

# The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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**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.

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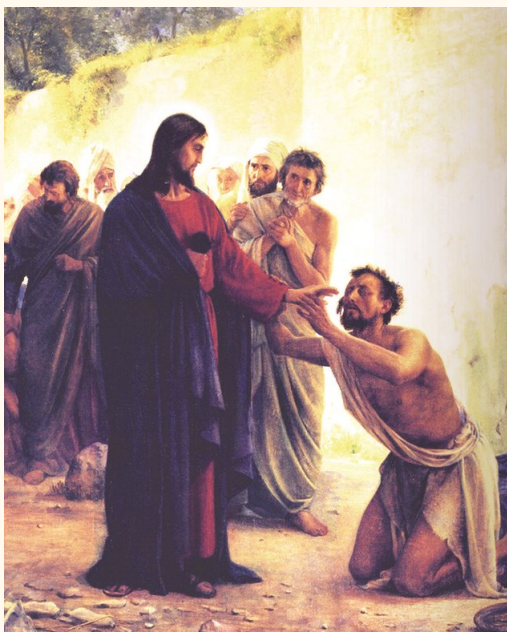
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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"  
- Jn 9:35

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## 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.

### 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.

### 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  
**Leo Forner, Facilities Council Chair:** (952) 448-3312  
**Steve Rasmussen, Cemetery Board Chair:** (952) 227-4000  
**Scott Guillemette, Finance Council Chair:** (952) 227-4000  
**Bill Van Hecke, Pastoral Council Chair:** (612) 812-8615

## Saint Nicholas Lay Leadership Positions

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## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

If you have anything to submit for the bulletin for Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas, email [bulletin@gachaska.org](mailto:bulletin@gachaska.org) by 12:00 p.m. the Tuesday before. Any 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. Cualquier 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! Text GACHASKA to 84576, add your email address, and join the "Bulletin" group.

## RECIBE EL BOLETÍN POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO ¡DIRECTAMENTE A USTED!

¿Sabías que puedes recibir este boletín en tu bandeja de entrada de correo electrónico? ¡Puedes! Envíe un mensaje de texto con GACHASKA al 84576, agregue su dirección de correo electrónico y únase al grupo "Boletín".

## 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, March 20th

6:30 p.m. Creighton Model FertilityCare,  
St. Nicholas Classrooms 1-4

### Tuesday, March 21st

5:00 p.m. Creighton Model FertilityCare,  
St. Nicholas Classrooms 1-4

5:30 p.m. Mass, † David Lano

6:30 p.m. RCIA, St. Francis Hall

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

### Wednesday, March 22nd

8:00 a.m.,

6:15 p.m. Encounter Faith Formation, GA School,  
St. Nicholas Classrooms 1-4

### Thursday, March 23rd

8:00 a.m. Mass,

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA

5:00 p.m. NET Catalyst Night, St. Francis Hall

### Friday, March 24th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN),

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Saint Nicholas Church

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

### Saturday, March 25th

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, † Deceased members of the Olk Family

### Sunday, March 26th

8:00 a.m. Mass, For the People

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

10:00 a.m. Mass, † Margaret Young

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), † Ceilia "Beanie" Friedman

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

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish),

4:00 p.m. Penance Service, Guardian Angels Church

### 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, 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. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
 Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a,8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
 Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 1 Sm 16, 1. 6-7. 10-13/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 (1)/Ef 5, 8-14/Jn 9, 1-41 o 9, 1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38  
 Lunes: 2 Sm 7, 4-5. 12-14. 16/Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29/Rom 4, 13. 16-18. 22/Mt 1, 16. 18-21. 24 o Lc 2, 41-51  
 Martes: Ez 47, 1-9. 12/Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/Jn 5, 1-3. 5-16  
 Miércoles: Is 49, 8-15/Sal 144, 8-9. 13-14. 17-18/Jn 5, 17-30  
 Jueves: Ex 32, 7-14/Sal 105, 19-20. 21-22. 23/Jn 5, 31-47  
 Viernes: Sab 2, 1. 12-22/Sal 33, 17-18. 19-20. 21 y 23/Jn 7, 1-2. 10. 25-30  
 Sábado: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 39, 7-8.8-9. 10. 11/Heb 10, 4-10/Lc 1, 26-38  
 Domingo siguiente: Ez 37, 12-14/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8 (7)/Rom 8, 8-11/Jn 11, 1-45 o 11, 3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like—the man born blind or the Pharisees?

**Maintenance Expenses Paid:** \$49,594

Rebuff Gym Floor, Upgrade Gym AHU,  
 Church Compressor Upgrade, Sacristy Rain Gutters,  
 Rectory roof replacements

### Year-To-Date 7/1/22—03/06/23

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$471,427	\$46,480
Sunday Collection	\$312,076	\$31,738
Contributions	\$30,274	N/A
Electronic Giving	\$132,651	\$10,181
Total Contributions	\$475,001	\$41,919
Amount above or below	+3,574	-\$4,561

### Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/22—02/20/23 Contributions: \$36,138  
 Fund Balance: \$201,136



## AN UNDENIABLE GIFT

Around the world at Easter, numerous adults receive baptism; in quite a few countries, there are many thousands. One Catholic Church in Texas was known to have 78 in one year come into the faith through Baptism. Let's pray with hope that such an experience can be ours at our parishes.

I recall once after an Easter Mass at the Cathedral talking with a young woman who was just baptized. I did not know her, but she was beaming with joy and wanted to share it. She explained how God had given her this great day. If you ask the adult baptismal candidates about their personal journey to faith, you will repeatedly hear stories that are

not unlike today's Gospel. Their journey to faith and to baptism is like that of the man born blind to whom Jesus gave the eyesight he had lacked from birth. They experience the transition to faith as a journey to light. In early Christian times, Baptism was described as "enlightenment." And that is why today's Gospel was then, and still is, read as a step in the preparation for baptism.

There is great drama in the event. People begin to ask: What happened, and how did it happen? Who then is this man Jesus who healed you? And again and again, the man who was healed tells what Jesus did and how he has received his sight. And in the process he learns that the more often he talks about it, the more clearly he sees for himself who has healed him and what has been given to him. More and more the healed man becomes a believer and an evangelist.

An important element on this journey is of course the resistance he encounters. The Pharisees do not want to believe him. They swear at him and finally throw him out. But the man who was healed cannot and will not deny what was given to him. He grows because of this hostile rejection. He becomes clearer in his conviction that Jesus is a prophet and even more, the Song of God.

To the degree that I pass on the story of my journey in the faith, my faith becomes firmer, and wherever it proves itself, even against a contradiction and resistance, it becomes deeper and more alive and finally leads, as in today's Gospel, to a full encounter with Jesus Christ.

Father Tony VanderLoop

## PASSION PLAY IN SHAKOPEE

Saint Mark's Church in Shakopee celebrates its 40th and final year offering the Passion Play. The plays in English will be on Wed. March 22nd, Thurs. March 23rd, and Sat. March 25th. Musical prelude starts at 7:40 p.m. with 8 p.m. performance.

Español Viernes 24 de Marzo.

Admission is free.

For more information go to  
[www.shakopeepassionplay.org](http://www.shakopeepassionplay.org)

## GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

This weekend is Global Solidarity Sunday as we celebrate "...I was blind and now I see" (Jn 9:25). This is an invitation to share God's light of love in solidarity with your brothers and sisters overseas. We are invited to offer gifts of support, an expression of Lenten almsgiving, by contributing to this collection for four global initiatives designated by the U.S. Catholic Bishops: the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, Latin America, as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able and share the love of God with your brothers and sisters overseas.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY**

*March 31st, 4-7:30 p.m., Gym*

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, coffee, water, or milk. Take outs available, 1st Street and Cedar Street in Chaska. Adults=\$15. Kids 5 to 12=\$5. Kids under 5 free. Proceeds go to various charities. For more info, email [haroldbrose@yahoo.com](mailto:haroldbrose@yahoo.com)

Happy news! The desserts are back at our renowned fish frys! We need every family to generously donate 2 desserts for our last 2 fish frys on Friday, March 17th and Friday, March 31st. These can be dropped off on Thursday between 3 and 5 p.m. and on Friday starting at 2 p.m. at the gym kitchen door. Ladies, show off your best dessert recipes to finish off our fabulous Lenten Friday night supper! Maybe something green for St. Patrick's Day! The Knights of Columbus Council 9141 of Guardian Angels Church thanks you very much and so will all the hungry dinner guests!

## **CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP**

*March 25th, St. Joseph of the Lakes in Lino Lakes,  
9 a.m.—4 p.m.*

Explore the ancient teaching of the gifts (or charisms) of the Holy Spirit and how they work in your life and the life of your parish. Learn the signs and characteristics of the most common charisms of the Holy Spirit. Cost is \$85. Includes workshop materials, lunch, refreshments, and follow-up personal discernment guide. More information and registration can be found at [www.archspm.org/called-and-gifted-workshop-7](http://www.archspm.org/called-and-gifted-workshop-7)

## **YOUNG ADULT EVENING PRAYER**

Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with the School Sisters of Notre Dame on Tuesday, March 28th at 7 p.m. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at [www.ssnd.org/events/3-28-23](http://www.ssnd.org/events/3-28-23)

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

Be in-the-know with news from your Catholic community and the Church around the world. Get The Catholic Spirit, the award-winning newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, in your home. Free subscriptions for parishioners are available via each parish. Contact the Parish Office to be added to our mailing list, or purchase an annual subscription for yourself or a friend at [www.thecatholicspirit.com](http://www.thecatholicspirit.com)

## **SIDEWALK COUNSELING TRAINING SEMINAR**

*March 21st, 7-9 p.m., Holy Family Catholic Church,  
Saint Louis Park*

On an average day in the Twin Cities, 35 children are lost to abortion. Learn how to save these babies by peacefully reaching out with love and offering brochures to those entering the five local abortion mills. Not sure whether sidewalk counseling is for you? Come and see! Sidewalk prayer supporters are also welcome. No charge. Presented by Pro-Life Action Ministries. There have been 3600+ lives saved since 1981!

Contact Thomas at [Thomas.wilkin@plam.org](mailto:Thomas.wilkin@plam.org) or call (651) 979-6366

## **QUESTIONS AND CALLINGS: A DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

Young adults are invited to a day of personal and communal reflection on Saturday, April 1st, 2023 from 10 a.m.—3 p.m. at the Carondelet Center in St. Paul. Sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and Visitation Sisters of North Minneapolis, the day will be based on Krista Tippett's "On Being" Foundation series. Learn more and register by March 26th at [www.ssnd.org/events/4-1-23](http://www.ssnd.org/events/4-1-23)

## EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT MICHAEL IZEN

*Tuesday, April 11th, Cathedral of Saint Paul*

On January 5th, 2023, Pope Francis named Father Michael John Izen, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Save the date for his Episcopal Ordination. Learn more about Bishop-elect Izen and keep up to date on information regarding his ordination at [www.thecatholicspirit.com](http://www.thecatholicspirit.com).

## SOUTHWEST OPTIONS FOR WOMEN IS HIRING

SouthWest Options for Women is your local pregnancy center, helping women with unexpected pregnancies in your community for over 30 years. As you know, a lot is happening both nationally and in Minnesota in the last several months regarding abortion, and we need your help to fulfill our Life-Affirming Mission. With the growing number of abortion-minded women in our community seeking our services, we need to add to our staff.

We are seeking the following positions:

1. Nurse (RN) Manager
2. Nurse (RN) Sonographer
3. RDMS-Sonographer
4. Nurse (RN) willing to train in sonography

Part-time and volunteer positions available.  
Flexible hours, paid holidays, and PTO

### Hiring Immediately

Contact Kim Bennecke at [admin@myswow.org](mailto:admin@myswow.org) or call (952) 938-4496 for more information.

## MASS OF CONSECRATION TO THE LIFE OF VIRGINITY

*March 25th, 11 a.m., Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis*

All are invited to join Archbishop Hebda as he presides over The Mass of Solemn Consecration of four women to the life of Consecrated Virginité Lived in the World. Prior, Serra Club will lead a rosary for increase in vocations. Parking and map can be found at [www.mary.org](http://www.mary.org)

## 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

The Office for the Mission of Catholic Education is pleased to release the 2022-2023 Annual Report on Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Read about the landscape of Catholic education in our Archdiocese, provided through Catholic schools and parish catechetical programs. Some highlights:

### Catholic Schools:

1. 53 schools reported that families joined the Catholic Church through their school—200 families and more than 400 people.
2. K-12 enrollment has increased 9% over the last three years.
3. Our Catholic schools experienced only a 13% teacher turnover rate, bucking national trends.

### Parish Catechetical Programs:

1. More than 3,500 volunteer catechists help pass on the faith to children and youth.
2. Enrollment in parish catechetical programs remained steady from 2021-2022.
3. The number of parish catechetical leaders with a degree in the field (theology, catechesis, religious education, etc.) continues to grow and now sits at 65%.

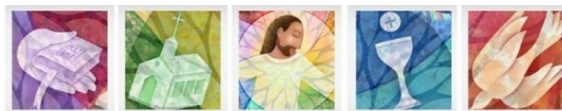
On behalf of Archbishop Bernard Hebda, the Office of the Mission of Catholic Education thanks everyone who makes Catholic education possible!



## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM ONLINE AND OVER THE PHONE SCAMS

Staff and parishioners alike have seen a recent uptick in people claiming to be Fr. Tony and asking for things. It is important to note that:

1. Neither Father Tony or anyone else on staff will email you or text you asking for money. Some other common fake emails are "I need to ask a favor of you discreetly," or "This is a time-sensitive matter and I am relying on you to do this." This will also never happen in real life.
2. Never open links in suspicious emails.
3. The only electronic communications you should get from us (that do not end in @gachaska.org) are from Flocknote or Rotunda Software (MSP). These emails are easily verifiable, and if you are doubtful, talk to a parish staff member in person. If our communication methods expand or change, we will notify everyone in advance of the change.
4. If you have staff cell numbers for ministry reasons (i.e. Faith Formation, Accompanist, Cantor, Funeral Luncheon, etc.), save that phone number in your contacts. That way if you get a text claiming to be from a staff member but is not, you can easily identify it as a fake.
5. Common spoof email addresses like to use iterations off of "parishoffice@gmail.com" or "pastoroffice@gmail.com." Our email addresses end in "@gachaska.org." Also, be sure that all a's, o's, and s's are their correct letters and not 0s, 5s, o's where a's should be, 3's, or other characters.
6. Catholic Churches are not the only organizations that have issues with scammers pretending to be someone. Always verify emails, texts, and even letters to ensure the safety of your personal data.
7. If you are ever unsure, DO NOT REPLY to the email directly. Always either send a new email to a trusted email address, call a trusted number, or talk to someone in person.



### Faith Formation

Join us for Encounter Adult Small Groups on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Room 102 of the school from 6:15pm-7:45pm.

**This week's topic will be  
A Walk through the Mass & Going to Mass as a Family.**

**Registration is now open for  
TOTUS TUUS 2023.**

Totus Tuus will be here from June 11<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Additional details available in the brochure on the Information Table.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP  
to provide lodging for the Totus Tuus missionaries.**

Please contact Fran Oprosko if you are able to house  
2 missionaries from June 10<sup>th</sup> – June 17<sup>th</sup>.