

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

MATTHEW 5:9



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JANUARY 29, 2023

## *The Church of The Guardian Angels*

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## *Saint Nicholas Catholic Church*

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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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>	
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**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: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29  
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34  
 Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 11:32-40; Sal 31 (30):20-24; Mc 5:1-20  
 Martes: Heb 12:1-4; Sal 22 (21):26b-28, 30-32; Mc 5:21-43  
 Miércoles: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mc 6:1-6  
 Jueves: Mal 3:1-4; Sal 24 (23):7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]  
 Viernes: Heb 13:1-8; Sal 27 (26):1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mc 6:14-29  
 Sábado: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mc 6:30-34  
 Domingo: Is 58:7-10; Sal 112 (111):4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the kingdom *will* be rewarded!

Maintenance Expenses Paid: \$17,239 (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—01/23/23

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$351,986	\$32,304
Sunday Collection	\$265,809	\$27,125
Electronic Giving	\$111,811	\$8,477
Total Contributions	\$377,620	\$35,602
Amount above or below	+25,634	+\$3,298

**Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:**  
**Year-to-date 7/1/22—01/09/23**  
**Contributions \$18,173**  
**Fund Balance:\$215,563**

## A PARENTS CASE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools' Week is celebrated from January 29th through February 4th. If you have children in the education system, and especially if you have the slightest concerns about the system your children are currently immersed in, please... please, at this time consider why Catholic education is the greatest gift you can give your children.

At its core, the difference inherent in Catholic schools lies in our narrative of the essence of who we are as human beings. As Catholics we know we are made by God, for God, and will one day return to God. We know we as parents have made a commitment to God in our wedding vows and at our children's baptism, to protect the hearts of these wonderful gifts God has placed in our care. We know that we are the primary educators of our children, and the school we choose for them must be in line with our Catholic values. This is essential to the promise we made to God as parents.

And with this knowledge we are blessed to have outstanding Catholic school options nearby, that everyday do what the public school system is systemically unable to do. To focus not only on academic excellence, but infinitely more important, on spiritual excellence. For like each of us, our children live here, but this is not our home. Our eternal home is to be reunited with the Lord. We parents have an obligation to form our children for success towards this infinitely more important reality.

Our nearby Catholic school curriculums build on the whole child. With eyes fixed on Christ they form good citizens, that enrich the culture, who love God and neighbor, and seek to fulfill their destiny as saintly men and women through the sanctity of vocation and service.

Founded on Jesus Christ, our Catholic schools seek to prepare each student to see Christ in each other; and thus, to naturally see the dignity of every human being. Our Catholic schools allow us to be in communion with like-minded families that desire the shared Christian values we seek.

And what are those values? To seek the inherent goodness of each soul we meet. To seek the truth, the light, the natural law written into hearts and souls with well-formed consciences. To seek beauty in all its forms, in grandeur of God's nature. But also, in the simplicity of silence. And to seek freedom. Freedom from disordered attachments in all their forms the culture offers. Freedom from the world means freedom to love as Christ loves. To will the good of others. To sacrifice for others. To live and prepare for vocation.

This is the prescription of happiness in Christ. This is the training and the anthropology of our nearby Catholic Schools. Please consider them at this most critical time.

Bussing financial aid, GA scholarships... al are available. Please for the sake of these beautiful children, check them out. Blessings to you and your family.

Deacon John Cleveland

### Special Note:

The Church of the Guardian Angels must pay 20% of its regularly collected income to neighboring Catholic schools until such time as a new Catholic school is established in the Chaska area. This means that we have a Dollars for Scholars program in which we gave \$117,000 to neighboring schools for the benefit of 50 students. Can your family afford Catholic education? Yes, with some sacrifice and God's help! Please consider taking advantage of this program that your parish supports!

Father Tony Vanderloop

## CUSTODIAN POSITION OPENING!

The Churches of Guardian Angels in Chaska and Saint Nicholas in Carver seek a Custodian 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.

## ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking for more altar servers at St. Nicholas. We are accepting servers from Grades 4-12. If you are interested talk to Fr. Tony after Mass.

### Old acquaintance been forgot?



Worldwide Marriage Encounter ~ [WWME.ORG](http://WWME.ORG)  
Buffalo, MN ~ February 10-12 ~ (612) 234-7440

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A volunteer is needed to help launder and iron the altar linens: purificators, corporals, and hand towels. The time requirement is three to four hours once a month on your flexible schedule in your own home. This is a low-key, behind-the-scenes job, but it's important to have it done. Instructions will be provided. For more information, call Cathy Cress at (952) 807-1087.

## THANK YOU

The Daughters of Isabella would like to thank all who contributed to Roses for Life. The money collected will be sent to local pro-life groups in the Twin Cities area.

## BOUNTIFUL BASKET SAYS THANK YOU!

After our Thanksgiving Day collection, which has been designated for the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf, we received the following from Bountiful Basket: "Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,149. Our mission is simple: To eliminate hunger for people in need of food. And, thanks to your generosity, we are able to provide just that—nourishment and hope to individuals and families facing food insecurity." Your generosity to those less fortunate in our community shows that Christ is indeed present in The Church of the Guardian Angels. Thank You very much for your donations!

## GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER UPDATE

We had 8 parishioners join in on the first dinner in October. We had 20 parishioners participate in our January 21st dinner. Thank you to our January Hosts: Kayla Pascoe, Barb Gestach, and Laurie Forner.

We are so happy to have your participation at these dinners to help us get to know each other better and enjoy each other's company around the dinner table.

Comments included "This is great!" "I can't wait to do this again." "It was fun!" "We had great food too!" "I recognized everyone, but didn't know everyone's name [until this evening]." "It was nice to get to know people more personally."

Our next dinner event is in April and we hope you can join as a guest or host. Registration is available online at [gachaska.org](http://gachaska.org) or call or email Laurie Forner at 612-201-7002 or [lforner2@gmail.com](mailto:lforner2@gmail.com) to sign up.

**IF YOU SUBMITTED SOMETHING FOR THIS BULLETIN, AND IT IS NOT LISTED, DON'T FRET! IT WILL BE INCLUDED NEXT WEEK.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.**

# THANK YOU



A huge THANKS/  
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Christmas décor teams  
who helped in making our  
Worship space and St  
Francis Hall so beautiful  
this Christmas.





## Beef and Sausage Dinner Worker's List

The Men's Club Beef and Sausage Dinner worker's lists are available at the entrances of the church. Please pick up a copy to see where you are scheduled. **Table Captains please call the workers for your table.**

The dinner is put on by all the men of the parish. If your name is not listed please give Bill Van Hecke a call at 612-812-8615. This is a fun event and there is room for everyone!

Beef and Sausage Dinner

Sunday, Feb 12

Serving is from 11:00am-1:00pm

## FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT LEAD

It is time to begin making plans for our 2023 Fall Festival. Specifically entertainment.

The Festival Committee is looking for someone or a couple of people to head up the afternoon entertainment. This would involve identifying and coordinating talent.

If this is something you have a gift or a passion for, please contact our Festival chairperson at [kenforner@outlook.com](mailto:kenforner@outlook.com) for more details.

Thank you!



## Faith Formation



**All are welcome to join us for Encounter parent and adult small groups on Wednesdays (6:15-7:45pm) in room 102 of the school.**


**February 1<sup>st</sup>: Marriage (Confirmation Prep youth & parents & adults)**

**February 8<sup>th</sup>: Sexual Identity (Confirmation Prep youth & parents & adults)**

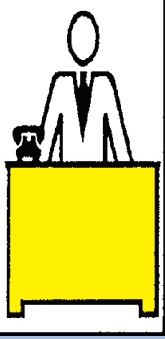
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