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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

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February 25th, 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

Dan Bergner, Trustee: (952) 367-7432
Kris Janey, Trustee: (612) 325-9284
Leo Forner, Facilities Council Chair: (952) 448-3312
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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 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 antes de las 12:00 p.m. el martes anterior. Fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.

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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.

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¿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, February 26th

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

Tuesday, February 27th

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

5:30 p.m. Mass, † Shirley Maier

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

Wednesday, February 28th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Colby Rothmeier

6:15 p.m. Encounter Faith Formation, Campus-Wide

6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Penance Service, GA Church

Thursday, February 29th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Amanda Marie Noonkester (Hoops)

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

4:00 p.m. Women's Small Group, St. Francis Hall

7:00 p.m. Latino Prayer Group, St. Francis Hall

Friday, March 1st

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

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

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

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, GA Church OR SN Gardens

Saturday, March 2nd

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

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

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

3:15 p.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, † Colby Rothmeier

Sunday, March 3rd

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Giles and Clarice VanSloun

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

10:00 a.m. Mass, † Marlys Jacques

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), For the People

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

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

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: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Gn 22, 1-2. 9-13. 15-18/Sal 115, 10. 15. 16-17. 18-19 (115, 9)/
Rom 8, 31-34/Mc 9, 2-10
Lunes: Dn 9, 4-10/Sal 78, 8. 9. 11 y 13/Lc 6, 36-38
Martes: Is 1, 10. 16-20/Sal 49, 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23/Mt 23, 1-12
Miércoles: Jr 18, 18-20/Sal 30, 5-6. 14. 15-16/Mt 20, 17-28
Jueves: Jr 17, 5-10/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/Lc 16, 19-31
Viernes: Gn 37, 3-4. 12-13. 17-28/Sal 104, 16-17. 18-19. 20-21/Mt 21, 33-43. 45-46
Sábado: Miq 7, 14-15. 18-20/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12/Lc 15, 1-3. 11-32
Domingo siguiente: Ex 20, 1-17 o 20, 1-3. 7-8. 12-17/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11 (Jn 6, 68)/1 Cor 1, 22-25/Jn 2, 13-25

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare His own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord—of my resources, of my time, of myself—also sacrificial?

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/23 to Date:

Friary Doors (1/3 down), Church Fence (2nd half), Repair Sanctuary/Sacristy windows, replace furnace room windows, church boilers (95% Pd), Gym Lights

Year-To-Date 7/1/23—2/19/24

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$480,794	\$38,658
Sunday Collection	\$15,385	\$924
Contributions	\$24,138	\$1,202
Total Giving	\$409,466	\$39,791
Amount above or below	-\$71,328	+\$1,133

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/23—12/31/23 Contributions:	\$39,050
	(\$5,250 boiler rebate)
7/1/23—12/31/23 Expenses:	\$118,510.91
Fund Balance:	\$107,991

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



THE INTRODUCTORY RITES OF THE MASS

When we gather as a community of believers, responding to God's call to do this in memory of me, we come from a variety of situations. Often our minds are caught up with a myriad of concerns associated with physical difficulties, family, society, and work. To be molded into one worshipping community whose attention is riveted on the action of the Mass, we need quiet and silent reflection as we talked about. However, silence and reflection alone are not enough.

The Introductory Rites of the Mass are designed to foster both unity and an attentiveness to God at the depths of our souls as we gather, and as the Mass continues. The Entrance Hymn is a song of praise and thanksgiving that is often related to the season in which we find ourselves. It is intended to help us become one in mind and heart as we begin our worship together, to try to put aside our individual cares and distractions, and to enter fully into the prayer and praise of the gathered assembly around us. The Church believes that our unity of voices in song is both a sign of our unity and a means to achieve that unity.

Then the priest makes the Sign of the Cross because we make this act of worship as the baptized body of believers gathering in his name. The priest then greets the people saying, "The Lord be with you" (or another version) and you respond, "And with your spirit." It is as if the priest said, "The Lord be with your spirit" and the people respond, "and with yours as well." The "spirit," with a small "s," can be thought of as that part of ourselves that is most attuned to God. The greeting alerts us that we are entering a sacramental realm and reminds us of our responsibilities during the time that we will spend in prayer together. It also establishes the interdependence of the priest and the people as we assume our roles to praise God.

The Penitential act reminds us that we are sinful creatures before God, but that we come to a loving and merciful God who chooses us and redeems us by our baptism. The priest invites all to reflect briefly on this truth and to ask for the mercy of the great and loving God whose supreme act of love we are about to celebrate. Then, after a brief period of silence the community expresses sorrow for its sins in one of three forms provided in the Penitential Act. Each form concludes with absolution, which is a prayer by the priest for forgiveness, in the words: "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life," to which all respond, "Amen." The act offers a humble way to collect ourselves before stepping any further into our prayer.

The Gloria is an ancient hymn that expresses our joy, happiness, and gratitude to God the Father, and to his Son, the Lamb of God. The *Gloria* begins with the words sung by the angels announcing the birth of the Lord as the story is told in the Gospel of Luke. Singing "... we praise you, we bless you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory..." may seem excessive in its praise of God. But that is the point. We are so overcome by the presence of God that we practically babble and stammer. We keep searching for words to describe this overwhelming experience of meeting God in prayer.

The Opening Prayer concludes the Introductory Rites. It is one of three similar prayers, together with the Prayer over the Gifts and the Prayer after Communion. First, the priest says, "Let us pray" and then there is a period of silence. This is the time for all present to form their own intentions. God hears all the individual concerns that the people bring to the Lord. Then the priest collects all these prayers which he makes in the name of the whole community. It is called a "collect" because it is the prayer that brings all our prayers into one unifying prayer. These prayers are rich in theological content and interweave our prayers with the spiritual truths of our faith. They give expression to the extraordinary events that we celebrate and clearly articulate the beliefs of the Church so that those who hear them Sunday after Sunday will be, in a basic way, formed in the faith.

May God enable us to enter fully into the Mass, hear his holy Word, and receive him with gratitude.

Father Tony

FISH FRY

Guardian Angels Catholic Church (Chaska) — **The Knights of Columbus FISH FRY**, 4 to 7:30 p.m. on 2 more Fridays during Lent 2024: **March 8th and March 22nd!** 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, dessert, coffee, water or milk. Take outs available. 1st Street and Cedar Street in Chaska. Adults = \$16 / Kids 6 to 12 = \$7 / Kids 5 and under = Free / Family = \$50 for parent(s) with their minor children. Proceeds go to Guardian Angels Church and various charities. For more info, email haroldbrose@yahoo.com.

Iglesia Católica de los Ángeles Guardianes (Chaska) — **Los Caballeros de Colón CENA DE PESCADO FRITO**, 4 a 7:30 p.m. en 2 viernes más durante la Cuaresma 2024: **¡8 y 22 de marzo!** Incluye pescado Pollock (rebozado con cerveza frita, aderezo seco frito o horneado con pimienta y limón), puré de papas y ensalada de papas, ensalada de col, judías verdes, panecillos, postre, café, agua o leche. Comidas para llevar disponibles. 1st Street y Cedar Street en Chaska. Adultos = \$16 / Niños de 6 a 12 años = \$7 / Niños de 5 años y menos = Gratis / Familia = \$50 para padres con sus hijos menores. Las ganancias se destinan a la Iglesia de los Ángeles Guardianes y a varias organizaciones benéficas. Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico a haroldbrose@yahoo.com.

POSITION AVAILABLE WITH LOVE INC

Hiring Helpline Coordinator

Part Time: 18-20 hours/week at our Chaska office.
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30-2:30

Job Description: The Helpline Coordinator works together with helpline volunteers as that first voice of hope to callers asking for help. There is a joy and privilege in connecting neighbors to the basic needs provided by gap ministries and faith community partner churches.

For a full list of duties and to inquire, email Al Norby at anorby@loveinccc.org

GIVE TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL!

As the second week of Lent begins, the Church invites us to contemplate the transfigured Jesus with Peter, James, and John: *“His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them”* (Mark 9:3). Before he suffered his Passion, Jesus gave his three closest friends a glimpse into his glorified nature—a glimpse of where he could take them. God loves us where we are and loves us too much to leave us where we are. We can radiate divine light like Jesus. When we receive Jesus into our hearts, he transfigures us. We can shine with his joy, love, and serenity. He wants to transfigure our whole parish! Please support our Catholic Services Appeal so we can have all the resources we need to shine the way He wishes us to, so we can reach all those He longs for in our community. *“I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth”* (Isaiah 49:6). Envelopes are available on the back desk in church. Just drop yours in the collection basket or bring or mail it to the parish office. Thanks!

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.

MOM'S GROUP

*Saturday, 3/2, 9 a.m.—10:30 a.m.,
Room 004 (enter door #2)*

Moms, join us for fellowship 1st & 3rd Saturdays!

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 and friendship. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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



COME AND SEE

Jesus in yourself and others as we walk through Lent by learning about the Mass and how we are *Caught Up in His Sacrifice Forever.*

Encounter adult small groups meet on Wednesday evenings in St. Francis Hall from 6:15pm – 7:45pm.

February 28th: **No adult small groups; Faith Formation Family Night**

March 6th: **The Liturgy of the Word – Receiving His Word Eagerly with Joy**

March 13th: **The Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist – His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity**



If you have ever considered sharing your faith by teaching our youth in Faith Formation, but are not able to serve every week, this is your chance!

We are in need of substitute catechists!

Lesson plans are provided & as much advance notice as possible will be given. Please contact Fran Oprosko at 952-466-6984 if interested.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

To serve as a Homebound Minister is a wonderful blessing and privilege. To bring the Holy Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass is a special gift.

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound. The time commitment is only 6 times per year. We go out after attending 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays and bring the Eucharist, along with a bulletin. We follow a short Communion Rite which is provided and that the residents are very familiar with.

If you are interested in serving in this rewarding ministry and would like more information please call Bill Van Hecke at (612) 812-8615 or the Parish Office.



POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

As part of the ongoing Vatican Synod and to prepare for the 2024 gathering in Rome, all U.S. dioceses have been asked to host listening sessions this Lent. In our Archdiocese, Archbishop Bernard Hebda is hosting two virtual events where participants will gather in breakout groups and participate in “Conversations in the Spirit,” as they were practiced by Vatican Synod delegates last October. Feedback provided by attendees in breakout groups will help inform a national report sent to Vatican Synod leaders. To sign up for the listening sessions, go to www.archspm.org/vatican-synod-listening-sessions/. The sessions are Sunday, February 25th, 2-3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, February 27th, 6:30-8 p.m.

For more information, see the Vatican website, the USCCB website, and the Archdiocesan website.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AFTER THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION

*Thursday, March 21st, 7—9 p.m.,
O’Shaughnessy Educational Center Auditorium,
University of St. Thomas, St. Paul*

Professor Helen Alavré (George Mason University) will present on themes from her recently published book, *Religious Freedom After the Sexual Revolution: A Catholic Guide*, which analyzes the Church’s engagement with the modern landscape of matters relating to sex, sexual identity, marriage, parenting, and abortion. This event is free and open to the public. Learn more and register at stthomas.edu.



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.

FATHER AND SON BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY

There will be a Father and Son Breakfast this Sunday, February 25th, in the School Gym at 9:00 a.m. This is a thank you breakfast for working the Men’s Club Beef and Sausage Dinner. All men and boys of the parish are welcome!

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.

MEN OF CHRIST—RISING DAILY IN DISCIPLESHIP

*Saturday, March 23rd, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.,
Church of St. Joseph, Rosemount*

Join men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 2024 men’s conference. Keynote speakers Deacon Harold Burke-Sievers and Jeff Cavins will lead the day that will include presentations by Bishop Joseph Williams, Deacon Joe Michalak, and Bishop Michael Izen. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will celebrate Mass. For more information visit archspm.org/mens-conference.

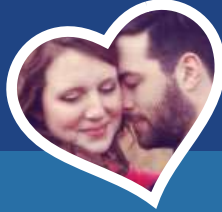
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KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH 4PM-5PM

4:00-5:00 Spend an hour being a Kindergarten student! Mini lessons in art, gym, library and the classroom.

5:00 Bus ride around Jordan and the end of our day!

**CURIOUS ABOUT SAINT JOHN'S KINDERGARTEN?
HAVE QUESTIONS?
COME JOIN US!**

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