# The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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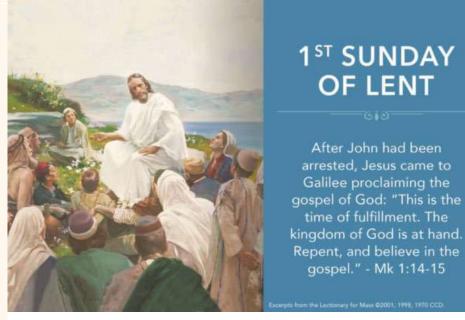
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### February 18th, 2024

## 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.

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#### 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**

**Dan Bergner, Trustee:** (952) 367-7432 **Kris Janey, Trustee:** (612) 325-9284

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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, February 19th

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

#### Tuesday, February 20th

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

5:30 p.m. Mass, & Elaine Williams

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

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

#### Wednesday, February 21st

6:15 p.m. Encounter, St. Francis Hall

#### Thursday, February 22nd

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Eileen Kessler 4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

#### Friday, February 23rd

4:00 p.m. Fish Fry, Gym

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

7:00 p.m. Bible Class (Spanish), St. Francis Hall

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, GA Church OR SN Gardens

#### Saturday, February 24th

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

3:15 p.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

4:00 p.m. Latino Family Formation, Gym

4:30 p.m. Mass, For the People

#### Sunday, February 25th

8:00 a.m. Mass, & Bob Worm

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall, Confirmation Prep

10:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Dick Rozier

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN)

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall,
Confirmation Prep

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

6:15 p.m. Marriage Encounter, St. Francis Hall

#### **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: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48 Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Gn 9, 8-15/Sal 24, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (ver 10)/1 Pe 3, 18-22/Mc 1, 12-15

Lunes: Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/Mt 25, 31-46 Martes: Is 55, 10-11/Sal 33, 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19/Mt 6, 7-15 Miércoles: Jon 3, 1-10/Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19/Lc 11, 29-32 Jueves: 1 Pe 5, 1-4/Sal 22, 1-3. 4. 5. 6/Mt 16, 13-19 Viernes: Ez 18, 21-28/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-7. 7-8/Mt 5, 20-26 Sábado: Dt 26, 16-19/Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8/Mt 5, 43-48 Domingo siguiente: Gn 22, 1-2. 9-13. 15-18/Sal 115, 10. 15. 16-

17. 18-19 (115, 9)/Rom 8, 31-34/Mc 9, 2-10

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources—themselves—at God's service in and through the church.

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

Friary Doors (1/3 down), Church Fence (2nd half), Repair Sanctuary/Sacristy windows, replace furnace room windows, church boilers (95% Pd), Gym Lights

#### Year-To-Date 7/1/23-2/12/24

	<b>Guardian Angels</b>	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$466,653	\$37,521
Sunday Collection	\$10,750	\$768
Contributions	\$24,138	\$1,202
Total Giving	\$400,681	\$38,867
Amount above or below	-\$65,972	+\$1,346

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

7/1/23—12/31/23 Contributions: \$32,050

(\$5,250 boiler rebate)

7/1/23—12/31/23 Expenses: \$118,510.91 Fund Balance: \$107,991

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

#### COMPOSURE AND ACTION



Dear Parishioners,

As you know, I have been offering reflections before our Sunday Masses about the liturgy as we move into Lent. This Sunday I will reflect on the Introductory Rites. Below is a further reflection on composure which I spoke about last Sunday. It is a very abridged version of Chapter 5, "Composure and Action" from the book, Meditations before Mass by Msgr. Romano Guardini.

Just as proper speech and hearing emerge from silence, good action emerges from composure. Action is more than mere external happening. In our relations with each other, service, friendship, and love are genuine only to the degree that we inwardly participate in it. The more noble and important the task, the more we must give it our attention, and eagerness, participating in it from the heart and with all the creative ability of the mind. That is composure: heart and mind concentrated on the here and now. It is being all here.

This is true especially of the Liturgy. Liturgy is a great mystery, God's presence in a holy place, and needs as a response that we appear before that presence. But we must be truly present -- with body, mind, and soul, with attention, reverence and love. Only the one who is composed can appear before God to respond to his outpouring of grace with adoration and love.

In terms of our gestures, sitting signifies more than mere comfort; it is the position of attentive listening. Kneeling is the offering of our erect position before God. Standing is more than the attitude of expectant waiting; it is the bearing of reverence before the heavenly Lord. To truly see the altar is to truly grasp its essence and significance. The gaze we direct toward it is as significant as the composure from which it comes. We do not come to church to merely attend the service as a spectator would, but in order, along with the priest, to serve God. Everything we do including all our gestures is meant to be divine service, but this only happens with true awareness of what is happening around us -- and this awareness is ours when all we do overflows from a collected heart and the mind's attentiveness which comes from composure.

Liturgy doesn't have a utilitarian purpose like other actions. Therefore, composure is all the more necessary. When I seat myself at a desk and pick up a manuscript, my attention naturally passes to it. When I do a job in my workshop, I'd better pull myself together or it will go awry. In the Mass there are no such purposes. We simply step into the presence of God and remain there for God. The Liturgy is a thing of exalted purposelessness, but it is filled with a sense of sacred serving, and over it reigns the transcendence of God. Here composure means everything and therefore must be willed and practiced. Our service can grow dull, careless, and not honoring of God or it can be lively with full communion with the divine Majesty.

#### **Father Tony**





To our Friends at The Church of the Guardian Angels,

A very special and heartfelt thank you for your generosity and ongoing support. We are incredibly grateful and promise to use the funds wisely as we care for our neighbors.

With blessings and gratitude, Patti Sinykin

#### FISH FRY

Guardian Angels Catholic Church (Chaska) — The Knights of Columbus FISH FRY, 4 to 7:30 p.m. will be held on 3 Fridays during Lent 2024: February 23rd, March 8th and March 22nd! Includes Pollock fish (deep-fried 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 harold-brose@yahoo.com.

Iglesia Católica de los Ángeles Guardianes (Chaska) Los Caballeros de Colón CENA DE PESCADO FRI-TO, 4 a 7:30 p.m. los 3 viernes durante la Cuaresma 2024: ¡23 de febrero, 8 de marzo y 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 v 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 haroldbrose@yahoo.com.

### MEN OF CHRIST—RISING DAILY IN DISCIPLESHIP

Saturday, March 23rd, 9 a.m.—3 p.m., Church of St. Joseph, Rosemount

Join men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 2024 men's conference. Keynote speakers Deacon Harold Burke-Sievers and Jeff Cavins will lead the day that will include presentations by Bishop Joseph Williams, Deacon Joe Michalak, and Bishop Michael Izen. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will celebrate Mass. For more information visit archspm.org/ments-conference.

# GIVE TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL!

Today's Gospel said that Jesus "remained in the desert for forty days" (Mark 1:13, emphasis added). Remaining with Jesus in the desert is not easy. (Welcome to Lent.) Further driving home how difficult it is to follow him, in Luke's Gospel, Jesus warns, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily" (Luke 9:23). Yet on another note, in John's Gospel, Jesus commands us, "Remain in my love" (John 15:9). Remaining in Jesus' love isn't easy, either—especially when it involves the desert. Feeling like it's too difficult to do this by ourselves is okay. It's often exactly where God wants us—because it pushes us to rely on him. *That* can be a place of profound growth. Our parish, and those we serve, relies on you to help us meet our many needs and the needs of our community. As you lift the cross Jesus asks of you this Lent, please remember our Catholic Services Appeal. We are counting on you. This Lent, count on us, and count on God! We'll walk in the desert with you. Envelopes are available on the back desk in church. Just drop yours in the collection basket or bring or mail it to the parish office. Thanks!





## COME AND SEE

Jesus in yourself and others as we walk through Lent by learning about the Mass and how we are *Caught Up in His Sacrifice Forever*.

Encounter adult small groups meet on Wednesday evenings in St. Francis Hall from 6:15pm – 7:45pm.

February 21<sup>st</sup>: The Introductory Rites and Preparing Well for the Mass Beforehand February 28<sup>th</sup>: No adult small groups; Faith Formation Family Night March 6<sup>th</sup>: The Liturgy of the Word – Receiving His Word Eagerly with Joy March 13<sup>th</sup>: The Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist – His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity

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If you have ever considered sharing your faith by teaching our youth in Faith Formation, but are not able to serve every week, this is your chance!

We are in need of substitute catechists!

Lesson plans are provided & as much advance notice as possible will be given. Please contact Fran Oprosko at 952-466-6984 if interested.

#### 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.

### VATICAN SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS

As part of the ongoing Vatican Synod and to prepare for the 2024 gathering in Rome, all U.S. dioceses have been asked to host listening sessions this Lent. In our Archdiocese, Archbishop Bernard Hebda is hosting two virtual events where participants will gather in breakout groups and participate in "Conversations in the Spirit," as they were practiced by Vatican Synod delegates last October. Feedback provided by attendees in breakout groups will help inform a national report sent to Vatican Synod leaders. To sign up for the listening sessions, go to www.archspm.org/vatican-synod-lisening-sessions/. The sessions are Sunday, February 25th, 2-3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, February 27th, 6:30-8 p.m.

For more information, see the Vatican website, the USCCB website, and the Archdiocesan website.

# STAY IN THE KNOW: GET THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT—FOR FREE!

### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE: MARIAN ROUTE

May 19th—July 16th

Starting on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, four processions starting at different locations around the country will begin and end at the Eucharistic Congress. The route coming through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is the Marian Route, which departs from the headwaters of the Mississippi, and will descend through the midwestern United States. There is also an opportunity for Catholics ages 19-29 to serve as Perpetual Pilgrims. These pilgrims will travel with a priest chaplain and Jesus in the Eucharist throughout the pilgrimage. Learn more about the stops, Perpetual Pilgrim opportunity, and more at archspm.org/national-eucharistic-pilgrimage-marian-route.

### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: STAY CONNECTED WITH THE MOVEMENT!

For beautiful reflections and resources on the Eucharist, as well as updates on the Revival, subscribe to receive the "Heart of the Revival" weekly newsletter at eucharisticrevival.org.

# **Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas Discernment Team Update**

Dear Parishioners of Both Parishes,

Come to learn about what has been discussed by our Team in these past few months. Our agenda will include:

The Current Reality our Parishes Face

A Time of Adoration to Pray Before our Lord

The Present Status of our Discernment

Come, be informed, and pray together. We hope to see you there!



Saint Francis Hall at Guardian Angels Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 to 8:30 PM

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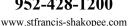


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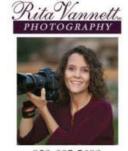






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3 Fridays During Lent 2024

- Friday, February 23rd
- · Friday, March 8th
- · Friday, March 22nd

Serving from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

Take Outs Available!

Adults: \$16 / Kids 6 to 12: \$7 / Kids 5 and under: FREE

Family: \$50 (Family = parent(s) with minor children)

# OUP MENU!

## Pollock Fish!

Beer-Battered & Deep Fried or
Dry Rubbed & Deep Fried or
Lemon Peppered & Baked

Mashed Potatoes and Potato Salad, Green Beans
Cole Slaw / Dinner Rolls / Water / Coffee / Milk
Dessert Included!

## In Chaska!

### **Guardian Angels Gym**

Close to Guardian Angels Catholic Church
215 West 2nd Street — GA Gym is a block south
at the corner of 1st Street & Cedar Street







Proceeds go in part to various area charities!