

The Church of The Guardían Angels

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Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Masses:

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)

Daily Masses:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Friday: 6:00 p.m. bilingual 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 p.m. Tuesday—Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Horario de Misas

Misas dominicales:

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

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.

the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." "Go and tell John what you hear and see: **MATTHEW 11:4–5**

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If you have anything to submit for the bulletin for Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas, email bulletin@gachaska.org by 12:00 p.m. the Tuesday before. Any photographs must be in .jpg format.

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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".

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. Cualquier fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.

Church Calendar

Monday, December 12th

12:00 p.m. Daughters of Isabella Meeting, St. Francis Hall

<u>6:30 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass</u>, For immigration reform and for immigrants

Tuesday, December 13th

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

5:30 p.m. Mass, 🕆 Teresa Fritz

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

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

Wednesday, December 14th

8:00 a.m. Mass, 🕆 Steven Guillemette

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

6:15 p.m. Encounter Faith Formation, GA School

Thursday, December 15th

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA 8:00 a.m. Mass, Members and Families of the Daughters of Isabella

Friday, December 16th

<u>6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)</u>

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

Saturday, December 17th

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

<u>4:30 p.m. Mass</u>, ⊕ Alex Hughes and Mary Burkhart

5:00 p.m. Posadas, Gym

Sunday, December 18th

8:00 a.m. Mass, 🕆 Vic and Cole Carlson

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

10:00 a.m. Mass, 🕆 Robert Dahl

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), ¹Clarence and Caroline Lenzmeier

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, 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: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32 Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23 Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30 Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36 Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17 Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Zac 2:14-17 o Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de Santa María Virgen. Martes: Sof 3:1-2, 9-13; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32 Miércoles: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Lc 7:18b-23 Jueves: Is 54:1-10; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lc 7:24-30 Viernes: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36 Sábado: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17 Domingo: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

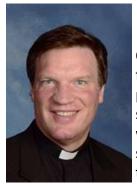
<u>Maintenance Expenses Paid:</u> \$13,989 (Church Chiller Compressor Upgrade and Voltage Monitor, Sacristy Rain Gutters and downspout, re-roof rectory garage, repair rectory porch roof)

Year-To-Date 7/1/22—12/05/22

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$271,755	\$24,940
Sunday Collection	\$186,062	\$21,336
Electronic Giving	\$81,559	\$6,320
Total Contributions	\$267,621	\$27,656
Amount above or below	-\$4,134	+\$2,716

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund: Year-to-date 7/1/22—10/31/22 Contributions \$12,642

Fund Balance: \$213,282



WHAT DID YOU GO OUT TO THE DESERT TO SEE?

Often in a desert, when the rain comes, it blooms very suddenly with many wild flowers. Our readings today speak of a desert with new possibilities for those who are patient. We typically associate a spiritual desert experience with Lent. However, Isaiah speaks of a desert that will rejoice, bloom and exalt because our God will come. Our God will come with vindication and recompense and all will see the Lord's glory and splendor. The deaf will hear and the eyes of the blind will be opened. But, as the writer of the Book of James says, we must be patient like a farmer who waits for his crops, the precious fruit of the earth. Jesus asks the people about going out into the desert to see

John the Baptizer: "Then, why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet." Perhaps you are experiencing the desert in some ways in your life. If so, be patient with the waiting and anticipation that is the Advent season because our God comes to visit his people. Our God comes after the prophet with the power to transform our desert experiences of pain, suffering, or lack into new life that blossoms. During Advent we continue to embrace going out to the desert and facing our deserts as did those who were willing to go out to meet John the Baptist. May this great saint and prophet's message give us hope that the Savior will come in a new and powerful way this Christmas. God bless you all!

Father Tony

¿QUÉ SALISTEIS AL DESIERTO A VER?

A menudo, en un desierto, cuando llega la lluvia, florece de repente con muchas flores silvestres. Nuestras lecturas de hoy hablan de un desierto con nuevas posibilidades para quien es paciente. Normalmente asociamos una experiencia de desierto espiritual con la Cuaresma. Sin embargo, Isaías habla de un desierto que se regocijará, florecerá y exaltará porque vendrá nuestro Dios. Nuestro Dios vendrá con vindicación y recompensa y todos verán la gloria y el esplendor del Señor. Los sordos oirán y los ojos de los ciegos se abrirán. Pero, como dice el escritor del Libro de Santiago, debemos ser pacientes como un labrador que espera sus cosechas, el fruto precioso de la tierra. Jesús pregunta a la gente acerca de salir al desierto para ver a Juan el Bautista: "Entonces, ¿por qué salisteis? ¿Ver a un profeta? Sí, os digo, y más que profeta. Quizás esté experimentando el desierto de alguna manera en su vida. Si es así, tenga paciencia con la espera y anticipación que es la temporada de Adviento porque nuestro Dios viene a visitar a su pueblo. Nuestro Dios viene después del profeta con el poder de transformar nuestras experiencias desérticas de dolor, sufrimiento o carencia en una nueva vida que florece. Durante el Adviento seguimos abrazando el salir al desierto de Juan Bautista. Que el mensaje de este gran santo y profeta nos dé la esperanza de que el Salvador vendrá de una manera nueva y poderosa esta Navidad. ¡Dios los bendiga a todos!

Padre Tony

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Remember a loved one with a donation to our Christmas Flower Fund. You can use the envelope provided in your packet for Christmas flowers or place your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas flower fund" and drop it in the collection basket.

Please remember to include your loved ones name with your donation.

DONATE STOCK OR MUTUAL FUNDS TO THE PARISH—A GREAT WAY TO GIVE!

Dear Parishioners,

If you are thinking of making year end gifts to the Parish, please consider these options:

- You can donate appreciated stock and mutual funds directly to the Parish. If you choose to itemize your deductions, you receive the tax deduction as a charitable contribution for the full value of your donation. You also avoid paying tax on any gains, so there is a double benefit to you. Also, the Parish pays no tax either. It's a win-win and helps your donation go farther!
- For those of you age 72 and older, you can donate your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your retirement account directly to the Parish. In this case it would not count as a charitable contribution but you avoid paying any income tax on this amount, and the Parish receives the full benefit.

Feel free to contact me at (612) 210-5780 if you have questions as to how to set up the above with the Parish. Please also note that it is very important to request that any checks or other donations mailed directly to the Parish have your name indicated. (Sometimes it is unclear to the Parish as to who it is from!) Thank you and God Bless!

Mark Sanda Parishioner

MARCH FOR LIFE



Circle January 22, 2023 on your calendar! March for

Life Rally will take place! More information about Mass time, bus rides, to come by January 1, 2023.

GIVING TREE MINISTRY

All gifts are due back THIS SUNDAY, December 11th. Please bring them to Church or to the Parish Office during open hours.

Thank you to everyone who took a tag, donated, gifts, prayed for those less fortunate, and made a difference in the life of a parishioner this Christmas!

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

The Daughters of Isabella will not be having a meeting in December, but will have a Christmas Potluck on December 12th at 12 p.m. in St. Francis Hall. Ham will be furnished. Please bring your favorite side or dessert.

Merry Christmas to all!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER CHRISTMAS PARTY



MAINTENANCE ENGINEER POSITION OPENING!

The Churches of Guardian Angels in Chaska and Saint Nicholas in Carver seek a Maintenance Engineer in a full-time or nearly full-time position. Qualifications include 3 or more years demonstrated success in a similar capacity in the field of maintenance. Please consult the parish website, www.gachaska.org, under the "About Us" tab for a more complete summary, job description, and application instructions. Thank you for considering the position. If you know of someone who would be a suitable and interested candidate, please encourage them to apply. Thank You.

HELP AGING RELIGIOUS

Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Our Thanksgiving morning Mass collection of \$1,129.00 was dedicated to Bountiful Basket of Chaska. Thank you so much for supporting our local food shelf! May God bless those less fortunate than ourselves and us in answering Jesus' call to serve them.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS: THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW'S VIEW

Tuesday, December 13th, 7-8:30 p.m., Church of the Risen Savior, Burnsville

Join us and renowned speaker Art Zannoni to explore the story of Jesus's birth as presented in the Gospel of Matthew. Emphasis will be placed on the various characters in the story and their responses to the birth of Jesus and how these characters can serve as models for our own celebration of Advent and preparing for Christmas. No cost; free will donations accepted.

CHRISTMAS (BACK) TOGETHER WITH STEVEN C

Thursday, December 15th, 7:30—9 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul

This popular Christmas concert will open the doors to the historic Cathedral of Saint Paul for a free concert for the community after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. There is no admission fee, but a \$10 freewill donation will be gratefully received to cover costs. Register on Eventbrite by searching the title. A special guest from the Cathedral will read the Christmas Story to musical accompaniment.

GIFTED AND BELONING

Gifted and Belonging, a Catholic Fellowship for young adults with disabilities, seen and unseen, invites you to join GAB for our Annual Advent Celebration, December 18th, 6-8 p.m., hosted at St. Matthew's Parish, 510 Hall Avenue, Saint Paul. Bring and Advent or Christmas Craft to work on and Christmas cookies to share.

For more information contact Megan at giftedandbeloning@gmail.com



SouthWest Options for Women is offering FREE ultrasounds on Tuesdays & Saturdays

574 Prairie Center Dr. Suite 130, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

As part of medical training for nurse sonographers, non-diagnostic ultrasounds will be provided to women at 20 weeks or less gestational age. Each appointment will last 30 minutes and all participants will be provided with photos and a gift basket or gift card. Family is welcome to come along to the scan.

Call or Text Amy RN, at 952-905-1452 to make an appointment





COME Experience Jesus

AND

SEE Him in Yourself and Others as we Prepare our Hearts for Jesus' Arrival



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH: SAINT JOSEPH AND HIS VIRTUES Patron of the Domestic Church

WEDNESDAY, December 21st: THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS Celebrating it Well

Encounter Adult small groups meet on Wednesdays from 6:15pm – 7:45pm in room 102.

