

# The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been  
baptized and Jesus also had  
been baptized and was praying,  
heaven was opened and the  
Holy Spirit descended upon him  
in bodily form like a dove.  
- Lk 3:21-22a

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## January 12th, 2025

## 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.

## Guardian Angels Lay Leadership Positions

Larry Schmid, Trustee: (612) 670-7655  
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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, January 13th

6:30 p.m. Daughters of Isabella Meeting, St. Francis Hall

### Tuesday, January 14th

5:30 p.m. Mass, † Steven Guillemette

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

### Wednesday, January 15th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Charles Steven Gerhards

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Family Night, Campus-Wide

### Thursday, January 16th

8:00 a.m. Mass

### Friday, January 17th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN), † Marlene Van Hecke

### Saturday, January 18th

8:00 a.m. 1st Reconciliation Retreat, GA Church

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

9:00 a.m. Mom's Group, Room 004

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, † Tony and Marie Koll

5:00 p.m. Youth Night, Gym

6:00 p.m. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?, *Mystery!*

### Sunday, January 19th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Kathy Martin

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

9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

10:00 a.m. Mass, † John Gonsalves

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN) For the People

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

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, Parish Center

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 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 103, 1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30 (1)/Tit 2, 11-14; 3, 4-7/Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22  
Lunes: Heb 1, 1-6/Sal 96, 1 y 2. 6 y 7. 9/Mc 1, 14-20  
Martes: Heb 2, 5-12/Sal 8, 2 y 5. 6-7. 8-9/Mc 1, 21-28  
Miércoles: Heb 2, 14-18/Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/Mc 1, 29-39  
Jueves: Heb 3, 7-14/Sal 94, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11/Mc 1, 40-45  
Viernes: Heb 4, 1-5. 11/Sal 77, 3 y 4. 6-7. 8/Mc 2, 1-12  
Sábado: Heb 4, 12-16/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/Mc 2, 13-17  
Domingo siguiente: Is 62, 1-5/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 9-10 (3)/1 Co 12, 4-11/Jn 2, 1-11

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

### Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/24 to Date:

New A/C Compressor  
Architectural Fees for School Steps

### Year-To-Date 7/1/24—01/06/25

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$365,232	\$33,796
Last Sunday's Collection	\$14,785	\$1,207
Total Giving YTD	\$326,060	\$35,238
Percent of Goal Funded	89%	104%

### Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

Contributions this fiscal year:	\$23,609.69
Expenses this fiscal year:	\$44,457
Fund Balance:	\$114,510.99

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



## WE ARE SENT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Greetings and Merry Christmas to you all! I can still, even yet today, say this because our Christmas season ends with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. The gospel today reveals to us the great love that exists and indeed *is* the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Today, we recall that tender moment in which the voice of the Father can be heard, “This is my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased.” This moment happened some 30 years after our Lord’s birth. Yet, there is a great connection between the two.

As many people began to be attracted to our Lord, they realized, as new disciples, that their very life existed in Him as those filled with the Holy Spirit and living a life in communion with the Trinity. First of all, many people from far and wide beginning with the Magi were attracted to our Lord. They were not among those who worshipped the God of the Israelites. Yet, at the Epiphany, they followed the star to where Jesus was. What was it that caused them to travel hundreds of miles only to see a newborn king who was laid in a manger and raised in a simple home, not in a palace? God pursues all people from far and wide as he sent a star to guide kings from far-off lands. As Saint Augustine once said to God, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord.” Perhaps these Magi felt this thirst and this restlessness.

When we turn to our Lord’s Baptism, we realize that we are given that same guiding light. It is the light within us that is the Holy Spirit from our own Baptism. How is God sending you? How is the Holy Spirit leading you? You may not have gold, frankincense, and myrrh to offer, but we all have great gifts.

The gifts we have to offer are more important than ever and we believe that Jesus will multiply our efforts just as he did the Loaves and Fishes that were offered for a vast crowd. Soon we will go to the following Sunday morning Mass times with Saturday evening staying the same:

7:30 AM          Mass in English at Saint Nicholas

9:00 AM          Mass in English at Guardian Angels

12:00 PM        Mass in Spanish at Guardian Angels

As we reflect on our own Baptism in the Lord, we realize that the gifts we have can build up the Church here in Chaska and Carver as we work more and more together. Our catechism defines charisms as:

*“...graces of the Holy Spirit which directly or indirectly benefit the Church ordered as they are to her building up, to the [common good], and to the needs of the world.”          CCC 799*

We may think of charisms as not-so-subtle gifts such as speaking in tongues or the gift of healing. But, as much as these are great gifts that have existed throughout the Church’s history, there are the more subtle gifts such as wisdom or administration that helps ministries run smoothly.

Father Michael Becker, pastor of Saints Joachim and Ann in Shakopee is offering several opportunities this month to help us understand what charisms we have received and how those gifts *must* be used to build up the Church. There is a Life in the Spirit seminar at the Church of Saint Therese in Deephaven on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> that will help you understand how the Holy Spirit can work in your life. There is also the School of Charism Discovery at Our Lady of Grace in Edina beginning January 28<sup>th</sup> that takes a deeper dive into what charisms are and how the Lord might reveal the charisms that you have. See the flyers on the back table in church.

One final note: our Archbishop has beautiful reflections to guide us that you can easily access! Sign up for Archbishop Hebda’s Weekly Word at <https://archspm.flocknote.com/ArchbishopsWeek> to get it. It is also on our MyParish app under “Archbishop.” May God bless our new year’s journey together!

Father Tony



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

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Give the gift of God's love through your love for each other. The next weekend is **February 14-16, 2025** at the Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN. Register by going to **WWME.ORG** or contact Brent & Tracy Chessen (612-234-7440).

2025 Weekends all at Buffalo:  
May 16-18 / Oct. 17-19

*"Love One Another, As I Have Loved You"*  
John 15:12

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Giving Tree. Because of your generosity 294 gifts were given to parishioners in need. May Jesus fill your heart with joy and love in the New Year just as you did for someone else this Christmas.

Thank you for sharing the JOY of the birth of Jesus!

## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR 2024 WISH LIST!

Because of your generosity, we were able to raise money for all of the items on the Wish List, items that weren't in the budget this year but were needed. **Your generosity raised over \$61,000!** That includes \$52,940 towards the school steps.

May God continue to guide and bless Guardian Angels in amazing ways!

Thank You!

## TAKE OUR PRESCHOOL SURVEY

We are thrilled to share that we are considering opening a Catholic Preschool in autumn 2025! This would be a wonderful opportunity to nurture young hearts and minds in a faith-filled environment that fosters spiritual growth, academic readiness, and a love for learning.

To make this dream a reality, Guardian Angels needs your help! A short survey has been developed to gather input from our parish and community. Your participation is vital—it will help us understand the level of interest, the needs of local families, and how we can best serve our children.

Please take a moment to complete the survey and share it with other families in the community. Together, we can shape a preschool that reflects our shared values and vision for the future.

Thank you for your prayerful support and involvement in this exciting initiative!

Scan me to  
take the  
survey! 😊



## COFFEE AND DONUTS

Saint Nicholas will have Coffee and Donuts after Mass on January 19th. You should go... St. Nicholas is watching...

## D OF I MEETING

The Daughters of Isabella will meet in St. Francis Hall, Monday, January 13th at 6 p.m. for "social hour" and 6:30 p.m. meeting.

## FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

*Tuesday, January 28th, 6:30-8:30, St. Francis Hall*

If you have ideas on how to improve our food, raffle, entertainment, or volunteer recruiting, please come to this planning session.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS...

We thank everyone for donating to our Christmas flowers this year and we pray for your loved ones listed below on the next page.

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## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS CONTINUED...

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McGillicuddy Family  
Mahan Family  
Theodore, Evelyn, and John Fink

### AT SAINT NICHOLAS...

Tom Remick  
Low Family  
Ryan Jeurissen  
Riesgraf & Bauer Families  
Joseph & Lorraine Poppler  
Vince & Joyce Wherley  
Poppler & Schmitt Families

## MOM'S GROUP

*Saturday, Jan. 18th, 9-10:30 a.m.,  
Room 004 (Enter door #2)*

Happy New Year, Mamas! As we begin a new year, I encourage you to make a resolution to attend a Mom's Group meet-up, we'd love to meet you!

We meet 1st & 3rd Saturdays for a morning to pray, reflect, and connect with one another. Refreshments provided. Childcare available—please RSVP to Jenna Salinas with number of kids (call/text 612-201-4894).

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

*January 24th and 25th, Friday 6-9 p.m. and  
Saturday 8:30 a.m.-6:15 p.m., Registration \$25,  
Saturday Lunch Included, Scholarships available*

The two-day seminar offers a basic presentation of the Gospel and what the Lord is willing to do for all who come to Him. It will provide a way to learn more about living in the Spirit and allowing Jesus Christ to establish, restore, or deepen a relationship with you. Life in the Spirit Seminars are open to everyone.

The seminar on January 24th and 25th is at St. Therese: 18323 Minnetonka Blvd, Deephaven



Beginning Sunday March 2nd, our new Sunday morning Mass schedule will be:

- 7:30 AM Mass in English at Saint Nicholas
- 9:00 AM Mass in English at Guardian Angels
- 12:00 PM Mass in Spanish at Guardian Angels

Our Archbishop has responded to our strategic plan. He stated in his recent letter to Father Tony that he was pleased with 3 aspects of the plan:

1. The plan envisions going out to evangelize our neighbors. Pope Francis often reminds us that we cannot thrive, or even survive, as a Church that only looks inward. We must find ways to successfully welcome those who are new to the area.
2. Leaders from Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas collaborated in this planning effort. As we bring the good news of Jesus to our neighbors, we must work together, building upon the strengths of each parish. This is very true for us who have limited financial and staff resources.
3. The plan proposes a reasonable Mass schedule that can be fulfilled by one priest.

Archbishop Hebda looks forward to receiving an extensive update by October 31st, 2025 as to how our progress has unfolded and he assures us of his prayers. The work that we do together in these coming months will surely be of critical importance in growing Jesus' Church in Chaska and Carver. Thank you for your efforts!

Father Tony



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