were amazing. I'll be ever grateful for the gentle guidance of the Holy Spirit that we experienced at the beginning of the month in our remarkable Synod Assembly. There was a perceived openness to listening and discussion, and real respect for the other participants. Our day of deliberation then concluded with a memorable Pentecost Vigil Mass in the Cathedral and even an extended opportunity for prayer and praise.

Equally as graced was the closing bookend of the month: four days of priestly fraternity at our Archdiocesan Presbyteral Assembly, held this year at St. Mary's University in Winona. More than two hundred of our priests participated. We were blessed by our presenter, Bishop Donald Hying, the bishop of Madison, who offered relevant insights in the role of the Eucharist in the life of a priest, a perfect conclusion to our three-year National Eucharistic Revival. Bishop Robert Barron joined us for Mass one day as well and, as usual, blessed us with a phenomenal homily on St. John the Baptist and what he teaches us as priests serving in 2025.

I probably should confess the pride that I felt as the two bishops got to meet the priests of our archdiocese. They both noted that they could sense that our priests really enjoy each other's company. There was indeed lots of laughter. I particularly appreciated the three talks given by our "jubilarian" priests celebrating different milestones in their ministry since the las time we had gathered in Winona. Fr. Marcus Milless represented those ordained 10 or 11 years, Fr. Mark Moriarty represented those ordained 25 or 26 years, and Fr. John Bauer represented those who were ordained 45 or 46 years. All three highlighted for me the graces that we priests can expect when we pour ourselves out in ministry.

I encourage you to thank your local priest for his ministry and offer to partner with him—using your gifts of volunteering, serving on a finance or pastoral council, assisting at your local Catholic school, adopting an Adoration hour, or in any other way you could be part of our collective mission: to make Jesus known and loved. The Lord needs us all to carry out the mission that he entrusted to his Church.

This year's Presbyteral Assembly particularly reminded me that we are blessed that the Lord calls into service people with a variety of gifts and experiences, no two the same. If we needed to be convinced of the importance of that diversity, yesterday's Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul proved that in spades. While very different in their experiences and backgrounds, Peter and Paul together provided just the foundation that Jesus intended for his Church. I loved how they were described in the Preface that we prayed at Mass: "Peter, foremost in confessing the faith, Paul, its outstanding preacher, Peter who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel, Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles... And so, each in a different way gathered together the one family of Christ."

We continue to need that breadth of gifts today if we are indeed to be gathered together as one family.

I felt particularly blessed for this year's celebration of the solemnity in the Cathedral to have had present Archbishop Samir Nassar, the shepherd of the Maronite Archeparchy of Damascus (the place where our patron, St. Paul, first came to the faith). It has been a privilege to get to know Archbishop Nassar in the years that our two dioceses have been pursuing a spiritual partnership. His faith and courage in proclaiming the Gospel in difficult circumstances is mothering short of inspiring. Just last week, extremists burst into a church in Damascus and killed more than 20 members of the congregation, just because they were followers of Christ. I hope that you will join me in promising our prayers for Archbishop Nassar and for his brave flock.

Finally, we continue to pray for an end to senseless violence in our community. I know that many of you have shared with me your sympathy for the parents and children of Melissa and Mark Hortman, as they continue to face the tragic loss of their loved ones. I felt privileged to have had the opportunity to promise them the prayers of our archdiocese at this difficult time. May the Lord who so often supported and consoled Peter and Paul bring consolation to our whole community as well.

Archbishop Bernerd Hebda

# PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Dear Parishioners and Friends,
Guardian Angels Catholic Preschool, opening in Fall
2025, is still accepting enrollment! 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

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION TO BOUNTIFUL BASKET

Dear parishioners of Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas,

Your generosity makes a real difference. Thank you for your thoughtful gift of \$110.00 to Bountiful Basket Food Shelf. Because of you, families in our community have access to nourishing food, critical resources, and the support they need to navigate challenging times. Together, we can fulfill our mission of, "Nourishing neighbors, inspiring hope, and supporting families on their road to self-sufficiency."

While we continue to see the demand for our services increase, we also see the profound impact of your kindness every day. Meet Stephanie, a mom of two teenagers who recently visited our food shelf. Stephanie and her husband work hard to support their family, but life took an unexpected turn when she had to leave her job due to illness. Suddenly, the family found themselves trying to make ends meet on a single income. Stephanie shared how overwhelming it felt trying to balance medical bills, groceries, and everyday expenses. Visiting the food shelf twice a month has been a tremendous relief for Stephanie and her family. The support has helped ease the financial burden, allowing them to focus on other pressing needs. The food she receives not only nourishes her family but also provides a sense of hope during this difficult time.

Stephanie's story reflects the vital role your support plays in helping families in need. Together, we're making a difference, one meal at a time. Thank you for joining us in our mission to nourish, support, and empower our neighbors. At Bountiful Basket, we believe no one should face hardship alone. Thanks to you, we can provide food as well as a place of dignity, connection, and care for those who need it most.

Sincerely,

#### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Thank you for a beautiful Corpus Christi Procession!

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the Feast of Corpus Christi a meaningful and joyful celebration:

- Chaska Heights—for providing the meat, buns, and chips
- Carver Ridge—for donating the cookies
- Knights of Columbus—for preparing the food, supplying paper products and condiments, and handling both setup and takedown
- The Prayer Garden—for donating the drinks
- Volunteers from St. Nicholas and the Sunday Experience Commission—for your time, energy, and joyful service

Your support and generosity truly brought our parish community together in honor of the Real Presence of Christ. Thank you!



#### IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

We are accepting nominations for members to be on the Joint Pastoral Council and Finance Councils for both parishes. If you know of someone who would do well on these councils, please nominate them by emailing info@gachaska.org. Thank you and let's recognize the gifts each of us brings and let others know of their gifts and the possibilities for them to serve.

#### CANTORS FOR MASS

Brittany's flute is getting sad,
It wants to play at Mass so bad.
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We have openings every week.
Times to sing? No need to seek!
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To sign up before the fall.
(952) 227-4000 is the number,
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bkaufmann@gachaska.org will get to her.

# PRESCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS AT OUR PRESCHOOL

We are seeking a full-time, qualified, energetic, and faith-filled Assistant Preschool Teacher, and two part-time Teacher's Aides to join our growing early childhood program in a new preschool—Guardian Angels Catholic Preschool, opening in autumn of 2025. Interested? Know a friend or relative who would do well in these capacities? Please see or refer others to our website under preschool at www.gachaska.org/preschool for details and our job postings. Thank you so much and let's pray for the success of our preschool!



#### JOIN THE PASSPORT ADVENTURE!

We invite you to participate this summer in the archdiocesan passport adventure culminating in an ice cream social with the Archbishop. Become an Archdiocesan Jubilee Pilgrim by visiting seven or more parishes in our archdiocese. We encourage you to include our Jubilee co-cathedrals: the Cathedral of Saint Paul and the Basilica of Saint Mary, and look for the Jubilee Cross in each of them. Visit one of our oldest, newest, or newly renovated churches. Participate in a Mass that expands your liturgical experience. For details, download the passport at archspm.org/passport. Make this a summer filled with blessings as a pilgrim. The ice cream social with the archbishop will take place on Sunday, October 12th on the lawn of the Cathedral after the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and noon Masses.

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This is an exciting time in our archdiocese as we pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit for a renewal of our local Church. Every parish is celebrating the 175th year of our archdiocese with commemorative history books. We encourage you to stop by in the office or back of church, browse through one, and consider buying one as a way of reflecting upon and celebrating our rich history! Large books are \$45 and small books are \$20.



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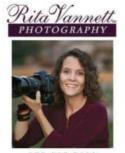
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