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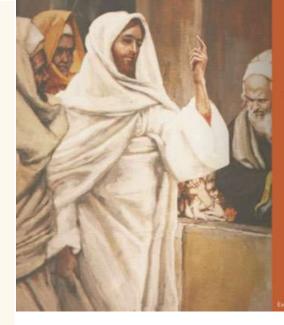
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14[™] SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

July 7th, 2024

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 David Pohlen, Trustee: (952) 428-9649 Leo Forner, Facilities Council Chair: (952) 448-3312 Mark Windschitl, Cemetery Board Chair: (952) 237-4188 Scott Guillemette, Finance Council Chair: (952) 227-4000 Bill Van Hecke, Pastoral Council Chair: (612) 812-8615

Saint Nicholas Lay Leadership Positions

JoAnn Hasse, Cemetery: (612) 708-4118 Darlene Mahowald, Prayer Chain/Funeral: (952) 448-4464 John Turek, Trustee, Finance/Property Chair: (952) 448-2345 Dan Svoboda, Trustee: (952) 448-2345 Prayer Garden: (952) 913-4964

BULLETIN SUBMITTALS

Please submit announcements, feature articles, or event summaries for the bulletin for Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas by email at bulletin@gachaska.org by 12 p.m. the Tuesday before. Photographs must be in .jpg format.

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. Fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.

GET THE BULLETIN EMAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU!

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.

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".

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, July 8th

Tuesday, July 9th

5:30 p.m. Mass, [⊕] Bob Therres

Wednesday, July 10th

8:00 a.m. Mass, 🕆 Dorothy Dunk

Thursday, July 11th

8:00 a.m. Mass, [⊕] Debbie Samson 7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group, GA Church

Friday, July 12th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

Saturday, July 13th

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church
3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church
4:00 p.m. Crusillo: Ultreya
4:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Tony & Marie Koll

Sunday, July 14th

8:00 a.m. Mass, 10:00 a.m. Mass, Steven Guillemette 10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), Clarence & Caroline Lenzmeier 12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), Para la Gente

Mass Intentions:	READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a \oplus 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.	Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
Baptism:	Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-
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 consid- ered and accommodated depending on circumstances.	7 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7- 15 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16 -23 Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33 Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
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	LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA Domingo: Ez 2, 2-5/Sal 122, 1-2. 2. 3-4 (2)/2 Cor 12, 7-10/Mc 6, 1-6 Lunes: Os 2, 16. 17-18. 21-22/Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Mt 9, 18-26 Martes: Os 8, 4-7. 11-13/Sal 113, 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. 9-10/Mt 9, 32- 38 Miércoles: Os 10, 1-3. 7-8. 12/Sal 104, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mt 10, 1-7 Jueves: Os 11, 1-4. 8-9/Sal 79, 2 y 3. 15-16/Mt 10, 7-15 Viernes: Os 14, 2-10/Sal 50, 3-4. 8-9. 12-13. 14 y 17/Mt 10, 16- 23 Sábado: Is 6, 1-8/Sal 92, 1. 1-2. 5/Mt 10, 24-33 Domingo siguiente: Am 7, 12-15/Sal 84, 9-10. 11-12. 13-14 (8)/ Ef 1, 3-14 o 1, 3-10/Mc 6, 7-1

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



During this time, we celebrate the independence of our country. We would do well to echo the psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/23 to Date:

Friary Doors, Church Fence, Repair Sanctuary/Sacristy windows, replace furnace room windows, church boilers, Gym Lights

Year-To-Date 7/1/23—6/24/24

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$735,300	\$59,100
Last Sunday's Collection	\$11,458	\$1,369
Total Giving YTD	\$603,579	\$61,247
Percent of Goal Funded	82%	104%

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/23—5/31/24 Contributions:	\$63,781
7/1/23—12/31/23 Expenses:	\$139,262.91
Fund Balance:	\$111,970

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

LET FREEDOM RING



I remember the Independence Day celebrations that took place in Plummer, MN that my four sisters: Mary, Sarah, Lisa, and Maria and I would go to as children when we visited our grandmother. There was nothing better than running out into the street to pick up the candy thrown by someone in the parade all dressed up. The carnival atmosphere was something that I could hardly wait for and it seemed like the greatest day ever because it was so care-free. Now, I write this article after my day off thinking that it was so good to have a little free time yesterday. I guess my desire for freedom has not changed that

much.

Freedom is important to us all. We work for financial freedom and study for the human freedom that comes from knowing. Many have died for the most basic freedoms that we have in our country. But how should we understand freedom? The relationship between the Christian understanding of freedom and modern understandings of freedom is very important.

For Christianity, freedom is not a foreign term. It is grounded in the belief that each person is created in the image of God, is loved by God, and has infinite worth. The modern representation of human rights owes its existence to the Judeo-Christian tradition. At the same time, the bible presents this freedom in a way that sometimes sounds alienating to the modern view. In our scriptures human freedom consists in standing before God and being a partner with God, who created us in a harmonious relationship. This freedom is, however, perverted by original sin. Jesus Christ came and died for our sins in order to restore this freedom, so our freedom is found in following Jesus. Freedom, therefore, cannot be a self-seeking or selfempowerment project or it will remain in a hundred different ways bound in knots. We are really free when we can leap over our own shadows and give ourselves to God and neighbor in unselfish love through Jesus Christ.

The modern era of the last four or five centuries, while having much that is positive to contribute to the understanding of freedom, has challenged this view. Reigning religious and political orders which gave stability to humankind fell apart. The discoveries of science and the universe caused the old picture to collapse. Gradually, man himself became the point of departure and the norm. Therefore, freedom became autonomous or self-ruled. We have no reason to reject the ideas of human rights, equality, and the free political structure or freedom of science, art, and communication since the dignity of the human person is their norm. However, if humankind is at the center of things, then humankind has a tendency toward a desire for power – power over nature and power over human beings.

The Church, early in the 20th century, defended human freedom against the totalitarian ideologies of communism and fascism. Now, in the midst of a purely secular understanding of humankind and of freedom, she proclaims specific truths about God, his son Jesus, and the human person that call for a personal decision. As the Gospel of John proclaims, "The truth will make you free" (Jn 8:32).

Christian freedom is the freedom that Jesus Christ has freed us for – to love God and our neighbor – and living out this way of life makes us truly free. The Church is, therefore, a sign and an instrument of this freedom. We engage with our culture well by being a sign of hope as we live out this true freedom. Whether we are doctors, nurses, bankers, lawyers, or custodians, or whether we are retirees, single, married, or religious, we give witness to true human freedom by our willing service to society and by the love we show to our family members. Let's not underestimate this witness. May God bless you as we continue to celebrate our independence and let freedom ring!

Father Tony

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There will be no Daughters of Isabella rosary on the first Saturdays of July and August.

CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

Are you seeking to grow your faith? Do you feel you need a strong foundation to stand on? Do you need a boost? Some motivation? Do you feel confused about where the culture is heading?

Join us this fall for The Saint Paul Seminary Catechetical Institute's Pillars Program to discover the beauty and wisdom of our Catholic faith.

Apply by July 31st, spots fill up quickly.

The foundational course at the Catechetical Institute, <u>Pillars: A Journey through the Catechism of the</u> <u>Catholic Church</u>, is a road map for your faith journey, broken into four parts—one for each pillar of the Catechism.

Starting in September, the Class of St. Maximilian Kolbe will be in person at St. Pius X Catholic Church in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Satellite sites, where students will gather in small groups and watch the teaching via live stream, will also be available in both the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and the Diocese of St. Cloud. The satellite sites are St. Anne's in Hamel, St. Michael in St. Michael, St. Joseph in Bertha, and St. Michael's in Motley.

Classes will be held on Monday evenings from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. starting September 11th. The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module.

Apply now at: www.saintpaulseminary.org/ci/application-ci/

CANTORS FOR MASS

Have you ever thought about becoming a cantor? Summer is a great time to start! We are looking for new cantors for both Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas. You will get trained in on how to lead the congregation in joyful praise to the Lord!

For more information or to sign up, contact Brittany Kaufmann at bkaufmann@gachaska.org



ENCOUNTER MINISTRIES: SCHOOL OF HEALING

Friday, July 12th-Saturday July 13th, NET Center, West St. Paul, Cost \$65

Come and experience God's supernatural love with Encounter Ministries.

The School of Healing offers an excellent foundation to learn how to pray for healing and continued growth for those with experience in healing ministry. It is a 2-day event that provides theological foundations for healing, practical means of praying, and opportunities to gain hands-on experience.

Register at encountertcc.regfox.com/encounter-twin -cities-school-of-healing (all dashes included)

STAY IN THE KNOW: GET THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT—FOR FREE!

Be in-the-know with news from your Catholic community and the Church around the world. Get The Catholic Spirit, the award-winning newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, in your home. Free subscriptions for parishioners are available via each parish. Contact your parish office to be added to the mailing list. Or purchase an annual subscription for yourself or a friend at www.thecatholicspirit.com

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: STAY CONNECTED WITH THE MOVEMENT!

For beautiful reflections and resources on the Eucharist, as well as updates on the Revival, subscribe to receive the "Heart of the Revival" weekly newsletter at eucharisticrevival.org.

ADAPTIVE FAITH FORMATION

Wednesdays, July 10th-August 7th, 6:15 p.m.-7:05 p.m., St. John the Baptist, Jordan

This is a faith program for children with special needs ages 3-6 to expose them to Jesus' love and the basics of the Catholic faith with one-on-one support. Children will move through various stations on how to make the sign of the cross, set the altar, match pictures of Jesus and Mary, and learn songs about Jesus (to name a few). Space is limited, register today at sjbjordan.org/registration.

SEMINARY INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, August 15th, 5 p.m.-8 p.m., Saint John Vianney College Seminary, Saint Paul

The Seminary Information Night is for Catholic Junior and Senior High School men and their parents who would like to learn more about St. John Vianney College Seminary. The event, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis Office of Vocations, will be held on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will begin with 5 p.m. Mass, followed by dinner, informational program, and seminary tour. RSVP is required.

Confirmation Classes

over age 11



GRIEVING DAWN: A MORNING OF REFLECTION ON MISCARRIAGE, STILL BIRTH, AND INFANT LOSS

Saturday, July 13th, 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m., St. Paul Church, Ham Lake

This morning, led by Dr. Abigail Jorgensen, author of *A Catholic Guide to Miscarriage, Stillbirth, and Infant Loss,* will offer comfort and hope to those who have experienced the profound sorrow of perinatal loss. Whether you are directly affected by loss or supporting someone who is, this event seeks to provide solace and strength through shared faith and understanding.

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE RETREAT

Tuesday, August 13th—Sunday, August 18th, St. Paul, \$1,800 (partial scholarship assistance available)

You can be empowered. You can be healed. You can experience Jesus. At Grief to Grace MN, you can receive the care you need. Adults, 18-80s, are invited to join this five-day overnight retreat and discover a safe and hopeful path to healing through faith-based and trauma-informed care.

RSVP at grieftogracemn.org/request-information

RSVP at 10000vocations.org/assumption.html



HOLY HOUR OF THANKSGIVING FOR BISHOP WILLIAMS

Saturday, July 13th, 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m., St. Paul Church, Ham Lake

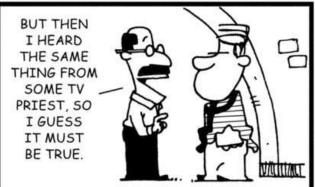
All the faithful are invited for a holy hour and celebration of Bishop Joseph Williams and his ministry in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis as he prepares for his new role as coadjutor bishop of Camden, New Jersey.

A PATH TO HOLINESS: RECOGNIZING GOD'S CALL WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

Saturday, October 12th, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Patrick, Edina

God has called you to love and serve Him through your current vocation. Join women from around the Archdiocese for a women's day retreat as we learn from five Catholic speakers how women can live out their current vocation infused with the fruits of the Holy Spirit! The day will include breakfast and lunch, talks by Catholic speakers, Mass, adoration and rosary, shopping with various vendors, and door prizes. All proceeds go to SouthWest Options for Women and needed items will be collected as well.





BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY PILGRIMAGE Saturday, July 27th, 7 a.m.—6:30 p.m., St. Patrick, Bl. Solanus Casey Friary, St. Paul to St. Michael, Stillwater

Honor and pray with the local holy man with a walking pilgrimage to the parish where he was confirmed, St. Michael's in Stillwater. Various length options available.

The full pilgrimage day will begin with optional daily Mass, followed by Morning Prayer at the Bl. Solanus Casey Friary in St. Paul, and a continental breakfast. The full route from the friary will cover 18 miles, primarily along the Gateway State Trail, stopping for a picnic lunch along the way. The pilgrimage will culminate with the Sunday Vigil Mass td St. Michael's, which the parish will celebrate for the feast day. Shorter pilgrimage access points are available starting from St. Peter, North St. Paul (12 mile pilgrimage), St. Jude of the Lake, Mahtomedi (8 miles), and Northland Park, Stillwater (2 miles). Please select your tarting point at the time of sign up so we know how many people to look for at each area.

Following Mass, supper will be served in the parish hall, and a bus ride back to the starting points will be available for a \$10 add-on fee.

Register at: www.moderncatholicpilgrim.com/pilgrimagecalendar/solanus (all dashes included)





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