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and Saint Nicholas Staff

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

July 20th, 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, July 21st	
David Pohlen, Trustee: (952) 428-9649 Steve Rasmussen, Facilities Council Chair: (612) 802-6442		
Francis Kerber, Cemetery Board Chair: (952) 836-5467	Tuesday, July 22nd	
Beth Buesgens, 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 Elaine Ess, Cemetery: (571) 315-4980	Wednesday, July 23rd	
Darlene Mahowald, Prayer Chain/Funeral: (952) 448-4464	8:00 a.m. Mass, & Virgil Gestach	
John Turek, Trustee, Finance/Property Chair: (952) 448-2345		
Dan Svoboda, Trustee: (952) 448-2345 Prayer Garden: (952) 913-4964	Thursday, July 24th	
BULLETIN SUBMITTALS		
Please submit announcements, feature articles, or event	8:00 a.m. Mass	
summaries for the bulletin for Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas by email at bulletin@gachaska.org by 12 p.m. the Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church	
before. Photographs must be in .jpg format.	7:00 p.m. Latino Prayer Group, GA Church	
ENVÍOS AL BOLETÍN		
Si tiene algo que enviar para el boletín de Guardian Angels o	Friday, July 25th	
St. Nicholas, envíe un correo electrónico a bulltin@gachaska.org	2:00 p.m. Peller/Johnson Wedding, GA Church	
antes de las 12:00 p.m. el martes anterior. Fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.	<u>6:00 p.m. (SN)</u>	
	Saturday, July 20th	
GET THE BULLETIN EMAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU! 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, July 26th	
	8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church 3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church	
	4:30 p.m. Mass, For the People	
	<u>4.50 p.m. Mass</u> , for the reople	
RECIBE EL BOLETÍN POR CORREO	Sunday, July 27th	
ELECTRÓNICO ¡DIRECTAMENTE A USTED!	<u>7:30 a.m. Mass (SN),</u>	
¿Sabías que puedes recibir este boletín en tu bandeja de	8:30 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, SN Parish Center	
entrada de correo electrónico? ¡Puedes! Llame a la oficina parroquial para registrarse.	9:00 a.m. Mass, 🕆 Gene & DuAnn Altman	
	10:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall,	
ANOINTING	Fall Festival Team	
If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.	<u>12:00 p.m. Mass</u> , Por las almas del purgatorio	
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.		

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire—a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or grudging giver?

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
May	\$45,283	\$11,242
June	\$53,777	\$2,748
Total Fiscal Year	\$596,994	
Need For the Year	\$678 <mark>,300</mark>	\$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 Saint Nicholas —>



or

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 Saint Nicholas in your Will and Estate Planning.		

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42 Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/ Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30 Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-1

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



AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

First off, I would like to say that I had a great time with my sisters, Sarah and Maria, and their families in North Carolina and Maryland, respectively. My father, George, and I drove there and spent some time together fishing on the North Carolina coast, some time in the backyard pool and walking around in Frederick, MD listening to bands and taking in the fresh air. It was just so good to be with family again, and especially with my dad. Now it is good to be back as we gear up the preschool, our faith formation, and our councils.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus tell the story of the Good Samaritan in response to the doctor of the law's question, "And who is my neighbor?" He asked this question in order to see if his charity and obedience to the Ten Commandments and loving one's neighbor could be limited as applying only to some. But the work of the Church has always been to express charity particularly in meeting people's basic needs wherever they are. This principle and the principle that we are to welcome the stranger has helped the Bishops of the United States and Mexico form the document, Strangers No Longer: Together on a Journey of Hope, first written in 2003.

Our country's Southern border is a point of focus because that is where we see the greatest numbers of immigrants and the policies that are revealed as rather broken. The Church is concerned about immigrants wherever they are and about the problems that happen before they become immigrants to provide basic necessities for one's family because the Church has always been about the work of charity. The phrase "open borders" has become such a political mantra, but a border needs to have flexibility to have people come and leave just as we allow goods to be sent and be imported, keeping in mind of course that what is the greatest value is the human person.

We want an orderly process by which people are able to receive a visa when there is a need on our side of the border or when they have a need themselves and are fleeing to find a place of refuge. This is just what human beings do for other human beings as Jesus' parable invites us to. When things are not working as they should, it doesn't lead us to give up. It leads us to do what we can to improve the system. If our car is not running the way it should, we do what we can until we have time to get it into the shop. Unfortunately, our immigration system has been a clunker for decades and is badly in need of reform.

So what can we do? Pray for immigrants. Pray for those forced to leave their home countries or to flee them. Pray for a reform of the immigration system that corresponds to the needs of employers in our country and to the needs of families seeking refuge. Also, it may seem small, but go out of your way to meet an immigrant. When you feel like they are comfortable with you and you have had a chance to exchange some pleasantries, ask them about their life just as you would a friend, and let them tell you their story.

When we do that we will be overcoming some of the barriers that exist between brothers and sisters. We will begin to humanize the situations on a true compassion for people who are suffering. As Christians, we can never put this aspect aside. We will never arrive at a good solution that reflects being neighbor collectively as a community, just as we are called to individually, unless we are acting out of love.

Father Tony

COFFEE AND DONUTS



There are Coffee and Donuts at Saint Nicholas TODAY! Come to the parish center and have a donut!

A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI COUNCIL



We request donations of spirits for the festival. Please bring them to the Parish Office.

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. If to cantor you desire, We can make that transpire. We have openings every week. Times to sing? No need to seek! The parish office you should call To sign up before the fall. (952) 227-4000 is the number, Our issue you will disencumber. If by email you prefer, bkaufmann@gachaska.org will get to her.

175th ANNIVERSARY BOOKS ON SALE!

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.

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.

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 selfsufficiency."**

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.

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!



Sincerely,

Patti Sinykin, Executive Director

FRANCISCAN RETREAT CENTER GARDEN PARTY

Sunday, July 20th, 1-3 p.m. 16385 Saint Francis Lane, Prior Lake

We are hosting a Garden Party that is open to the public. Please join us on Sunday, July 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to stroll our gardens and grounds, meet the Friars, Secular Franciscans, our volunteer Garden Angels, and staff while socializing, and enjoy light refreshments. Questions? Call (952) 447-2182.

PAUSE AND PRAY AMIDST AUTUMN'S GLORIOUS COLORS

Introducing our New Theme: Open the Door: I Make All Things New. Experience four conference talks that delve into this theme as you recharge mentally, physically and spiritually. We offer a variety of retreat types on the following dates:

Sept.9-11, Women's Mid-Week

Sept. 19-21, HUGG -Grief

Sept. 25-28, Men|Women Silent Oct. 3-5, Women Mid-Week

Oct. 17-19, Women's Weekend

Oct. 24-26, Friends of Francis

Oct. 31 - Nov. 2, Women's Weekend

A retreat offers space for you to rest, reflect, pray and journal. You typically have opportunity to experience Morning Prayer, Conference, Mass, and Eucharistic Adoration. Confession and Spiritual Direction are also available. With ample unscheduled time, you can explore the beautiful grounds, walk or jog the trails, watch the moon reflecting on the lake, while connecting with your creator. Our meals are home-cooked and delicious. Come join us on this restorative spiritual journey. Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake MN

Register Here: https://franciscanretreats.net/calendar-1

NOTE: The HUGG grief retreat has a separate registration. Please call Director, Marlene Hunt, at 507-381-1177, or email hopeunitedgriefgroup@gmail.com

If you have questions or need more information, please call our office Tuesday through Friday at 952-447-2182, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

KING'S HOUSE RETREATS

A Weekend Away – August 8-10, 2025

The limited schedule offers an abundance of personal time for prayer and reflection with opportunities for adoration. Meditations and liturgies are offered as optional events should you choose to attend. Come rest amid the peace and beauty of Christ the King Retreat Center. Includes 2 nights' private sleeping room with bathroom & shower; 5 meals beginning with supper on Friday and ending with breakfast on Sunday. Mass on Saturday and Sunday. Registration fee: \$50 per person. The cost of this retreat is \$250 per person. Register online at <u>www.kingshouse.com/events</u>. Or call 763-682-1394 for more information.

August 1-3, 2025 – Weekend Silent Retreat for Men & Women

<u>"Being Disciples of Jesus in Charity, Justice, and</u> <u>Prophecy – Why Being Good-Hearted if not</u> <u>Enough</u>" presented by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Our communities, both church and civil, have never been more divided about what constitutes charity, justice, and prophecy. Faith issues and moral issues are dividing us as never before. Today the sincere are being divided from the sincere. What is charity? What is justice? What is prophecy? What does scripture teach us on this? What is the church's authentic tradition on this? A spirituality of charity, justice, and prophecy.

SPACE IS LIMITED - Includes Mass, personal prayer time, Reconciliation. Suggested Donation of \$375 includes \$50 deposit at registration; includes 2 overnights, private accommodations and 5 meals; Register online at <u>www.kingshouse.com</u> or call 763-682-1394.

August 22-24, 2025 – Weekend Silent Retreat for Men and Women

"Fingers Crossed" presented by Fr. Charlie Lachowitzer Hope is not a fingers-crossed wish upon a Bethlehem star that nothing bad happens or something good happens. The virtue of hope is something beautifully different. With the virtues of faith and love, hope is in the mystery of the Cross of Jesus Christ. With hope, there is a joy that grows and perseveres no matter our past circumstances, present challenges or future fears. These days, it is most helpful to be more hope full.

Includes Mass, personal prayer time, Reconciliation. Suggested Donation of \$325 includes \$50 deposit at registration; includes 2 overnights, private accommodations and 5 meals; Register online at <u>www.kingshouse.com</u> or call 763-682-1394.



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