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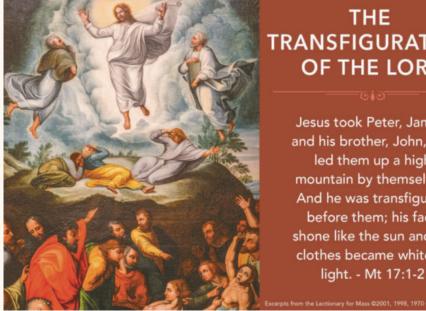
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TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as

August 6th, 2023

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.

Grupo de Oración

Jueves: 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

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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.

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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, August 7th

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Francis Hall

Tuesday, August 8th

5:00 p.m. Creighton Model FertilityCare, Saint Nicholas Classrooms 1-4

5:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Garrett Lee Qualley

Wednesday, August 9th

Thursday, August 10th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Russel and Darlene Schmid 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church 7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group, GA Church

Friday, August 11th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

Saturday, August 12th

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation, GA Church 3:15 p.m. Reconciliation, GA Church 4:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Tony and Marie Koll

Sunday, August 13th

8:00 a.m. Mass, For the People
9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall
10:00 a.m. Mass, & Steven Guillemette
11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall
10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), & Deceased Members of the Pass Family

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), Por las almas del purgatorio

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 10:00 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22 -36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26 Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14/Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 9/2 Pe 1, 16-19/ Mt 17, 1-9

Lunes: Nm 11, 4-15/Sal 80, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17/Mt 14, 13-21 Martes: Nm 12, 1-13/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 6-7. 12-13/Mt 14, 22-36 o 15, 1-2. 10-14

Miércoles: Nm 13, 1-2. 25—14, 1. 26-29. 34-35/Sal 105, 6-7. 13-14. 21-22. 23/Mt 15, 21-28

Jueves: 2 Co 9, 6-10/Sal 111, 1-2. 5-6. 7-8. 9/Jn 12, 24-26 Viernes: Dt 4, 32-40/Sal 76, 12-13. 14-15. 16 y 21/Mt 16, 24-28 Sábado: Dt 6, 4-13/Sal 17, 2-3. 3-4. 47 y 51/Mt 17, 14-20 Domingo siguiente: 1 Re 19, 9. 11-13/Sal 84, 9. 10. 11-12. 13-14 (8)/Rom 9, 1-5/Mt 14, 22-33

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Upon seeing Moses and Elijah, Peter offers his help; "...If you wish, I will make three tents here..." Are we willing to offer our help?

Year-To-Date 7/1/23—07/31/23

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$70,705	\$5,685
Sunday Collection	\$8,088	\$903
Contributions	N/A	N/A
Total Giving	\$56,391	\$6,325
Amount above or below	-\$14,314	+\$640

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/22 to Date:

Rebuff Gym Floor, Upgrade Gym AHU, Church Compressor Upgrade, Sacristy Rain Gutters, Rectory Roof Replacements, Church AHU Fence (1/2)

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/22—06/30/23 Contributions: \$61,771 7/1/22—06/30/23 Expenses: \$52,807 Fund Balance: \$182,202

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



WHAT IS THE RATIONALE OF PAYING 20% OF OUR INCOME TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS?

As many of you know, the Archbishop has asked us to pay 20% of our income to neighboring Catholic schools as a result of our school closure. Over time, I have received both positive and negative feedback regarding this. Last week, I summarized the Archbishop's language in his letter to me about this requirement as he wrote giving us permission to close the school. I also wrote about how we distribute the funds to neighboring Catholic schools based on their number of students attending whose families are registered parishioners at Guardian Angels.

The Archbishop wants to make Catholic schools a priority in our Archdiocese. It was a painful decision to close our school, especially in an area of growth, because there is perhaps no better way to catechize young students and prepare them for a life of service to our Lord, Jesus and of living the Catholic faith as a fully contributing member of our society. As we know, Catholic school-educated students do very well later in life as they are educated about the love of God, the choice to follow God in life, and academically.

The rationale for paying 20% of our income is two-fold. First of all, we don't want to abandon our former students. Students who were displaced by our school closure were, in many cases, faced with a decision of whether or not to attend a school with a higher tuition as parishioners of Guardian Angels and, therefore, non-members of the parishes with these Catholic schools. Second, it would be easy to adopt the mindset of saying that we should just let the neighboring parishes bear the burden of funding a Catholic school. However, we are all responsible for the growth of Catholic faith in our local Archdiocese. We are, therefore, all responsible for the success of Catholic schools. Instead of going from at least 40% of our income devoted to Catholic schools to 0%, while letting other parishes support their Catholic school on their own, we are going from at least 40% of our income in support of Catholic schools to 20% as a way of sharing in this support. This way, we partner together as parishes to support Catholic schools.

But what about neighboring parishes who don't have this requirement? I don't know which ones do and which ones don't. We need to create a vision for our parish going forward and that is what is important – our parish vision. This vision should include and be created around this requirement so that we can make it work for us. I have believed that we could really emphasize forming young families in faith from their kitchen tables outward and onward. Young families are still forming their family culture and decision-making. Sports have not yet taken hold in their family schedules, for example. The faith of our young parents and their decisions of how and what to prioritize in their family life is still very much being formed. Young children are very open-minded and have a tremendous capacity to imagine God and God's love for them.

In our historical district of Chaska and Carver, we could attract younger families who may not be able to afford the new housing up on Highway 212. Young people are attracted to the beauty of our church. If we can provide a great incentive to be members of Guardian Angels, we can emphasize opportunities and ministry to these families and nurture them for growth such that we could address the real reason why our school closed. We could address faith lived out in practice in the home.

This year we will be working with Father Joseph Bambenek and Ms. Julie Meyer of the Archdiocese to form a vision for our parish in the next two or three years. I look forward to engaging in that process with you!



EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE

We are being encouraged by the Archdiocese to develop an Emergency Response Plan for our Parish for potential Fire-Weather-Medical-Other Emergencies. Would you be willing to serve on a Committee to develop such a plan for Guardian Angels? If so, please contact our Parish Business Administrator, Joel Swanson, at (952) 227-4001 or jswanson@gachaska.org

ANNUAL LOVE INC SCHOOL SUPPLY/BACKPACK EVENT

Friday, August 25th, 5-8 p.m.
Saturday August 26th, 10-12 p.m.
Westwood Community Church
3121 Westwood Drive, Excelsior, MN 55331

Love INC is hosting their annual School Supply and Backpack Drive at Westwood Community Church. To see the supply list this year, go to www.loveinccc.org/events. Be sure to scroll down to "Serving District 112 Students." Of course, our friends at District 110 would also love your help as well.

ATTENTION: ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN!

Gina Shaughnessy, our parish representative from LPi, is setting up the advertising for our bulletin for the year. We hope that parishioners who have a business will consider sponsoring an ad on the back of the bulletin, since the revenue from the ads is what makes the bulletin possible, at no cost to the parish. Also, if you know of any other businesses in the community that would like to support the parish, please let them know about this opportunity. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsorship ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations such as emergency pregnancy counseling, the local food shelf, etc. Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help! If you are interested in getting more information, please call Gina Shaughnessy at (952) 356-6488.

FALL FESTIVAL BASKET DONATIONS

The Daughters of Isabella will have a Silent Auction at the Fall Festival again this year. We are requesting that anyone who can donate something to bid on (such as restaurants, stores, etc.), please bring the item to the church office marked D of I Fall Festival. We would also appreciate items with a theme (such as movie, children's basket, sports, etc.) for baskets. We will assemble baskets or you can do it. We would really appreciate any help you can give. Again, please bring items to the church office, marked D of I Fall Festival. Thank you for considering this appeal. All proceeds from the Silent Auction are given to the church.

MASS INTENTIONS CALENDAR

The 2024 Mass Intentions calendar is now open! Please contact the Parish Office at (952) 227-4000 to request Masses at Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas.





Youth Group Kick-Off - Friday, July 28th

We had so much fun during the water balloon toss, I forgot to take pictures!

Youth Group is open to all youth entering grades 6 - 12!

Next get-together: Friday, August 11th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm.

Contact Fran Oprosko at 952-466-6984 for more information.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER



Thanks to Kris Janey and Laurie Forner for hosting dinners in their homes for 16 parishioners, including several who had not participated previously. It is always an enjoyable evening and what a great way to meet others from our community in a friendly setting.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is for all parishioners, new, old, married, or single, ages 21 and up. It is designed to promote and strengthen our parish community by providing an opportunity to get to know those familiar faces we see each week at Mass and at parish events. Hosts and guests will be randomly selected for each dinner, so we can all meet more people.

New dates for next year will be published soon. The next dinner will take place some time in September. Please contact Laurie Forner, (612) 201-7002 or Iforner2@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to participate as a host or as a guest. If you participated in the past, please note you can attend as often as you wish and you do not have to host to participate.



PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming Pro-Life Events with SouthWest Options for Women

Sunday, Aug 13th – Respect Life Picnic in the Park Event: The Knights of Columbus and SouthWest Options (SWOW) have partnered to bring you a fun afternoon in the park with food, games and pro-life speaker and lobbyist Maggee Hangge and SWOW Executive Director Kim Bennecke. 12:00 – 3:00pm, KC Park - 9055 Klein Dr, Waconia, MN.

Saturday, Aug 26th - Concert in the Park, 7:00pm, Excelsior Bandshell (135 Lake Street, Excelsior, MN) sponsored by SouthWest Options for Women.

Saturday, Oct 14th - Annual Gala at Golden Valley Country Club benefitting SouthWest Options for Women.



Learn More About Supporting Vocations. Come for Lunch Friday August 11

Please join us for meeting and lunch. On Friday August 11, we will meet at Our Lady of Grace (Edina) at noon in the dining room for meeting and lunch. There will be the Rosary followed by Mass starting at 11 am in the Chapel.

For our meeting, Jacob Flaherty, Director of Sacred Music at Holy Family in St. Louis Park will share with us "The relationship between liturgy and music in the sacred Mass."

Serra International is the Holy See lay apostolate for supporting vocations. The SW Metro Twin Cities Serra Club meets over lunch on the second Friday of the month to learn more about our church and to support each other as we grow in holiness. Serrans encourage and support those pursuing vocations through individual and group activities and prayer.

We would love to have you join us. Please check out Serra at Serraus.org.

Please call or email Susan Lein at 952-426-3720 or <u>Susanleinusa@gmail.com</u> to learn more or to sign up for the August lunch and meeting.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On August 15th, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This day commemorates Mary ascending, body and soul, to heaven at the end of her life. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. This year, Guardian Angels will have two Masses on August 15th: 12:00 p.m. in English, and 7:00 p.m. Bilingual.

As always, we are looking for volunteers for these Masses. Please sign up on MSP.

GUARDIAN ANGELS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SEEKS FALL FESTIVAL DONATIONS

Please consider donating "Spirits" to the Alumni Booth at the Fall Festival. Please bring your donations to the Parish Office.

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY DISCERNMENT EVENTS

Single Catholic women age 20-35: Franciscan Sisters invite you to in-person and online Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your calling and purpose. Visit www.fscc-calledtobe.org or contact Sr. Julie Ann at (920) 323-9632.

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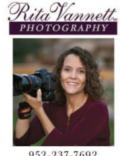
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