

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 21, 2022



The Church of The Guardian Angels

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St. Nícholas Catholic Church

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Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Weekends:

Saturdays: 4:30 p.m. Sundays: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. at GA 10:00 a.m. at St. Nick Sunday: 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)

Weekdays:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Friday: 6:00 p.m. at St. Nick

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.

Office Hours:

Monday: 8:30 a.m.—12:30

Tuesday—Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

-4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Horario de Misas

Días laborales:

Martes: 5:30 p.m. Miércoles: 8:00 a.m. Jueves : 8:00 a.m. Viernes: 6:00 p.m. (St. Nick)

Fines de Semana:

Sábado: 4:30 p.m. Domingo: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. Domingo: 12:30 p.m. (Misa en español)

Reconciliación:

Sábados : 8:00-8:45 a.m. Sábados : 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.

Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to ente but will not be strong enough.

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Church Calendar

Monday, August 22nd

Tuesday, August 23rd

5:30 p.m. Mass,

Wednesday, August 24th

8:00 a.m. Mass,

Thursday, August 25th

8:00 a.m. Mass,

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church

Friday, August 26th

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

7:00 p.m. Latino Servers Formation St. Francis Hall

Saturday, August 27th

8:00 a.m. Confessions

3:15 p.m. Confessions

Sunday, August 28th

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

<u>10:00 a.m. Mass</u>, $\mbox{$^{\circ}$}$ Casey and Pat Dorion

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), ⊕ Clarence and Caroline Lenzmeier

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, 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.

Reconciliation: Saturdays at GA from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. and 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. or by appt.

Matrimony: Marriage preparation is required. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 at least 8 months in advance.

Anointing: If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

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.

Hospital, Nursing Home, 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;

Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn

1:45-51

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;

Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt

25:14-30

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11;

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Tes 1:1-5, 11-12; Sal 96 (95):1-5;

Mt 23:13-22

Martes: 2 Tes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Sal 96 (95):10-13;

Mt 23:23-26

Miércoles: Ap 21:9b-14; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18;

Jn 1:45-51

Jueves: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Sal 145 (144):2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Viernes: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 10-11;

Mt 25:1-13

Sábado: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Sal 33 (32):12-13, 18-21;

Mt 25:14-30

Domingo: Eclo 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Sal 68 (67):4-7,

10-11;

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lc 14:1, 7-14

FINANCIAL CORNER



Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself – my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God – is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

Sunday offering 2021-2022 Budget......\$631,870.00 7/7/21-05/31/22.....\$641,971.61

Building Maintenance Fund
Balance (05/31/22).....\$212,711.12



THE NARROW DOOR

"Will those who are saved be few?" This was the question that someone asked Jesus in our gospel today. Maybe this person was just trying to get a sense of how hard it is to enter the kingdom. We can in any case credit him with being concerned with the question of what happens after death. People in earlier centuries were profoundly concerned by the question of eternal salvation. For us too, we cannot ignore the question. At the end of our life we will ask, "What have I done with my life? What is awaiting me after death?" As is often the case, Jesus makes no direct reply to the question put to him, but rather says to strive to enter through the narrow gate. It is a narrow door through which I have

to pass. It is no path for a pleasant stroll, nor is it a wide road, by which I get to heaven. I must stake everything on walking this narrow path to get there.

Where is the narrow door? It is not simply at the end of my life. It stands in the middle of my life. I can always pass it by or go through it. Every little action, gesture of attention, kind word, and every step in exercising my willpower, so as to not give way to my desires and moods but turn toward someone who needs me, is itself a step through the narrow door. Every time I do not hit back when I receive an undeserved blow, every time I assent to a cross I have to bear is itself taking me part of the way through the little door that leads to the blessed life.

And Jesus, as he often does, speaks through a parable. If we do not start to work on ourselves until the hour of our death, we might be too late. We would risk Jesus saying to us, "I do not know you." What if I realize that up to now I have far too often chose the broad path? It is not too late to wake up. I am still able to do good, even if in only very little things. Jesus will see them, and with great patience and love he will help me through the narrow door! Father Tony

LA PUERTA ESTRECHA

¿Serán pocos los que se salven?" Esta fue la pregunta que alguien le hizo a Jesús en nuestro evangelio de hoy. Tal vez esta persona solo estaba tratando de tener una idea de lo difícil que es entrar al reino. En cualquier caso, podemos darle crédito por estar preocupado por la cuestión de qué sucede después de la muerte. La gente de siglos anteriores estaba profundamente preocupada por la cuestión de la salvación eterna. Para nosotros también, no podemos ignorar la pregunta. Al final de nuestra vida nos preguntaremos: "¿Qué he hecho con mi vida? ¿Qué me espera después de la muerte? Como suele ser el caso, Jesús no responde directamente a la pregunta que se le hace, sino que dice que nos esforcemos por entrar por la puerta estrecha. Es una puerta estrecha por la que tengo que pasar. No es camino de agradable paseo, ni es camino ancho, por el cual llego al cielo. Debo apostarlo todo a caminar por este camino angosto para llegar allí. ¿Dónde está la puerta estrecha? No es simplemente al final de mi vida. Se encuentra en medio de mi vida. Siempre puedo pasar de largo o atravesarlo. Cada pequeña acción, gesto de atención, palabra amable y cada paso en el ejercicio de mi fuerza de voluntad, para no ceder a mis deseos y estados de ánimo, sino volverme hacia alguien que me necesita, es en sí mismo un paso a través de la puerta estrecha. Cada vez que no devuelvo el golpe cuando recibo un golpe inmerecido, cada vez que acepto una cruz que tengo que llevar, es ella misma una parte del camino que me lleva a través de la puertecita que conduce a la vida bendita. Y Jesús, como suele hacer, habla a través de una parábola. Si no empezamos a trabajar en nosotros mismos hasta la hora de nuestra muerte, puede que lleguemos demasiado tarde. Correríamos el riesgo de que Jesús nos dijera: "No os conozco". ¿Qué pasa si me doy cuenta de que hasta ahora he elegido con demasiada frecuencia el camino ancho? No es demasiado tarde para despertar. Todavía soy capaz de hacer el bien, aunque sea en cosas muy pequeñas. ¡Jesús los verá y con gran paciencia y amor me ayudará a pasar por la ~Padre Tony puerta estrecha!

FLOCKNOTE

If you normally receive the bulletin in your email inbox, and you didn't this week, email bkaufmann@gachaska.org to get it fixed. I apologize for any inconvenience.

For everyone, if you would like to receive notifications (bulletin or general) you may sign up for Guardian Angels Flocknote by texting GACHASKA to 84576. Be sure to join the "Bulletin" group if you would like to receive the bulletin in your email inbox.

Right now, the only group that is available is Bulletins, but more groups will be coming soon!



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR

Saint Nicholas Faith Formation (grades 1-8)
and

Guardian Angels ENCOUN † ER Faith Formation (grades 1-12)

Registration forms are available in the back of both Churches.

Please contact Fran at 952-227-4000 if you have any questions or would like additional information about either program.

DONUT SUNDAY

Sunday August 21st, St. Nicholas Parish Center

St. Nicholas will have Donut Sunday on August 21st in the Parish Center after Mass. Be there or be square!

2023 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2023 Guardian Angels and St. Nicholas Mass Intention calendars are open. Please contact the parish office for more details.

WORD AMONG US

The Word Among Us will once again be available as of September 1st.

NOVENA TO MARY

All are invited to pray the Rosary and a Novena to Mary in the St. Nicholas Prayer Garden starting Tuesday, August 30th through Wednesday, September 7th. We will pray in Spanish starting at 6 p.m. and English starting at 6:45 p.m. There will be refreshments and time to socialize after the prayers each evening. Join us for as many of the nine days as possible. Bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather. Novena books and Rosaries will be available if you do not already have them.

"THANK YOU" GUARDIAN ANGELS

The Parishioners of Guardian Angels sent Father Godwin Kornu home to Chicago with a smile on his face and \$2,134 for his Mission in his pocket. Father Godwin says "Thank You" for your hospitality, your generosity, and your continued prayers.

FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

Fall Festival planning meeting: Tuesday, August 30th, 6:30 p.m. in St. Francis Hall.

Our Fall Festival this year is Saturday, September 24th, from 12-8 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

- Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute: Register by the extended deadline, August 22nd, for "Pillars: A Journey through the Catechism." Classes begin in September and offered around the Twin Cities. For more information or to sign up call (651) 962-5072 or visit semssp.org/ci
- Hidden Mercy with Michael J. O'Loughlin. September 8th at Saint Thomas More, Saint Paul.
 Joint Saint Thomas More Catholic Church for a presentation by Michael O'Loughlin, author of Hidden Mercy: AIDS, Catholics, and the Untold Stories of Compassion in the Face of Fear. There will be copies of the book for sale. Sign up at morecommunity.org/hidden-mercy
- The Spiritual Exercises—Retreat in Daily Life. September 13th at Saint Thomas More in St. Paul. Retreat will go through the spiritual exercises developed by St. Ignatius. A spiritual director will guide you over the course of 9 months. Virtual and in-person options. Learn more at www.morecommunity.org/spiritualexercises-retreat
- Andrew Dinner: For men ages 16 and above.
 Have dinner on September 20th with Archbishop Hebda, Fr. David Blume (Director of Vocations), and other priests and religious to discuss the priesthood and religious life. Online registration required before September 16th.
- Immaculée Ilibagiza (Rwandan American author and speaker): September 22nd, 6:30-8 p.m., Saints Joachim and Anne, SACS. Rwandan genocide survivor tells her story of faith, hope, and forgiveness. \$10 for adults, \$5 for students.
- Michaelmas Vespers and Eucharistic Procession: September 25th, 4-5:30 p.m., St. Michael's in Stillwater. Evening prayer, celebration of the Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the Archangels.
- Immersion Trip to Jamaica: January 17th-23rd.
 Visit schools, health clinics, housing for the poor, and more. Please contact Eric Simon (651) 291-4446 or simone@archspm.org

SOUTHWEST OPTIONS FOR WOMEN OUTDOOR BENEFIT CONCERT

August 20th, 6:30 p.m., west lawn of Valley Free Church, 150 Engler Blvd, Chaska

DETAILS: This is a FREE event. Outdoor live music featuring *The Lack Family Band*, they describe themselves as "Musicians or we like to call ourselves Musicionaries as we started out Missionaries" singing the Classics, Current Hits, and Worship Music from The Eagles, Fleetwood Mac, Doobie Brothers, Adele as well as Lack Family Originals.

This is an outdoor event so feel free to bring blankets, folding chairs, snacks and coolers! **Event will be under a tent. No seating provided.**

Call or Email us with Questions at 952-938 -4496 or admin@myswow.org

*Donations during this event will support SouthWest Options for Women. The Lack Family Band plays for tips only, feel free to tip the band!

**A Special Thank you to Carolyn Squires for finding and securing The Lack Family for this event and Valley Free Church of Chaska for providing the venue and the tent!! Join them on Sunday, Aug 21 for their 2nd annual <u>VALLEY FEST</u> with more music by The Lack Family Band!





FATHER JIM DEVORAK CELEBRATES HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

August 28th, 10:00 a.m., St. Nicholas Church and Parish Center

We will be acknowledging Father Devorak's 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood at Saint Nicholas in Carver at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, August 28th with a reception after Mass at the Saint Nicholas Parish Center. We invite you to come and celebrate with him!

Fr. Jim was born in Canby, MN, and grew up in Madison, MN. He was ordained August 27th, 1972 for the Diocese of New Ulm at St. Michael in Madison by Bishop Alphonse J. Schladweiler. Following ordination his parish assignments included: Holy Redeemer in Marshall, Holy Rosary in North Mankato, Holy Rosary in Graceville, St. Barnabas in Barry, St. George in Glencoe, St. Andrew in Fairfax, St. Dionysius in Tyler, St. Genevieve in Lake Benton, St. Pius X in Glencoe, St. Anastasia in Hutchinson, St. Boniface in Stewart, St. Joseph in Montevideo, St. Andrew in Granite Falls, St. Clara in Clara City, St. John in Darwin and assisting in the Seeker of Souls Area Faith Community, St. Gertrude in Forest City, St. Mary in Willmar and assisting in the Jesus Our Living Waters Area Faith Community, St. Patrick in Kandiyohi, St. Thomas More in Lake Lillian, Our Lady of the Lakes in Spicer, St. John in Ortonville, and St. Joseph in Rosen.

Since then he has served the following parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis: St. Bernard in St. Paul, St. Rose of Lima and Corpus Christi in Roseville, St. Girard in Brooklyn Park, and Immaculate Conception in Watertown. On June 30th, 2021 Fr. Jim retired from active ministry in the Archdiocese. He currently lives in Jordan at the edge of town at 940 Broadway St. S. He enjoys helping with Masses at Guardian Angels in Chaska, St. Nicholas in Carver, St. John the Baptist in Savage, Pax Christi in Eden Prairie, and other nearby parishes.

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY: YOUTH CHOIR

What is the Youth Choir?

Angel Choir is the youth choir at Guardian Angels.

Who can be in the Youth Choir?

Anyone going into grades 4-12

Will there be an audition?

There won't be a traditional "audition," but I will have choir members meet in small groups to assess the difficulty of music that will be planned.

Can I specify which Masses to serve at?

No. There will be an official schedule coming out soon. We plan on at least the first Saturday of every month at the 4:30, with special days sprinkled in.

To sign up...

... at GA, Fill out the Youth Choir form located in the Parish office or the back of church. Turn it in to Brittany Kaufmann.



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