

# The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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**Wednesday:** 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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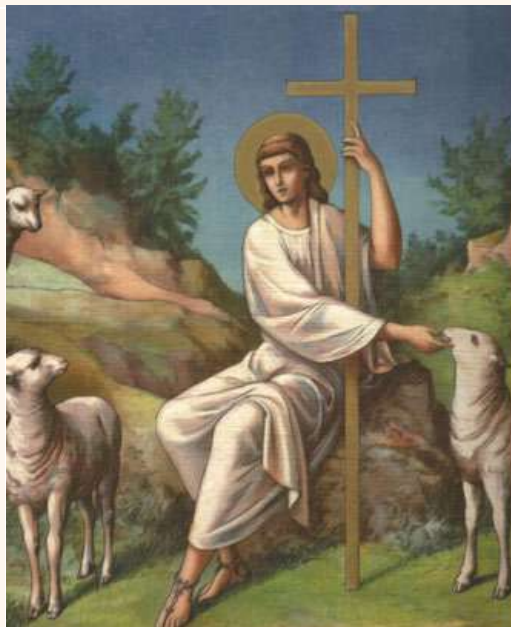
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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd,  
and I know mine and mine  
know me, just as the  
Father knows me and I  
know the Father; and I will  
lay down my life for the  
sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

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April 21st, 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

Larry Schmid, Trustee  
David Pohlen, Trustee: (952) 428-9649  
Leo Forner, Facilities Council Chair: (952) 448-3312  
Steve Rasmussen, Cemetery Board Chair: (952) 227-4000  
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## 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](mailto: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 [bulletin@gachaska.org](mailto:bulletin@gachaska.org) antes de las 12:00 p.m. el martes anterior. Fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.

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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 22nd

### Tuesday, April 23rd

5:30 p.m. Mass, † John Olson

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

### Wednesday, April 24th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Eileen Kessler

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

### Thursday, April 25th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Bob Therres

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

### Friday, April 26th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN), † Allan Engelen

6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group, GA School

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

### Saturday, April 27th

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

10:00 a.m. NET Retreat, St. Francis Hall

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

4:00 p.m. Latino Family Formation, GA School

4:30 p.m. Mass, † Tony & Marie Koll

5:45 p.m. Bingo, St. Francis Hall

### Sunday, April 28th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Dick Rozier

10:00 a.m. Mass, † Aldoris Engelhardt

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), † Leighton Aronson

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), † Daniel Soriano

6:30 p.m. Marriage Encounter, St. Francis Hall

### Mass Intentions:

Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † 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 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14  
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Hch 4, 8-12/Sal 117, 1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28. 29 (22)/Jn 3, 1-2/Jn 10, 11-18  
Lunes: Hch 11, 1-18/Sal 41, 2-3; 43, 3. 4/Jn 10, 1-10  
Martes: Hch 11, 19-26/Sal 86, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7/Jn 10, 22-30  
Miércoles: Hch 12, 24—13, 5/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8/Jn 12, 44-50  
Jueves: 1 Pe 5, 5-14/Sal 88, 2-3. 6-7. 16-17/Mc 16, 15-20  
Viernes: Hch 13, 26-33/Sal 2, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11/Jn 14, 1-6  
Sábado: Hch 13, 44-52/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Jn 14, 7-14  
Domingo siguiente: Hch 9, 26-31/Sal 21, 26-27. 28. 30. 31-32 (26)/1 Jn 3, 18-24/Jn 15, 1-8

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

### 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—4/15/24

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$593,922	\$47,754
Sunday Collection	\$11,488	\$1,289
Contributions	\$27,521	\$1,202
Total Giving	\$498,356	\$50,522
Amount above or below	-\$95,566	+\$2,768

### Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/23—3/31/24 Contributions:	\$50,247
	(\$5,250 boiler rebate)
7/1/23—12/31/23 Expenses:	\$139,262.91
Fund Balance:	\$98,436

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



## WE ARE SHEPHERDS FOR EACH OTHER

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. I remember fondly taking part in the ending celebration in years past of the 40-hours devotion at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Golden Valley that commemorated this day with Liturgy of the Hours in front of the Blessed Sacrament after many adorers prayed for a total of at least 40 hours. The image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd evokes thoughts of Jesus as the one who searches for us and cares for us. He knows exactly how we feel at any time and exactly what we need. He hears our voice, and we hear His. He gives us His very life! At the same time, we are not just recipients of such loving care and concern. In a real sense, we are to be good shepherds of those around us, and especially those most vulnerable and in need. Our faith requires us to speak out against injustice and to be willing to sacrifice so that we can transform the world to serve the common good. In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis tells us that “an authentic faith...always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it.” We can only do that if we are willing to stand up for the rights of the vulnerable and work to overcome injustice.

We are blessed in our state by the great work that is being done by the Minnesota Catholic Conference in helping to educate us all on public issues and to help us as laity and clergy to make our voices heard. I encourage you to check out the latest work being done at our State Capitol to be a voice of advocacy for the dignity of us all. I invite you to check out the Minnesota Catholic Conference, the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota, that serves to uphold life, dignity, and the common good. When you get on the site, join the Catholic Advocacy Network, which helps all of us to be formed in the faith, informed on the issues, and take action to transform our state.

The Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith recently issued a very timely document on the infinite dignity of each human life (*Dignitas Infinita*). In this election year and amid the important debates taking place at our State Capitol, the document gives us some important guideposts for guiding our civic engagement and for focusing our efforts against injustice. May the Good Shepherd guide us in this effort to which He calls us.

Father Tony

## LINEN MINISTRY NEEDS HELP

The altar linen ministry needs a couple more volunteers who can give three hours a month to enhance our weekly liturgies. Once a month a volunteer picks up the used purificators, corporals, and other altar towels and linens and takes them home to wash, dry, and iron. Specific washing instructions/training will be provided. Scheduling is flexible to your own timetable. Helping our community behind the scenes is a beautiful way to use your talents and serve God.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Cathy Cress at (952) 807-1087 or email [deancathy@comcast.net](mailto:deancathy@comcast.net).

## 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](http://archspm.org/national-eucharistic-pilgrimage-marian-route).

## COME CHEER ON FATHER TONY!



**SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
**5:45pm in St. Francis Hall**  
**Dinner will be served.**  
**Free Will Offering Welcome.**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**  
**Prizes for all ages!**  
**Please RSVP by calling the office at 952-227-4000 by Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.**

## GUARDIAN ANGELS PRAYER LINE

You are welcome to join the prayer line team to pray for the needs of parishioners, relatives, and friends in need of support. To join the prayer line please send an email to [prayer@gachaska.org](mailto:prayer@gachaska.org) and include your name, email, and contact phone number.

## JOIN US FOR DONUTS AND SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

*"The existence of each individual is deeply tied to that of others. Life is not simply time that passes; life is a time for interactions." (Pope Francis, Brothers and Sisters to Us [Fratelli Tutti], no. 66)*

Gathering after Mass in Saint Francis Hall downstairs to visit over coffee, juice, and donuts is a great way to interact and get to know your parish community. We encourage you to stop downstairs after Masses on Sunday even if for just a few minutes to say hello.

Fran Oprosko, our Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, has also been providing brief, fun, faith-based activities for children, while others visit during hospitality.

Please consider hosting as a family, or gather a couple friends together to host... or if you lead a ministry, sign up your ministry group. We need hosts for 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses at GA.

We would like to fill up the calendar for the next quarter beginning in April.

**Thank you to our Parishioners** for always providing enough in the free will basket to cover costs. Thank you to our many donors of time, talent, and treasure to the hospitality ministry including Ken and Laurie Forner, Scott and Marie Guillemette and Family, Fran Oprosko, Sam Lano, Steve Rasmussen and representatives of the Knights of Columbus, Catholic United Financial, Confirmation Prep, Faith Formation, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Parish Council, Synod Evangelization Team, Worldwide Marriage Encounter, and others. We appreciate the support and the time to interact with each other.

To sign up, go to our website or contact Laurie Forner at (612) 201-7002 or [lforner2@gmail.com](mailto:lforner2@gmail.com)





Dear Guardian Angels & St. Nicholas Volunteers,

**V**aluable is the work you do.

**O**utstanding is how you always come through.

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**U**ntiring in your efforts throughout the year.

**N**otable are the contributions you make.

**T**rustworthy in every project you take.

**E**ager to reach your every goal.

**E**ffective in the way you fulfill your role.

**R**eady with a smile like a shining star.

**Special and Wonderful – that's who you are!**

*Fran*

*Brittany*

*Joel*

*Viviana*

*Fr. Tony*

## YOUNG ADULT EVENING PRAYER

*April 23rd, 7-8 p.m., Virtual*

Young adults age 18+ are invited to online evening prayer with the School Sisters of Notre Dame on **Tuesday, April 23rd** at 7 p.m. Central Time. There will be time for faith sharing with young adults and sisters from all across the U.S. and Canada.

Learn more and register for the Zoom link at [ssnd.org/events/3-26-24/](https://ssnd.org/events/3-26-24/).

## EVENING OF EASTER CELEBRATION

*April 24th, 6:30-8:30 p.m., St. John Neumann, Eagan*

A joyful evening of encountering our Risen Lord Jesus through song, prayer, personal story, adoration, confession, and community. Confession and prayer teams available during the evening. Refreshments and confessions also available beforehand at 6 p.m.

## 76TH ANNUAL FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSION

*Sunday, May 5th, 1:30 p.m., Minnesota State Capitol to Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul*

As a public witness to our Catholic faith during the month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, come with family and friends to the annual Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession. Bishop Williams will join at the Capitol and in the Cathedral. Line up begins at 1:30 p.m. on the State Capitol grounds and the procession will begin at 2 p.m. Parishes are encouraged to bring banners to represent their communities. First Communicants are invited to wear their First Communion attire. Go to [minnesotarosaryprocessions.org](https://minnesotarosaryprocessions.org) for more information.

## ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

*Saturday, May 25th, 10-11:30 a.m.,  
Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul*

All are welcome to attend the Presbyteral Ordination at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Thirteen Theology IV seminarians from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis are scheduled to be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ!

Go to [www.10000vocations.org/ordinations.html](http://www.10000vocations.org/ordinations.html) for more information.

## COR JESU

*May 3rd, 8 p.m., The Saint Paul Seminary  
(Saint Mary's Chapel, St. Paul)*

Eucharistic Adoration, confession, praise and worship music, and fellowship with young adults, college-age and older. Bishop Joseph Williams will be presiding. Join us to adore the heart of Jesus!

No need to RSVP. Parking is open on lots p, x, and y on the South Campus of the University of St. Thomas.

## VENITE! A SPRING CONCERT

*May 4th, 7:30-8:45 p.m., Holy Cross, Minneapolis*

Come and hear the magnificent choirs of Holy Cross Catholic Church of Minneapolis in a spring concert! Admission is free, but a \$20 donation is encouraged in support of the music at Holy Cross. The program features works by G. Aichinger, G. Allegri, F. Anerio, S. Backman, E.C. Bairstow, A. Beach, W. Byrd, R. Dering, G. Gabrieli, E. Osterman, M. Praetorius, J.P. Sweelinck, and J. Travers. In addition, there will be festive congregational singing accompanied by organ, brass quartet, and timpani.

## 2nd ANNUAL SILVER TEA

*May 5th, 1-3 p.m., Lowell Inn, Stillwater*

Tickets \$50, must be reserved through St. Mary's Office (651) 439-1270 or [flharris@costm.org](mailto:flharris@costm.org) by April 26th.

## LECTOR WORKSHOP WITH DR. JOHAN VAN PARYS

*April 25th, 7-9 p.m.,  
St. Joseph of the Lakes, Lino Lakes*

Lectors of any level of experience are welcome to attend this practical and comprehensive workshop. Dr. Van Parys will share remarks about the Ministry of Lector and highlight helpful skills to proclaim the Word of God more effectively for the People of God. Cost \$25 per person.

Register at [www.almspm.org/events/lectors2024](http://www.almspm.org/events/lectors2024).

## PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP

*Saturday, May 4th, 8:30-11:30 a.m.,  
St. Thomas More, St. Paul*

Saint Thomas More Catholic Community and Twin Cities Prison Ministry will be hosting a workshop to help us discover the many different ways we can get involved in prison ministry. If you've ever wondered how to live out this work of mercy, this event is for you! Prison ministry can help us be the face and heart of Jesus Christ sharing His mercy, forgiveness, and presence while letting prisoners, their families, and institutional staff know that they are not forgotten or alone.



The Council of Catholic Women of St. Mary's in Stillwater will host an afternoon of friendship and "High Tea" with scones, canapés, soup, and dessert. The guest speaker is Sr. Maria Ivan of St. Croix Catholic School. She will be speaking on "Eucharistic Joy—Learning from Mary." Proceeds go to the Respect Life project, "Early Child Loss Memorial Rosary Garden" at St. Mary's. Fancy hats optional but encouraged!

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