# The Churches of The Guardían Angels and Saínt Nícholas

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### **Office Hours**

Monday: 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Wednesday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

**Guardian** Angels

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# 6<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

## May 25th, 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

## 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

## **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.

## **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.

### **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.

### 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, May 26th

8:30 a.m. Memorial Day Mass, & For the Faithful Departed

### Tuesday, May 27th

5:30 p.m. Mass, 🕆 Daniel Karolevitz

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

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

### Wednesday, May 28th

8:00 a.m. Mass, For the staff and families at Family Attachment Center

7:00 p.m. Grupo de Mujeres (Women's Small Group, Spanish), Room 110

### Thursday, May 29th

8:00 a.m. Mass, <sup>⊕</sup> Charlie & Phylis Stacken 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church 7:00 p.m. Latino Prayer Group, GA Church

### Friday, May 30th

6:00 p.m. Mass

### Saturday, May 31st

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church 3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church <u>4:30 p.m. Mass</u>, For the People

### Sunday, June 1st

<u>7:30 a.m. Mass (SN),</u> <sup>⊕</sup> Deceased Members of the Mahowald Family
8:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
<u>9:00 a.m. Mass</u>, <sup>⊕</sup> Tony and Marie Koll
10:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall
<u>12:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish)</u>, <sup>⊕</sup> Juan Jose Pineda

# **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**



Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the city of God, the new Jerusalem. "But," the bishops pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

# Guardian Angels Year-To-Date

## **Regular Operating Income Need**

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

	Amount Given	Above/Below
July -September	\$133,379	\$36,196
October—December	\$167,579	\$1,996
January—March	\$125,306	\$44,269
April	\$71,670	\$15,145
Total Thru April Need Thru April	\$497,934 \$565,250	\$67,316
Week 5/13—5/19	\$11,956	\$1,089
Total May thru 5/19	\$29,907	\$9,228

Please prayerfully consider increasing your offertory gift in reference to Father Tony's Letter of Ask mailed to all parishioner families. Scan the QR code to contribute now or adjust your giving. Thank you for your support!



<— Guardian Angels Saint Nicholas —>



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# **Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:**

Contributions 7/1/24— 5/19/25:	\$69,215
Expenses since 7/1/24:	\$65,426
New A/C Compressor and follow-up Architectural Fees for School Steps Regulators for Church Boiler	
Fund Balance thru 5/19/25:	\$134,058
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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/ Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/ Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

### **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—5/19/25:	\$60,061
Weekly Income need:	\$1,280
Week 5/13—5/19 Collected:	\$702
Total Giving, Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$50,934

## LET'S PRAY FOR OUR VETERANS



This year, our Memorial Day Mass will take place at Guardian Angels Cemetery at 8:30 AM with honor guard salute at 8:15 AM. I encourage you to come and pray in thanksgiving for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country and our freedom. Pray for the repose of their souls and for all veterans who often have a difficult adjustment when they return home. Please remind me to continue well beyond Memorial Day to lead our prayer for our veterans and our efforts to do all that we can to help them make an easier transition back to their families and into society. Recent studies reveal that as many as 18%

of combat veterans struggle with significant mental health issues upon returning home. Additionally, one study concludes that as many as 30% of returning Army Reserve and Guard members are struggling in the same way four to six months after returning from combat.

When a soldier has gone to war, both soldier and family have been through odysseys that have stretched, challenged, and overwhelmed them and pushed them to the limits of their endurance. In order to go to war and back a soldier travels a road that leads from citizen to soldier to warrior and through a difficult process, back to citizen. The road travels from security to insecurity and back to security, from safety to danger and back to safety, from comfort to discomfort and back to comfort, from order and law to chaos and lawlessness back to law and order, from cooperation to survival and back to cooperation, and from trust through mistrust back to trust.

The road is intense and includes an adjustment on the part of family members as well. Families learn to fill the void left by the soldier and new roles are assumed and sometimes mastered. New rules have taken effect and money has been managed without the soldier's direct input. In combat life is simpler because the military guided and provided and the soldier bonded with a few; in civilian life the soldier will be expected to interact and make decisions with a myriad of networks of people. In addition to moving from simplicity to complexity a combat veteran must face the challenges of overcoming the sense of alienation that comes from having such an intense experience that those who have not experienced it could know. They must come to a sense of peace with themselves, with God, and with others.

While our prayers continue for our veterans there is more that we can do. When the opportunity presents itself, we can welcome them home and affirm what they did for us. This does not mean that we have to support our country's foreign policy. It only means that we acknowledge the sacrifice they made by being the ones willing to do it when their country asked. We can also support them with our patience, having realistic expectations knowing that reintegration takes time. As employers while not ignoring harmful behavior, we can calculate and plan for the additional time needed in their training and for time to check-in and attend to their specific needs. Finally, we can offer our encouragement to our veterans in their reengagement with their families, their work, and their society and offer them opportunities to succeed.

As we celebrate Memorial Day we salute the sacrifice that all of our veterans have made. We remember those who have paid the ultimate price. To all of our veterans we say thank you for the sacrifices you have made and for your service!

Blessings to you all, Father Tony

## **MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

Our Memorial Day Mass will be held on Monday, May 26th at 8:30 a.m. at Guardian Angels Cemetery with honor guard salute at 8:15 a.m. Let's begin the day right by remembering our Veterans who have made sacrifices and the ultimate sacrifice and our loved ones as well. Please bring your own chair. Thank You

## SAINT NICHOLAS CEMETERY RULES FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Graves may be decorated 1 week before Memorial day and up to 2 weeks after Memorial Day. Anything left on graves after the 2 weeks following Memorial day will be removed by maintenance staff. It will be placed in a collection area for 1 month. After 1 month, if not removed from collection area, it will be thrown away.

# HOSPITATLIY VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED FOR MAY THROUGH JUNE

Please consider serving and providing hospitality after our 9 a.m. Masses. It just takes about 15 minutes before Mass to set up and then service after Mass. Detailed instructions will be provided. The link to the Signup Genius is under Ministries > Community and Outreach > Coffee and Donuts on Sundays or contact Laurie at (612) 201-7002 (call or text ok). Our hope is to provide a time for hospitality and conversation after every Sunday 9 a.m. Mass. We appreciate the help!

## PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Guardian Angels Catholic Preschool, opening in Fall 2025, is still accepting enrollment! 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

# SUMMER IS ON ITS WAY—AND SO IS GARDEN SEASON!

Bountiful Basket welcomes fruits, vegetables, and herbs from local gardens—every donation makes a difference. Sharing a portion of your harvest is a simple yet powerful way to support your neighbors with the nourishment they deserve. Thank you for planting hope and growing kindness in our community!

## **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.

Come join in the fun of setting up for the sale and clean up after the sale. Any amount of time you can volunteer would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance!



## HOSPITALITY AFTER SUNDAY 9 AM MASS

Please join us after 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass for Sunday hospitality. Our social time to visit with the community after Guardian Angels' Mass is growing. It is heartwarming to see so many come downstairs to St. Francis Hall to enjoy a treat and conversation with each other.

# A LETTER FROM BOUNTIFUL BASKET

Dear Parishioners of Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas,

Your generosity makes a real difference. Thank you for your thoughtful gift of \$1,354 to Bountiful Basket Food Shelf. Because of you, families in our community have nourishing food, critical resources, and the support they need to navigate challenging times. Together, we can fulfill our mission of, "Nourishing neighbors, inspiring hope, and support families on their road to self-sufficiency."

While we continue to see the demand for our services increase, we also see the profound impact of your kindness every day. Meet Stephanie, a mom of two teenagers who recently visited our food shelf. Stephanie and her husband work hard to support their family, but life took an unexpected turn when she had to leave her job due to illness. Suddenly, the family found themselves trying to make ends meet on a single income. Stephanie shared how overwhelming it felt trying to balance medical bills, groceries, and everyday expenses. Visiting the food shelf twice a month has been a tremendous relief for Stephanie and her family. The support has help ease the financial burden, allowing them to focus on other pressing needs. The food she receives not only nourishes her family, but also provides a sense of hope during this difficult time.

Stephanie's story reflects the vital role your support plays in helping families in need. Together, we're making a difference, one meal at a time. Thank you for joining us in our mission to nourish, support, and empower our neighbors. At Bountiful Basket, we believe no one should face hardship alone. Thanks to you, we can provide food as well as a place of dignity, connection, and care for those who need it most.

With gratitude, Patti Sinykin, Executive Director.

### BOUNTIFUL BASKET CURRENT NEEDS - May 2025

- Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta
  Canned Tuna & Salmon
- Canned Pineapple &
- Mandarin Oranges
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Black & Pinto Beans
- White & Brown Rice
- Instant Rice



OOD SHELF

Crackers

Cooking Oil

Cereal

- Mayonnaise
- Flour and Sugar
- Baking mixes
- Dish soap
  - Laundry detergent
  - Diapers size 3, 4, 5, 6

We could also always use your brown paper bags!

# 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.

## **DEMONTREVILLE RETREAT**

Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. Join us for a three-day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The retreat begins Thursday evening June 19th, 2025, and ends Sunday evening June 22, 2025. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at (651) 777-1331 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com

## WANT TO HEAR A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP?

Sign up for "Together on the Journey" at www.archspm.org/togetheronthejourney (or the myParish app) to see a monthly video and read a weekly message from the Archbishop. He wants to speak to you and be your shepherd!

# **OUR PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM IS COMING TO LIFE!**

It's really happening—our preschool classroom is being lovingly prepared and thoughtfully set up... just waiting to welcome joyful little learners this fall! From cozy reading corners to hands-on activity shelves, every detail is designed to nurture **curiosity, creativity, and community** in a faith-filled environment. As you can see in this photo, this space is more than a classroom—it's a home for growing hearts and minds.

Also, construction is in full swing as the Guardian Angels Steps Project begins to take shape. Our new front entry stairs are not just about beautifying our grounds, but rather they are a meaningful investment in the future of our parish and families, made with our new preschool opening this fall firmly in mind. As we prepare to welcome little ones into a space filled with faith, wonder, and joyful learning, projects like this help ensure every step, quite literally, is safe, welcoming, and ready for generations to come. Stay tuned for more updates as we move closer to opening day. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we build something truly special together.

There's a seat waiting just for your child. Will you be one of our **Founding Families** who help shape the very first chapter of this beautiful new beginning?

Enrollment is open! Come and take a tour, ask your questions, and see the magic in person! Call us at (952) 227-4000.



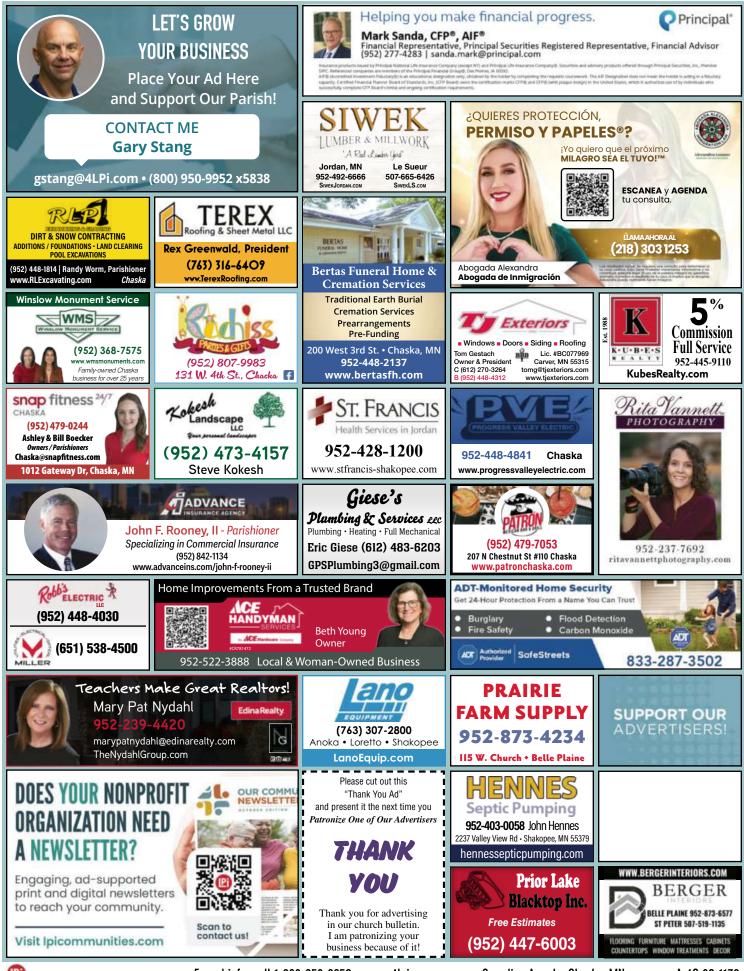
# COMMUNION MINISTRY FOR VICTIM/SURVIVORS

If you are a victim/survivor who would like to receive Communion but cannot come to church, the Eucharist can be brought directly to you, by a victim/ survivor. Find out more at

safe-environment.archspm.org/communion-ministry

# WE ARE STILL COLLECTING CANS

If you would like to drop off your cans, small bags can go in the bin outside of the can shed behind church. Large bags of cans can go on the ground next to the bin. Thanks.



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