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and Saint Nicholas Staff

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EASTER SUNDAY

The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

April 20th, 2025

Weekly Liturgy Schedule / Horario de Misas

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. 7:30 a.m. at Saint Nicholas Sunday: 12:00 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: 9 a.m. Domingo: 12:00 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: (612) 670-7655 David Pohlen, Trustee: (952) 428-9649 Steve Rasmussen, Facilities Council Chair: (612) 802-6442 Francis Kerber, Cemetery Board Chair: (952) 836-5467 Beth Buesgens, Finance Council Chair: (952) 227-4000 Kayla Pascoe, Pastoral Council Chair: (952) 412-4712	Church Calendar Monday, April 21st Tuesday, April 22nd 9:00 a.m. Estate Planning Workshop, St. Francis Hall
Saint Nicholas Lay Leadership Positions Elaine Ess, Cemetery: (571) 315-4980 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	5:30 p.m. Mass, & Diane Vogel 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft 7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting, 1st Floor Conference Room
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.	Wednesday, April 23rd <u>8:00 a.m. Mass,</u>
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! Call the Parish Office to get signed up.	 Thursday, April 24th <u>8:00 a.m. Mass</u>, ⊕ Charlie and Phyllis Stacken 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church 6:15 p.m. Women's Small Group Meeting, 1st Floor Conference Room 7:00 p.m. Latino Prayer Group, GA Church Friday, April 25th
RECIBE EL BOLETÍN POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO ;DIRECTAMENTE A USTED! ¿Sabías que puedes recibir este boletín en tu bandeja de entrada de correo electrónico? ¡Puedes! Llame a la oficina parroquial para registrarse. ANOINTING If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.	<u>6:30 p.m. Mass</u> Saturday, April 26th 6:30 a.m. Dad's Group, Room 004 8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church 3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church <u>4:30 p.m. Mass</u> , ⊕ Tony Dolski 5:00 p.m. Youth Night, Gym
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.	 Sunday, April 27th 7:30 a.m. Mass (SN), ⊕ Deceased Members of Pass Family 8:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft 9:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Floyd and Bertha Kohman 10:00 a.m. Baptism Outside of Mass, GA Church 12:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish), Para Ia Gente 2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy in Spanish, GA Church 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy in English, GA Church

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be among the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!

Guardian Angels Year-To-Date

Regular Operating Income Need

Yearly: \$678,300 Monthly: \$56,525 Weekly: \$13,045

	Amount Given	Above/Below
July	\$42,613	\$13,912
August	\$42,611	\$13,914
September	\$48,155	\$8,370
October	\$41,630	\$14,895
November	\$48,209	\$8,316
December	\$77,740	\$21,215
January	\$35,490	\$21,035
February	\$39,044	\$17,481
March	\$50,772	\$5,753
Week 3/24-3/31	\$7,624	\$5,421
Total Thru March	\$426,264	\$82,461
Need Thru March	\$508,725	
Week 4/1-4/7	\$28,358	\$15,313
Total Thru April	\$28,358	\$15,313

Please give \$10 more per week or \$50 more per month.

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

Contributions 7/1/24— 3/31/25:	\$58,234
Expenses since 7/1/24:	\$50,610
New A/C Compressor Architectural Fees for School S Regulators for Church Boiler	teps
Fund Balance thru 3/31/25:	\$137,893
Please remember the Church of the Saint Nicholas in your	Guardian Angels or r Will.

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 Lk 24:1-12 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt

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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 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9 -11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

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 9:00 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.

Saint Nicholas Regular Operating Income

Need for Entire year:	\$66,450
Need for 7/1/24—3/31/25:	\$52,393
Weekly Income need:	\$1,280
Week 3/17—3/31 Collected:	\$880
Total Giving, Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$44,143



WHO WILL ROLL BACK THE STONE?

Imagine what it would have been like to be the women, Peter, or John in the gospel story. They could not possibly have anticipated what happened. They had spent so much time with their Master and Teacher whom they loved. They had found great hope in he who brought healing and showed them how to live. But now they wanted to put closure on what had been an exciting time in their lives. Anointing his dead body was to be a last loving gesture. It was the least that they could do. When have we felt like that, only to anticipate a large stone in front of us? When have we felt that something important to us

was taken away?

Jesus really was dead and crucified and there really was finality to it – or so it seemed. But God raised Jesus from the dead! God has broken into the tragic human drama and reversed what had seemed like the inevitable. God has broken into our human experience of moving on to the next exciting thing that grabs our attention and has charted a course for us that will last forever.

Peter, who must have felt like a failure, heard the Good News that Jesus was raised and saw it for himself. The other disciple whom Jesus loved ran with him and saw and believed. They received new life and new reason for hope in seeing as the women did!

We celebrate Easter, yes, but we really celebrate it when we prayerfully come before Him to face our tombs like the women did at Mass and in our personal prayers. We come to see it for ourselves like Peter and John when we come to Mass and take part in receiving the great and living memorial of his sacrifice – His body and blood, given up for us. We see it for ourselves when we desire the truth of His holy Word that we hear at Mass and in our personal prayer. Then our daily lives can change with a real knowledge that He is alive wherever we go and in whatever situations we face. Place your trust in He who is risen for us, the one who has conquered death will pull us up and into the fullness of life. Make time in your life for the one who is alive! Have a great Easter and God bless you all!

Father Tony

STATEMENT REGARDING ATTACK OF FATHER NEIL BAKKER

From Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda, April 11th, 2025

I was shocked to hear of the attack on Father Neil Bakker, pastor at St. John the Baptist in Jordan, inside the parish rectory early Tuesday morning. Father Bakker and I have been in contact, and I have reiterated to him the promise of my prayers and Archdiocesan staff support for him and his parish and school community now and in the coming days and weeks. We need to give thanks to our gracious God that the incident ended as peacefully as it did. I continue to be inspired by the pastoral way in which Father Bakker was able to de-escalate a frightening situation.

My gratitude also extends to the women and men of the Jordan Police Department and the Scott County Sheriff's Office. I am told they rushed to Father's aide, quickly arrested the suspected attacker, and have taken great care of Father since the incident. Their professionalism and compassion are appreciated by all.

I ask at this time that all people of good will join me in prayer both for Father Bakker and for the person who broke into his rectory. Please join me in praying as well for all those who are victims of violence.

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 June 9-11th from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.

CANTORS FOR MASS

Have you ever thought about becoming a cantor? We are looking for new cantors for both Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas. You will get trained in on how to lead the congregation in joyful praise to the Lord!

For more information or to sign up, contact Brittany Kaufmann at bkaufmann@gachaska.org.

DIVINE MERCY



Sunday, April 27th, 2025, 3:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. in Spanish)

God's greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. Join us for a special Divine Mercy Prayer Service with Eucharistic Adoration here at Guardian Angels on Sun., April 27 at 2:00 or 3:00 p.m.

Also, we invite you pray the **Divine Mercy Novena** which begins on **Good Friday**, April 18th and concludes Sat., April 26th. The novena can be accessed online at

https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/ devotions/novena

or you may pick up a copy on the table in the back of church.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

With great joy and gratitude to God, I am thrilled to announce that **Guardian Angels Catholic Preschool**, **opening in Fall 2025, is now accepting enrollment!** This moment is the fruit of much prayer, dedication, and the steady support of our faith community. Rooted in the teachings of Christ, our preschool will nurture young hearts and minds, forming children in faith, wisdom, and love from their earliest years.

Your encouragement and prayers have been instrumental in bringing this vision to life. Let's keep praying for its success! As we embark on this mission, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing a loving, faith-filled environment where children can grow academically and spiritually. I invite you to learn more and secure a place for your child by visiting www.gachaska.org/preschool.

May God bless this new chapter for our parish, and may our children grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Thank you for your prayers, support, and commitment to Catholic education!

Father Tony VanderLoop

MEAL TRAIN FOR FATHER TONY



We know Father Tony often works late and doesn't eat supper sometimes until he gets home around 9:30-10:00 p.m. So we've set up a Meal Train for parishioners to sign up to bring a meal to the Parish Office so he can eat at the office on those late nights. Sign up as often as you like!

Meal Train URL for Father Tony: www.mealtrain.com/01zk13

Father Tony likes healthier food choices and does have a hearty appetite! No desserts.

- Bring food to the Parish Office kitchen during office hours (8:30-4:40 T-Th, 8:30-12:30 M & F)
- Include heating instructions
- Put your name on your containers
- Pick up your containers in the Parish Office

May God bless you and Father Tony in this ministry! Questions? Call Jean at (612) 245-9252.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." Mt 25:35a. Thanks to all who went to FMSC in Chanhassen on March 27th, and did this work of charity for our brothers and sisters around the world! May the Lord bless this food and bless those who receive it.



GROWING THROUGH LOSS

Tuesdays, April 22nd-May 20th, 6:45p.m.-8:45 p.m., St. Pascal Baylon, St. Paul

The new East Metro Grief Coalition will offer their first "Growing Through Loss." The 5-week series includes speaker presentation, small group time to share grief experience, and a closing service of remembrance. Each night is a presentation in and of itself, attend one or more nights in the series. All welcome! Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., speaker at 7 p.m. followed by small group. For more information call 651-432-4959.

DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL POSITION OPEN

Guardian Angels Catholic Preschool will be opening this autumn 2025. We are excited to share this new beginning with many members of our surrounding community. Our director position is open for the 2025-2026 school year. Please share the opportunity with your friends and acquaintances who may be qualified. Go to our website, gachaska.org, and scroll down to preschool to view the job description and application instructions. May God bless our journey of hope for our parish and the young ones and their families who join our school.

DEACON DISCERNMENT DAY

Saturday, April 26th, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., The Saint Paul Seminary

If you are considering a vocation as a permanent deacon, your first step is to attend a Deacon Discernment Day. Discerners and their wives (if applicable) will learn about the vocation of the permanent deacon and The Saint Paul Seminary Institute for Diaconate Formation, and get answers to the following questions:

- What is a deacon?
- Who can become a deacon?
- How are Holy Orders integrated with marriage and family?
- How does one discern and respond to the Lord's call to Holy Orders?
- What prerequisites are needed?
- What is the application, discernment and formation process? The day includes Mass, prayer, reflections, lunch, Q&A and more. It is intended for single or married men, and their wives (if applicable), between the ages of 25 and 59. He must be a U.S. citizen or a resident alien with a green card and a permanent resident in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Please contact <u>deaconvocation@archspm.org</u> to request registration materials and please include a phone number with your request.

BOUNTIFUL BASKET CURRENT NEEDS - April 2025

- Hearty Soups
- Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges
- Canned Carrots & Diced
 Tomatoes
- White & Brown Rice
- Instant Rice

We could also always use your brown paper bags!

WOMEN'S RETREAT: IT IS WELL

Cereal

Crackers

Cooking Oil

Mayonnaise

Flour and Sugar
Baking mixes

Saturday, May 3rd, 8 a.m.—3:30 p.m., Holy Name of Jesus, Medina

All women are invited to spend a day in community, in the presence of our Lord in the sacraments. The day includes speakers Kenna Millea and Fr. Tim Wratkowski, meditation, adoration, reconciliation and plenty of time for small group discussion. Cost is \$60.

The link for registration is at www.archspm.org/it-iswell-womens-retreat (all dashes included)

FREE ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP AT GUARDIAN ANGELS

Tuesday, April 22nd 9-10 a.m., St. Francis Hall

Coming Soon! Tuesday, April 22nd. Sign up today! Enjoy some refreshments and a great message about Estate Planning.



RETREAT: DISCOVERING YOUR SUFFERING'S MEANING

Friday, May 2nd-Sunday May 4th, Kings House, Buffalo, \$50 registration fee

Retreatants will hear wisdom, Christian and human, to help them:

- candidly face personal suffering
- understand the "secret" that the Cross reveals
- and prayerfully make a passage from affliction to revival.

Retreat director Fr. Robert Rossi, O.S.C., is a member of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers and author of The Crosier Spiritual Exercises. The Order's spirituality focuses on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus and sees its ministry as touching suffering with hope. We are excited to bring to you this retreat to hear how Christian and human wisdom will help retreatants better understand the "secret" that the Cross reveals and to prayerfully make a passage to revival.

Register at kingshouse.com/event/mens-womenssilent-weekend (all dashes included)

We're excited to welcome Fiat Wealth Management, a local financial planning firm in Wayzata, to lead this free workshop on estate planning. This is your chance to learn from local experts who truly care about your financial well-being and taking care of the gifts that have been given to you.

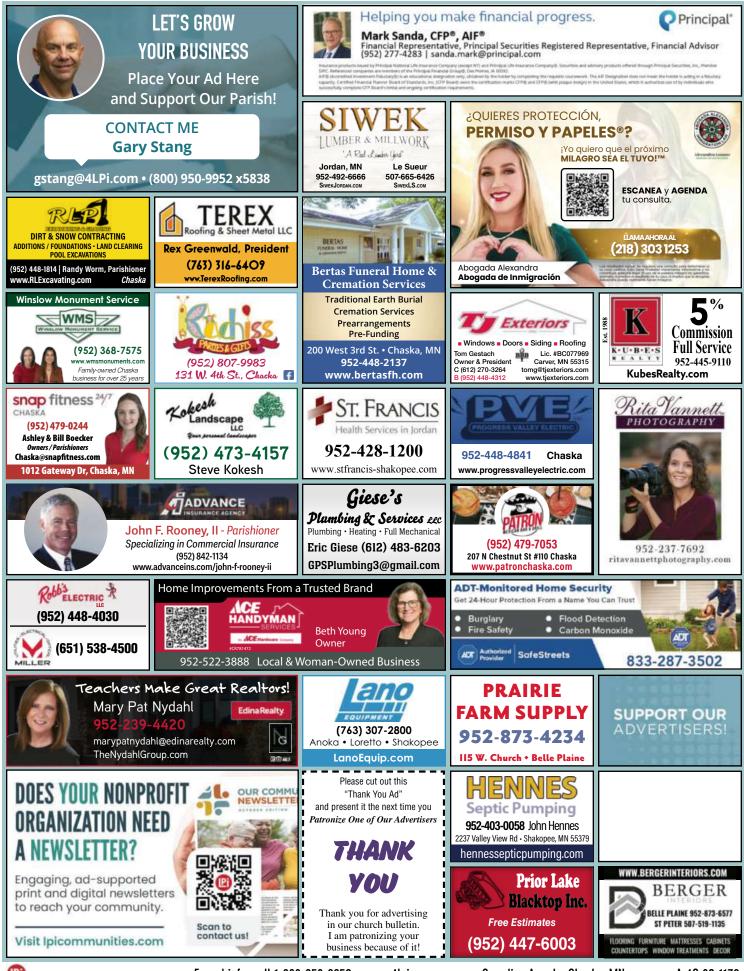
Attendees will receive free resources, including a book by financial expert Brad Gotto (Owner and CEO of Fiat Wealth Management), and the opportunity, if desired, to schedule a complimentary 30-minute follow-up visit to discuss your own personal estate planning needs.

Light snacks and refreshments provided.

Please RSVP by calling Bill Van Hecke at (612) 812-8615. Signups are also located at the entrances of the church.

Don't miss this chance to learn from local experts and take control of your financial future.

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