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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.
- Mt 15:28

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August 20th, 2023

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.

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Leo Forner, Facilities Council Chair: (952) 448-3312
Steve Rasmussen, Cemetery Board Chair: (952) 227-4000
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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, August 21st

Tuesday, August 22nd

5:30 p.m. Mass, For the Special Intentions of
Father Tony VanderLoop

7:00 p.m., Pastoral Council Meeting,
1st Floor Conference Room

Wednesday, August 23rd

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Mary Meyer

Thursday, August 24th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † MaryAnn Stacken

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

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group, GA Church

Friday, August 25th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

Saturday, August 26th

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

3:15 p.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, † Deceased Members of the Olk Family

Sunday, August 27th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Sandi Boecker

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

10:00 a.m. Mass, For the People

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

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), † Stanley Prytula

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: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
 Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
 Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 56, 1. 6-7/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (4)/Rom 11, 13-15. 29-32/Mt 15, 21-28
 Lunes: Jue 2, 11-19/Sal 105, 34-35. 36-37. 39-40. 43 y 44/Mt 19, 16-22
 Martes: Jue 6, 11-24/Sal 84, 9. 11-12. 13-14/Mt 19, 23-30
 Miércoles: Jue 9, 6-15/Sal 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mt 20, 1-16
 Jueves: Ap 21, 9-14/Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 17-18/Jn 1, 45-51
 Viernes: Rut 1, 1. 3-8. 14-16. 22/Sal 145, 5-6. 6-7. 8-9. 9-10/Mt 22, 34-40
 Sábado: Rut 2, 1-3. 8-11; 4, 13-17/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4. 5/Mt 23, 1-12
 Domingo siguiente: Is 22, 19-23/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 6. 8 (8)/Rom 11, 33-36/Mt 16, 13-20

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

Year-To-Date 7/1/23—8/14/23

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$98,987	\$7,959
Sunday Collection	\$10,334	\$852
Contributions	N/A	N/A
Total Giving	\$77,653	\$8,385
Amount above or below	-\$21,334	+\$426

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/22 to Date:

Rebuff Gym Floor, Upgrade Gym AHU, Church Compressor Upgrade, Sacristy Rain Gutters, Rectory Roof Replacements, Church AHU Fence (1/2)

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/23—07/31/23 Contributions:	\$4,896
7/1/22—06/30/23 Expenses:	\$2,900
Fund Balance:	\$184,198

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



A GREAT OPPORTUNITY HAS PRESENTED ITSELF!

Dear Parishioners of Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas,

It happens sometimes that, with changes in parishes, changes to their structure, and changes in leadership and staffing, that we experience hurtful situations or situations that cause us to have to re-adapt. Sometimes these situations can be painful because what was once familiar, good, and meaningful seems to have come and now gone. During other times our parish has not changed so much, but our life has. We experience what seems to be a time of desolation after a time of relative good due to divorce, job changes, sudden changes due to the decisions of family members and otherwise.

Sometimes, we need a little help to better understand and cope with what seemed unfair or what has left us feeling as powerless as a leaf blowing in shifting winds. I am quite sure that it is not so easy to make a commitment to make time on a Friday night and entire Saturday to hear about, talk about, or even acknowledge the difficulties we have experienced or the problems that they have caused. It is just not natural to want to do it.

Yet, when we do, we open ourselves for God to come into our lives in a new and fresh way. Revelation 3:20 says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me." We have an opportunity to open the door to Christ through a Healing the Whole Person Retreat offered by Father Joseph Bambenek, priest of the archdiocese, who has offered such a retreat in his own parish in White Bear Lake. He will offer the retreat on Friday evening, September 15th and Saturday September 16th for the duration of the day.

I encourage you to consider signing up to come to this retreat. It will include Masses, being prayed with, talks, reflection, music, lunch, dinner, and more. Come away for awhile to pray with our Lord and be healed! Please see the article in this bulletin for more details and the forms in the back of church for more information and to sign up.

Father Tony

GUARDIAN ANGELS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SEEKS FALL FESTIVAL DONATIONS

Please consider donating "Spirits" to the Alumni Booth at the Fall Festival. Please bring your donations to the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS CALENDAR

The 2024 Mass Intentions calendar is now open! Please contact the Parish Office at (952) 227-4000 to request Masses at Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas.

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY DISCERNMENT EVENTS

Single Catholic women age 20-35: Franciscan Sisters invite you to in-person and online Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your calling and purpose. Visit www.fsccl-calledtobe.org or contact Sr. Julie Ann at (920) 323-9632.



Save the date!

**Saturday
September**

30th

**GUARDIAN ANGELS
FALL FESTIVAL**



ATTENTION: ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN!

Gina Shaughnessy, our parish representative from LPi, is setting up the advertising for our bulletin for the year. We hope that parishioners who have a business will consider sponsoring an ad on the back of the bulletin, since the revenue from the ads is what makes the bulletin possible, at no cost to the parish. Also, if you know of any other businesses in the community that would like to support the parish, please let them know about this opportunity. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsorship ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations such as emergency pregnancy counseling, the local food shelf, etc. Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help! If you are interested in getting more information, please call Gina Shaughnessy at (952) 356-6488.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE

We are being encouraged by the Archdiocese to develop an Emergency Response Plan for our Parish for potential Fire-Weather-Medical-Other Emergencies. Would you be willing to serve on a Committee to develop such a plan for Guardian Angels? If so, please contact our Parish Business Administrator, Joel Swanson, at (952) 227-4001 or jswanson@gachaska.org

FALL FESTIVAL BASKET DONATIONS

The Daughters of Isabella will have a Silent Auction at the Fall Festival again this year. We are requesting that anyone who can donate something to bid on (such as restaurants, stores, etc.), please bring the item to the parish office marked D of I Fall Festival. We would also appreciate items with a theme (such as movie, children's basket, sports, etc.) for baskets. We will assemble baskets or you can do it. We would really appreciate any help you can give. Again, please bring items to the parish office, marked D of I Fall Festival. Thank you for considering this appeal. All proceeds from the Silent Auction are given to the church.

ALTAR SERVING

Guardian Angels is looking for more altar servers! Anyone Grades 4-12 can join to serve in this ministry. Parents will have the ability to choose which weekend Mass your family is able to attend. Training dates this fall are as follows:

1. Wednesday, September 6th at 5:30 p.m.
2. Saturday, September 9th at 1:30 p.m.
3. Saturday, September 16th at 1:30 p.m.
4. Wednesday, September 20th at 5:30 p.m.
5. Wednesday, October 4th at 5:30 p.m.
6. Wednesday, October 11th at 5:30 p.m.

New altar servers are required to go to 3 training sessions.

Attention current servers! You are required to attend one training session for review!

HEALING THE WHOLE PARISH RETREAT

Retreat Description

The goal of the Healing the Whole Parish retreat will be to help parishioners of Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas to better understand and start to heal from their own wounds as well as the more general wounds of the parish, so as to be better able to collaboratively address the opportunities and challenges facing the parish during the upcoming months and beyond.

When and Where will it be?

Friday evening, September 15th, 6:00 to 8:30 PM at Saint Nicholas in Carver

Saturday daytime, September 16th, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Saint Nicholas in Carver

Saturday evening, September 16th, 4:15 to 8:30 PM at Guardian Angels in Chaska

About the Retreat Leader

Fr. Joseph Bambenek is the Assistant Director of the Office for the Renewal of Structures. In that role, Fr. Joseph and his team will support Fr. Tony in the coming year as he discerns, with the help of parishioners, how best to shepherd the Catholics of Chaska and Carver given current realities. When Fr. Joseph was pastor of St. Pius X, White Bear Lake, he felt inspired to develop a "Healing the Whole Parish" retreat in response to the challenges then facing his parish: a revolving door of pastors (4 in 18 months) when he arrived, the closing of the parish school, and the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Archdiocese in which it came to light that St. Pius' founding and longest-serving pastor was credibly accused of abusing multiple children.

Do I have to Attend the Entire Retreat?

It would definitely be helpful to commit to attend the entire retreat in order to experience the maximum benefit of the experience of God's grace offered. We encourage you to make every effort that you can to clear your schedule to do so. Several people will be praying for the success of the retreat and we are planning for it's success by God's will. However, if you cannot come to all of the retreat, please let us know in the "notes" section of the sign-up form what hours you will be attending in order to aid our planning.



2023-2024 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

**If you have not received your registration packet,
or would like information about attending our Faith Formation program,
please contact Fran Oprosko at 952-466-6984.**

SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, August 30th

Encounter Faith Formation Open House 6:00pm – 9:00pm in St. Francis Hall

This will be a fun night for all Faith Formation parents, catechists, table leaders, and everyone interested in participating in the Encounter adult small groups. Enjoy a relaxing evening of fellowship and discovering the exciting plans for the coming year!

Our guest speaker, Joe Roeche, Jr., will challenge each one of us to ignite the power of the Holy Spirit in our own lives – after all, ***YOU CAN'T INSPIRE WITHOUT THE FIRE!***

THE MISSIONARIES OF JESUS WILL COME AND MAKE AN APPEAL

On August 26th and 27th, Father Gregorio Domilies will celebrate Masses with Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas to make an appeal for The Missionaries of Jesus. It is important to support worldwide missions and I thank you in advance for your support and generosity. The Missionaries of Jesus (MJ) is an international and multicultural religious missionary community. It was founded in the Philippines on June 12th, 2002 by a group of forty-one men called and inspired by the mission and humanity of Jesus, who calls us to “make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28:19). We call ourselves, “friends and disciples.” It is our desire to gather more friends and co-disciples.

Our objective is the promotion of the universality of the Christian message through presence, witness, dialogue, proclamation, and prayer.

Our mission is to unveil the real face of Jesus hidden in our brothers and sisters in any mountain and plain; forest and city we work and live – as we gather Jesus’ friends and disciples.

We are working in the Philippines in (Antipolo, Modesta, Cubao, Baguio, Davao, Digos, Lanao, Lubang Islands), in Papua New Guinea (Lae), in Guatemala (Tierra Blanca) and in the USA (Los Angeles and Washington, DC).

Among the priorities of the Missionaries of Jesus is to work and live with the indigenous people to engage in:

1. Relief and health care for the indigenous people in the Diocese of Lae in Papua New Guinea.
2. Education Work (Literacy Program) among the indigenous people in the mountains of the Prelature of Digos, Philippines.
3. Pastoral work (Catechetical Formation) among the catechists in the Parish of Marahan in Davao, Philippines and also in the Parish of San Marcos in the Prelature of Peten, Guatemala.

The missionaries thank us for welcoming them to our community!

WE HAVE A NEW PRESIDER’S CHAIR!



Special thanks to Chuck and Dave at Chaska Cabinetry and Millwork for the beautiful craftsmanship and very generous donation of the new priest's chair in the sanctuary. The chair matches several other pieces in the church made by the late Ray Heiland, a parishioner of Guardian Angels, including our existing presider’s chair which will now become the deacon’s chair. Deacon John, you will look good in it! We blessed and dedicated the new chair at our Mass of the Assumption at 7:00 this past Tuesday.

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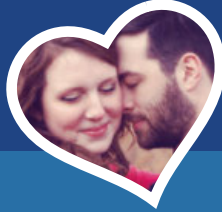
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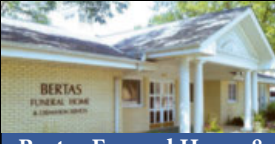
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