

And suddenly there was a multitude  
of the heavenly host with the angel,  
praising God and saying:

**“GLORY TO GOD  
IN THE HIGHEST.”**

Luke 2:13-14

## *The Church of The Guardian Angels*

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## *Saint Nicholas Catholic Church*

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December 25, 2022 • Christmas

### 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.

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<p><b>BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>GET THE BULLETIN EMAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU!</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>ENVÍOS AL BOLETÍN</b></p> <p>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. Cualquier fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.</p>
<p><b>RECIBE EL BOLETÍN POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO ¡DIRECTAMENTE A USTED!</b></p> <p>¿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".</p>		

**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: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38  
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Lk 1:57-66  
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Lk 1:67-79  
Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29;  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;  
Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;  
Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;  
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25  
Martes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38  
Miércoles: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a;  
Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45  
Jueves: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56  
Viernes: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Lc 1:57-66  
Sábado: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;  
Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79  
Domingo: Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27 29;  
Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13;  
Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14  
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12;  
Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20  
Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6;  
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

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

**Fund Balance: \$213,282**

## 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**



## GOD'S LIGHT HAS APPEARED

The Gospel for Christmas day is John 1:1-18. It is one of the most solemn texts of Holy Scripture: the so-called Prologue of John's Gospel. They are words that announce in stately language a mystery, the original mystery of the world; they are words illuminating the origin, meaning, and goal of everything.

John's words announce that "In the beginning was the Word". Beginning, as it is used here, means the original source from everything comes. God himself is this origin, and everything that exists has his mighty creative Word to thank for its existence.

John speaks of the Word being God's light. And this light enlightens everyone. The Word of God is, in this way, very near to every person. In the heart of every person there is this light, this spark of light, that always lights up when we understand something, when something "en-lightens" us. Christ is this light. He is the light that has always enlightened every person who sincerely seeks the true and the good.

And John says that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. He came as a man to be our Savior and yet his light is not yet known to all. The light also meets with the resistance of darkness. Light and darkness are engaged in battle and have been at all times and in the heart of every person. The battle between light and darkness, however, was not to remain a draw and this is why God sent his light, his Word into the world. Many artists portray the child Jesus in such a way that all light radiates from him. God's original light shines for us in Jesus.

Light. Word. In the beginning. Word made flesh. We will have plenty of time to reflect on Jesus' teachings and mission. But before we do, Christmas is a great time to reflect on and be in awe of Jesus' identity and the Father's design. Take the time to read this gospel, even aloud, if you can, at Christmas. Blessings to you all!

Father Tony

## MAINTENANCE ENGINEER

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](http://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.

## EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT

Did you know that Eucharistic miracles have occurred around the world throughout history? These miracles are events in which the Bread and Wine consecrated at Mass, in becoming the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, were actually experienced through the senses. Such miracles are an extraordinary, visible sign of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Mound, MN will be hosting the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit January 5th -7th from 8 a.m.—8p.m. and Sunday the 8th from 8 a.m. to noon. They will also have the first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis available for veneration during the Exhibit.

## PREPARE AS AN ARCHDIOCESE—PASTORAL LETTER

After three years of prayer and listening events with thousands of participants, small group meetings, video series, and a Synod Assembly with nearly 500 voting delegates, Archbishop Bernard Hebda released on Christ the King weekend (November 19-20) his first pastoral letter. Entitled, *You Will Be My Witnesses: Gathered and Sent from the Upper Room*, the document is accessible and inspiring, and well lays out Archbishop Hebda's vision of a new model to renew this local church.

Read, pray about, and share the pastoral letter found here: [www.archspm.org/synodletter](http://www.archspm.org/synodletter)

## MARCH FOR LIFE

**SAVE THE DATE**

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.

## 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:

1. 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!
2. 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

## OUR CHRISTMAS WISHLIST

Dear parishioners,

I wish you all a beautiful Christmas as we celebrate the coming of our Lord in history and in mystery and celebrate in hope for his coming again in majesty. Our parish depends on a good Christmas collection in order to provide for all the good things that a parish does to make our Lord, Jesus known and loved and to offer support for your activities and efforts as parishioners.

I thought that I would put together a wish list as we identify some specific areas in which you could help financially:

1. Upgrading our computers. At this time we are badly in need of doing so. Our current computers were primarily designated for school use, have limited memory capacity, and worn batteries. New computers will help enable our staff to be very productive.

Quoted cost: \$10,500

2. Upgrading our internet access in the school and parish office. We anticipate utilizing the school and the parish office for the next five years as we discern the renovation of our buildings. We also anticipate greater internet use for our faith formation as materials integrated with video presentations are getting the best reviews from teachers and students. Currently, our wireless internet access needs better coverage throughout the entire building. Our wired internet infrastructure needs cleaning up to increase the supportability of the network.

Estimated cost: \$15,000 - \$20,000

3. Replacing our defibrillators in the gymnasium and in the Church. We are still assessing this need. Our defibrillators are quite dated, and it is difficult to obtain replacement parts for them. We may conclude that it is best to replace the defibrillators entirely.

Estimated cost for Total Replacement: \$4,500

4. Providing a new Deacon's Chair. Currently, Deacon John uses a regular chair. However, Deacon's chairs, specially made like the presider's chair, are the norm for a Catholic Church sanctuary area. The design of the chair would be similar to our current presider's chair.

Estimated cost: \$1,500

Thank you so much for all of your good stewardship and may God bless you and his parish this Christmas!

Father Tony



**IS YOUR HEART READY FOR JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS? IS HIS MANGER PREPARED?**

**WHAT DO OUR HEARTS HAVE TO DO WITH PREPARING THE MANGER FOR JESUS?**

**Let's think about it...**

**Mary and Joseph had no place to stay – all the inns were closed to Mary and Joseph.**

How many times does Jesus need to knock on the door of our hearts before we let Him in?

**Mary and Joseph never gave up searching until they found a place to stay.**

God is willing to reach out & help us find *our* place because He loves each & everyone of us.

**God prepared that place for Jesus.**

When the owner of the stable woke up that morning, he had no idea what would happen that glorious night. He did his chores as usual, turning over the hay and pouring water into troughs. But God decided that this was the perfect place. When we allow Him in, the Holy Spirit works to prepare our hearts as a perfect place for the coming of Jesus.

**The manger was messy.**

Let's admit it... Our hearts are messy too. Maybe not with hay, but usually not with the feelings of complete joy that we should be focused on as we await Christ's birth. You know what? Jesus does not care! He did not care as a baby, and He never will. Instead, Jesus takes our messy hearts and turns them into His perfect plan if we welcome him.

Just as Jesus came into the world as a baby and grew into a man, we need to allow Him to grow in our hearts as we grow in faith allowing less "me" and more of Him. This Christmas let's set aside the busyness and messiness to prepare Him room in our hearts.



## **JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS IN JANUARY**

### **Celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany**

**with an Epiphany Blessing & Chalking of the Door at Mass**

Blessed Chalk & Epiphany House Blessing will be distributed to all attending.

**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023: 4:30pm Mass at Guardian Angels**

The Feast of the 3 Kings (*El Dia de los Reyes*) in St Francis Hall **5:30pm-8:30pm**

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023: 10:00am Mass at St. Nicholas**

The Feast of the 3 Kings (*El Dia de los Reyes*) in the Parish Center 11:00am-1:00pm

### **ENCOUNTER Faith Formation returns Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>!**

Make it your New Year commitment to attend as many sessions as possible...


The theme for the Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> parent and adult small groups will be

***Baptism and the Parent's Mission: Passing on the Faith.***

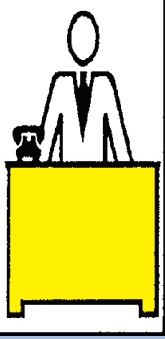
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