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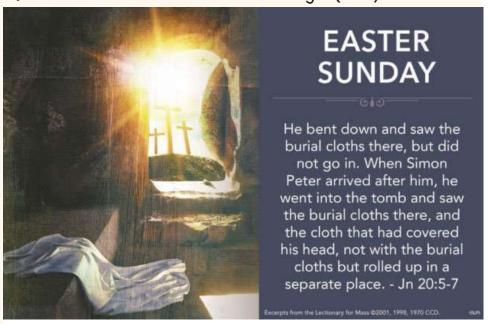
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March 31st, 2024

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.

Grupo de Oración

Jueves: 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Guardian Angels Lay Leadership Positions

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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, April 1st

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

Tuesday, April 2nd

5:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Mary Meyer

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

Wednesday, April 3rd

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Deceased Family Members of Jim & Steph Smyth

6:15 p.m. Faith Formation, Campus-wide

Thursday, April 4th

7:00 p.m. Latino Prayer Group Gathering, GA Church and St. Francis Hall

Friday, April 5th

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

Saturday, April 6th

8:00 a.m. D of I Rosary, GA Church

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

8:45 a.m. Baptism Class, 1st Floor Conference Room

9:00 a.m. Mom's Group, Room 004

3:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Eileen Kessler

Sunday, April 7th

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall, Mystery!

10:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Pass/Rein Families

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN),

Clarence & Caroline Mahowald

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall, Mystery!

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), Para la gente

2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy, GA Church

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: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/ Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Hch 10, 34. 37-43/Sal 117, 1-2. 16-17. 22-23 (24)/ Col 3, 1-4 o 1 Cor 5, 6-8/Jn 20, 1-9 o Mc 16, 1-7

Lunes: Hch 2, 14. 22-33/Sal 15, 1-2 y 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11/Mt 28, 8-15

Martes: Hch 2, 36-41/Sal 32, 4-5. 18-19. 20 y 22/Jn 20, 11-18 Miércoles: Hch 3, 1-10/Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/Lc 24, 13-35 Jueves: Hch 3, 11-26/Sal 8, 2 y 5. 6-7. 8-9/Lc 24, 35-48 Viernes: Hch 4, 1-12/Sal 117, 1-2. y 4. 22-24. 25-27/Jn 21, 1-14 Sábado: Hch 4, 13-21/Sal 117, 1 y 14-15. 16-18. 19-21/Mc 16, 9-15

Domingo siguiente: Hch 4, 32-35/Sal 117, 2-4. 13-15. 22-24

(1)/1 Jn 5, 1-6/Jn 20, 19-31

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/23 to Date:

Friary Doors, Church Fence, Repair Sanctuary/Sacristy windows, replace furnace room windows, church boilers, Gym Lights

Year-To-Date 7/1/23—3/11/24

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$537,358	\$43,206
Sunday Collection	\$10,970	\$1,046
Contributions	\$26,571	\$1,202
Total Giving	\$451,943	\$44,914
Amount above or below	-\$85,415	+\$1,708

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 COMMUNION RITE, THE DISMISSAL, AND THE RESURRECTION

In some ways it seems appropriate to write about our going forth to love our Lord and to serve Him as we celebrate His resurrection. We celebrate His passion, death, and resurrection at every Mass and this is meant to fill us with joy as we go out to serve our neighbor. We bring our preoccupations and sorrows to Mass and ask our Lord to listen. And then we listen to Him as he continually offers His life to us. He says, "Come, follow me," and as we do so, we live a life of hope in his resurrection even as it passes through the cross where love is outpoured.

In the Communion Rite, having offered Christ and ourselves to the Father in praise and thanksgiving in the Eucharistic prayer, we now prepare to complete the Eucharist by feeding on the food Christ left for us, his Body and Blood. This Rite begins with the <u>Lord's Prayer</u> (Our Father). This prayer relates to the Eucharist in that we pray that we be given our daily bread, the earthly bread that nourishes our bodies and the spiritual bread that feeds our spirits.

The Communion Rite continues with the <u>Rite of Peace</u> in which the Church asks God to grant peace and unity to all her members as well as to the whole human family. This prayer is followed by the Sign of Peace which is a symbolic expression of the desire that all may be at peace, not only including those around us, but all those whose lives touch our own and with whom we need to be at peace.

The Breaking of the Bread follows the Rite of Peace. This is an ancient rite which has its origins in the action of the Lord at the Last Supper when "he took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to his disciples..." During the Breaking of the Bread, the Lamb of God is sung. It is an acknowledgement that our Lord is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world and an imploring of his mercy upon us as we, his unworthy servants, receive him. This act of humility is reinforced by the response, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." This entire rite has great symbolic value as a sign that we who are many are made one body in unity by receiving Communion which is Christ, the one Bread of Life.

The <u>Communion Procession</u> is a specific religious action. It is not merely standing in line, but rather an action that fosters our unity with Christ and with one another. We who are united with Christ by our Baptism move toward the Gift we are to receive with solemnity and with the dignity befitting the children of God. The <u>Communion Song</u> reinforces this with communal thanksgiving, expressing spiritual union, joy of heart, and unity with God and one another.

The <u>Concluding Rites</u> are meant not to simply dismiss us, but to send us forth. The priest gives the <u>Blessing</u>. It may take the <u>Simple Form</u> in which the priest asks God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to bless all those present. The <u>Solemn Blessings</u> or the Prayers Over the People are generally used on Feasts and Solemnities or are associated primarily with penitential seasons, especially Lent.

The Mass closes with the <u>Dismissal</u> which sends the people forth. Our presence and participation at Mass is only the beginning. We are called, once we have left the assembly, to be actively engaged in the Lord's work on earth. We are told in the dismissal to go forth and we are given a mission. Pope Benedict XVI, in his encyclical, "The Sacrament of Charity," no. 84, wrote:

The love that we celebrate in the sacrament [Eucharist] is not something we can keep to ourselves. What the world needs is God's love; it needs to encounter Christ and to believe in him... We cannot approach the Eucharistic table without being drawn into the mission which, beginning in the very heart of God, is meant to reach all people. Missionary outreach is thus an essential part of the Eucharistic form of Christian life.

Knowledge of the Mass alone is not sufficient. Attentive listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, fortified by the graces of the Eucharist and by personal prayer help us to choose the right path individually and together as Christ's Body. Above all, we need to have faith in the power of the Eucharist to give us light, courage and strength to carry on His work in the world. With this faith, let us go forth to proclaim that He is risen and that this truth matters in our world today. He is the King of kings and Lord of Lords who defeats all sin and death. Alleluia! May God bless your families this Easter!

Father Tony

NEWLY REFURBISHED STATUE AT SAINT NICHOLAS

Check out the newly refurbished statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Saint Nicholas! Thank you, Katie Steinhagen! You did a fantastic job. Katie is a parishioner of Saint Joseph in Waconia who graciously offered her gift of refurbishment and painting at very little cost. May God bless her talented work! She will be working on refurbishing the Saint Nicholas statue for the next few weeks.





MOM'S GROUP

Moms, join us for fellowship 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 9-10:30 a.m.!

Our gatherings include a brief prayer, a relevant reflection, and encouraging conversations. It's a great opportunity to get to know other women in our community, and to grow in faith & friendship. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Upcoming Dates (9:00—10:30 a.m.):

April 6th April 20th May 4th May 18th

June 1st

School Basement, 004 (enter Door #2) Childcare available

For more information or to RSVP for childcare, contact Jenna Salinas at jennamsalinas@gmail.com or call (612) 201-4894.

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.

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





RUMMAGE SALE

We will be having the Rummage Sale this year in June, so keep us in mind when you're doing your spring cleaning.

We will be accepting donations on Monday, June 17th, Tuesday, June 18th, and Wednesday June, 19th from 8 a.m.—8 p.m.



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.

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.

GA CHURCH BOILER PROJECT

Recently the Church boiler replacements were completed. The project was required due to the heat exchanger failure of one of the two 23+ year old boilers. These boilers were installed in 2000 during the church renovation project. 10 years ago, the other boiler experienced a similar heat exchanger failure, but at that time replacement parts were available. Due to EPA requirements, the original manufacturer advised that parts for those low efficiency boilers (less than 65%) were no longer available.

Three suitable mechanical contractor companies were contacted to supply bids to the Facilities Council, two were received, with one declining to bid due to having no capacity in their schedule for an additional project in 2023. The bids were evaluated for completeness including high efficiency boiler specifications (95%+ efficiency). GA Capital Maintenance funds, which has been funded monthly by the parish, funded the project. We thank all who have contributed to this necessary fund.



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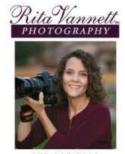
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