# The Churches of The Guardían Angels and Saínt Nícholas

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Monday: 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Wednesday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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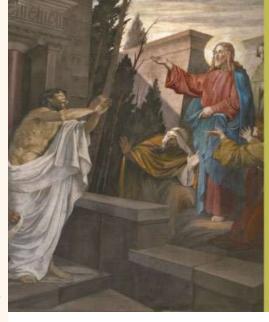
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## 5<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

## March 17th, 2024

## Weekly Liturgy Schedule / Horario de Misas

#### Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. at Saint Nicholas Sunday: 12:30 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: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. Domingo: 12:30 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.

<u>Grupo de Oración</u>

Jueves: 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

#### **Guardian Angels Lay Leadership Positions**

Dan Bergner, Trustee: (952) 367-7432 Kris Janey, Trustee: (612) 325-9284 Leo Forner, Facilities Council Chair: (952) 448-3312 Steve Rasmussen, Cemetery Board Chair: (952) 227-4000 Scott Guillemette, Finance Council Chair: (952) 227-4000 Bill Van Hecke, Pastoral Council Chair: (612) 812-8615

#### Saint Nicholas Lay Leadership Positions

JoAnn Hasse, Cemetery: (612) 708-4118 Darlene Mahowald, Prayer Chain/Funeral: (952) 448-4464 John Turek, Trustee, Finance/Property Chair: (952) 448-2345 Dan Svoboda, Trustee: (952) 448-2345 Prayer Garden: (952) 913-4964

#### **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 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.

#### GET THE BULLETIN EMAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU!

Did you know that you can get this bulletin sent to your email inbox? You can! Text GACHASKA to 84576, add your email address, and join the "Bulletin" group.

#### **RECIBE EL BOLETÍN POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO ¡DIRECTAMENTE A USTED!**

¿Sabías que puedes recibir este boletín en tu bandeja de entrada de correo electrónico? ¡Puedes! Envíe un mensaje de texto con GACHASKA al 84576, agregue su dirección de correo electrónico y únase al grupo "Boletín".

#### 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, March 18th

#### Tuesday, March 19th

5:30 p.m. Mass, 🕆 Donald Fahey

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

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, 1st Floor Conference Room

#### Wednesday, March 20th

8:00 a.m. Mass, 🕆 Diane Eiden

6:15 p.m. Encounter Faith Formation FAMILY NIGHT, Campus-Wide

#### Thursday, March 21st

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Betty Bleichner 2:00 p.m. Fish Fry Setup, Gym

#### Friday, March 22nd

4:00 p.m. Fish Fry, Gym
<u>6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)</u>
7:00 p.m. Bible Class (Spanish), St. Francis Hall
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, GA Church OR SN Gardens

#### Saturday, March 23rd

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation, GA Church
3:15 p.m. Reconciliation, GA Church
4:00 p.m. Latino Family Formation, GA School
<u>4:30 p.m. Mass</u>, ⊕ Henry Stacken

#### Sunday, March 24th

8:00 a.m. Mass, 🕆 Mary Meyer

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall, Catholic United Financial

10:00 a.m. Mass, For the People

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), 🕆 Barb Wilmes

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall, The Guillemette Family

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

Mass Intentions:	<b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>
Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a $\oplus$ designating in the bulletin a deceased person.	Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33
There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be	Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1- 3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, please call the Parish Office.	Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Baptism:	Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Our Baptism Belonging Class is required for all parents as a first step to Baptism of your child. Please call Father Tony	Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 to sign up for a	Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
class. We encourage Godparents to attend. Baptisms are	Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
scheduled once per month after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Special dates requested for Baptism will be consid-	Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56 Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,
ered and accommodated depending on circumstances.	17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-
Matrimony:	39
Marriage preparation is required. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 at least 8 months in	LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
advance.	Domingo: Jr 31, 31-34/Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 14-15 (12)/Heb 5, 7-9/Jn 12, 20-33
Communion for the Homebound:	Lunes: Dn 13, 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 o 13, 41-62/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5.
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	6/Jn 8, 1-11 Martes: 2 Sm 7, 4-5. 12-14. 16/Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29/Rom 4, 13. 16- 18. 22/
them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our	Mt 1, 16. 18-21. 24 o Lc 2, 41-51
Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the	Miércoles: Dn 3, 14-20. 91-92. 95/Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/Jn 8, 31-42 Jueves: Gn 17, 3-9/Sal 104, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Jn 8, 51-59
Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who	Viernes: Jr 20, 10-13/Sal 17, 2-3. 3-4. 5-6. 7/Jn 10, 31-42
	Sébeder E- 27 21 20/1-21 10 11 12 12/1-11 15 EC
have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know	Sábado: Ez 37, 21-28/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13/Jn 11, 45-56
•	Sabado: E2 37, 21-28/JF 31, 10. 11-12. 13/Jh 11, 45-56 Domingo siguiente: Mc 11, 1-10 o Jn 12, 12-16/Is 50, 4-7/Sal 21, 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24 (2)/Flp 2, 6-11/Mc 14, 1—15, 47 o 15, 1-39

## **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**



time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting *me* to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

#### Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/23 to Date:

Friary Doors (2/3 down), Church Fence (2nd half), Repair Sanctuary/Sacristy windows, replace furnace room windows, church boilers (last 10% Pd), Gym Lights

## Year-To-Date 7/1/23—3/11/24

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$523,217	\$42,069
Sunday Collection	\$13,050	\$526
Contributions	\$26,571	\$1,202
Total Giving	\$440,973	\$43,868
Amount above or below	-\$82,244	+\$1,799

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

7/1/23-2/29/24 Contributions	\$44,362
	(\$5,250 boiler rebate)
7/1/23—12/31/23 Expenses:	\$133,252.91
Fund Balance:	\$98,561

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

## THE LITUGRY OF THE EUCHARIST



It is very important to understand that the Eucharistic Prayer, while prayed by the ordained priest in the person of Christ, is a prayer that belongs to all the baptized. The Church tells us that the Mass is the action of Christ the Priest <u>and</u> of his Body which is the Church. Most Catholics have been taught that during the Eucharistic Prayer the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Yet, it is also true that the action to which all the baptized are called during the Eucharistic Prayer is more than to simply adore Christ who becomes present in our midst. In the celebration of the Mass, during the Eucharistic

Prayer, not only does Christ become present, Body and Blood, soul and divinity under the forms of bread and wine, but Christ's saving action, his Passion, Death, and Resurrection are once again enacted and they are offered to the Father by Christ himself, through his priest, <u>and</u> by all present.

For this reason, the Eucharistic Prayer is always addressed to the Father. It is an act of worship offered to the Father, by Christ, in the Holy Spirit, just as it was at the moment of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Pope St. John Paul II reminded us this in his Encyclical *"Ecclesia de Eucharistia,"* no. 13 *"Christ's gift of love and obedience to the point of giving his life is first and foremost a gift to the Father."* It is this gift to the Father, this perfect sacrifice that becomes present in our midst at Mass.

This is a truth of enormous significance. The action of Christ offered once for all on Calvary becomes present again for us here and now, in our time and place. But what is more is that the presence of this saving action gives us the opportunity to become part of Christ's perfect offering, allowing us to participate in Christ's perfect worship of the Father. This is the action of Christ's Body, the Church, at Mass.

How, precisely do we participate in this offering? In union with the priest we offer Christ, but also ourselves! This is confirmed by the use of the pronoun "we" in the Eucharistic Prayer. It signifies that the people make the offering of their lives in union with Christ and in union with the priest who does likewise as he prays in the person of Christ. This makes the offering complete. It is only complete when we offer our lives with Christ as a pleasing offering to the Father. Christ's offering becomes truly our offering when, as we offer him, we offer ourselves, our lives, our individual efforts to do the will of the Father, however difficult this may be; our efforts to grow more like Christ, as well as our efforts as a community of believers to serve God's people and to spread God's Word. Most wonderful of all, although our offering is itself imperfect, joined with the offering of Christ it becomes part of his <u>perfect</u> praise and thanksgiving.

In the <u>Memorial Acclamation</u> of the Mass, our adoration of Christ reaches its climax and takes on three optional forms. Each one expresses adoration for Christ, gratitude for the redemption he won for us, and for his promise that he will come again. This, then, is a significant part of the action of the people during the Eucharistic Prayer. But to fully participate in this action and to fully understand it is to know that we are to pray it as our own, joining Christ's perfect offering to the Father and offering ourselves to the Father.

Father Tony

## SEPARATION AND DIVORCED GOUP—ST. VICTORIA

If you or a loved one are experiencing the pain of separation of divorce, you do not have to walk this journey alone! St. Victoria Parish welcomes you to attend their DeCorazon group on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 6:30—8:00 p.m. (No meetings held during the months of June and July, but there is support available). This group offers hope, support, friendship, prayer, and more. All are welcome! For more information or questions, please call Sue Ries at (612)281-5277.

## FISH FRY

Guardian Angels Catholic Church (Chaska) — The Knights of Columbus FISH FRY, 4 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 22nd! Includes Pollock fish (deepfried 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 = \$16 / 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 <u>haroldbrose@yahoo.com</u>.

Iglesia Católica de los Ángeles Guardianes (Chaska) — Los Caballeros de Colón CENA DE PESCADO FRITO, 4 a 7:30 p.m. ¡El viernes 22 de marzo! 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 = \$16 / 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 <u>haroldbrose@yahoo.com</u>.

# INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL?

The 3-year term is coming up for three members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) this Spring. Are you interested in joining this dynamic team of parishioners in continuing to help move the parish forward?

Eligibility:

- A baptized Catholic
- At least 18 years of age
- An active, practicing member of the parish
- Married in the church if married
- Not an employee of the church

After considering the role of Parish Pastoral Council Member, we invite you to nominate yourself or someone else to the PPC ministry. Council members serve three-year terms, and may serve up to two consecutive terms. There will be in-pew nomination slips available also in mid-March. If you have questions about the Parish Pastoral Council, contact Bill Van Hecke at (612) 812-8615.

## PACK-UP A PICKUP BOUNTIFUL BASKET FOOD SHELF

We will be having our food and hygiene items drive on Saturday, March 23rd at the 4:30 p.m. Mass and on Sunday March 24th at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses. We need brown paper bags! Please drop them off in the Kiosk by March 18th!

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.

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

Thank you for your generosity!

## WE HAVE NEW TRUSTEES!

Welcome David Pohlen and Larry Schmid as our new trustees of The Church of the Guardian Angels! They are appointed as of January for an initial term of two years. Trustees involve themselves with the business that affects the parish overall or in more confidential matters. Together with the Pastor, the Archbishop, and the Vicar-General of the archdiocese, they form a Corporate Board that votes on matters that require such voting, such as spending a larger amount of money, selling property or renting property. May God bless their service in this capacity. They introduce themselves below:

#### Larry Schmid



My wife Amy and I have been parishioners at Guardian Angels since 2008 after I retired from a 20-year career in the Air Force. I grew up in Eden Prairie and wanted to finish raising my family in the same type of Catholic environment I remembered as a kid. Being involved with the parish has been important to the whole family. Our two younger children finished primary school at Guardian Angels and all three of our kids went to Holy Family High School. My wife and I helped with the school Spring Fling fundraiser several years and I have been active as a lector and Eucharistic minister for years. One of my sons was a cantor and another coached the Guardian Angels Boys Basketball for 2 years. I am honored to be a trustee for the parish and hope to help the parish find ways to engage all members of the parish to be part of this wonderful community.

I have been a member of Guardian Angels since my family moved to Chaska in 1961. I grew up three blocks west of the church and, with the exception of 6 years in the Air Force, I have lived in Chaska and have gone to this parish my entire life. I attended Guardian Angels Grade School and I am a graduate of Guardian Angels High School and the University of Saint Thomas. I am delighted and humbled to serve as a trustee. The parish has been a big part of my life and I want to do what I can to ensure it continues to be a big part of my life and a big part the lives of generations to come.

#### **David Pohlen**



## TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES NEEDED

#### Is God calling YOU to serve?

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is in need of college age men and women who have a missionary heart, love children and youth, and are committed to the Catholic faith who feel called to share it with the youth from local parishes around the Archdiocese.

The position is a temporary two-month commitment (May 31—July 27) which includes one week of training. There is a one-week break for Independence Day.

Each team member will receive \$3,640 for their work; most meals and all lodging included.

Learn more and apply at archspm.org/totustuus.



## 2024 BEEF AND SAUSAGE DINNER FUN FACTS

3500 pounds of sausage made—ALL of it gone!

791 meals served (Including 418 take-outs)

154 volunteers

Dinner is prepared and served by the men and boys and friends of the parish (some of which are Lutheran!)

Annual tradition of the parish since 1949

Huge thank you to Bill Boecker Jr. for taking the Chairman lead this year. Thank you to many volunteers who put in many days and hours of work/ fun to make this dinner a great success!

All proceeds go to Guardian Angels Parish

See you for next year's event—always the second Sunday of February











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