

The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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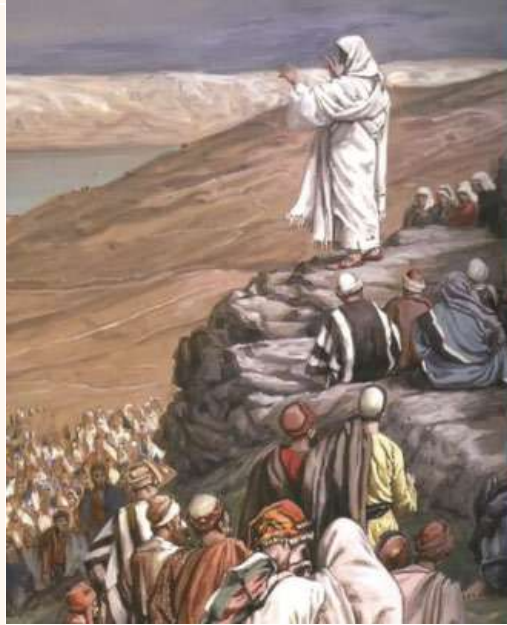
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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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September 15th, 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
Steve Rasmussen, Facilities Council Chair: (612) 802-6442
Francis Kerber, Cemetery Board Chair: (952) 836-5467
Scott Guillemette, Finance Council Chair: (952) 227-4000
Bill Van Hecke, Pastoral Council Chair: (612) 812-8615

Saint Nicholas Lay Leadership Positions

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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 bulletin@gachaska.org antes de las 12:00 p.m. el martes anterior. Fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.

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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, September 16th

Tuesday, September 17th

5:30 p.m. Mass, † Kay Meuwissen
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

Wednesday, September 18th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Russel and Darlene Schmid

Thursday, September 19th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Vince Meuwissen

Friday, September 20th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN), † Deceased Members of the Pass Family

Saturday, September 21st

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church
8:30 a.m. Mom's Group, Room 004
3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church
4:30 p.m. Mass, † Tony and Marie Koll

Sunday, September 22nd

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Charles Steven Gerhards
10:00 a.m. Mass, † Barbara Schaeer
10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), For the People
12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), † Beatriz Quiroz

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 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 50, 4-9/Sal 114, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9 (9)/Sant 2, 14-18/Mc 8, 27-35
Lunes: 1 Cor 11, 17-26/Sal 39, 7-8. 8-9. 10. 17/Lc 7, 1-10
Martes: 1 Cor 12, 12-14. 27-31/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 4. 5/Lc 7, 11-17
Miércoles: 1 Cor 12, 31—13, 13/Sal 32, 2-3. 4-5. 12 y 22/Lc 7, 31-35
Jueves: 1 Cor 15, 1-11/Sal 117, 1-2. 16-17. 28/Lc 7, 36-50
Viernes: 1 Cor 15, 12-20/Sal 48, 6-7. 8-10. 17-18. 19-20/Lc 8, 1-3
Sábado: Ef 4, 1-7. 11-13/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5/Mt 9, 9-13
Domingo siguiente: Sab 2, 12. 17-20/Sal 53, 3-4. 5. 6-8 (6)/Sant 3, 16—4, 3/Mc 9, 30-37

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Year-To-Date 7/1/24—9/9/24

Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants."

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$136,930	\$13,277
Last Sunday's Collection	\$9,979	\$973
Total Giving YTD	\$114,970	\$12,613
Percent of Goal Funded	84%	95%

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/23 to Date:

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

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

Contributions this fiscal year:	\$5,516.25
Expenses this fiscal year:	\$22,228.50
Fund Balance:	\$101,415.25

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



LIFELONG LEARNING OF OUR FAITH

Dear Parishioners,

On this Catechetical Sunday it is worth reflecting on how we never stop learning our faith. William Glasser, renowned psychiatrist once said, "We learn: 10% of what we read, 20% of what we hear, 30% of what we see, 50% of what we see and hear, 70% of what we discuss, 80% of what we experience, and 95% of what we teach to others." Would you like to grow in your faith? Maybe not all of us are comfortable being teachers for our faith formation.

Yet, there are so many roles that each of us can play to make our year an offering to God that glorifies Him. We have a need for assistants in the classroom, small group leaders for Wednesdays or for special events, hall monitors, those who could help us prepare food for special events, those who could help us with other special events such as our first sacrament retreats. The list goes on and on. Tell us how you could imagine yourself helping. Just let Viviana Sotro or me know, or just call the office.

Of course, we would welcome more teachers. One teacher described her experience this way: "I really enjoyed my group. They ask very good questions and this made me have to think and oftentimes do my own investigating and get back to them. Learning along with them was very beneficial to my growth in faith." For those who are thinking about this possibility of being a teacher, I say, pray about it and let the Holy Spirit guide you.

The document, "Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us," by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1999, goes as far to say,

In addition, adult faith formation should serve as the point of reference for catechesis for other age groups. It ought to be "the organizing principle, which gives coherence to the various catechetical programs offered by a particular Church." Maturity of faith is the intent of all catechesis from the earliest years. Thus, all catechesis is geared to a lifelong deepening of faith in Christ. How necessary, then, that the catechetical ministry with adults set an example of the highest quality and vitality.

For such reasons as these, the Church wisely and repeatedly insists that adult faith formation is "essential to who we are and what we do as Church" and must be "situated not at the periphery of the Church's educational mission but at its center." (nos. 41-42).

For these reasons, I and Deacon John Cleveland invite you to our Encounter group. We meet on most Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:45 PM beginning September 25th. We will focus on the new Symbolon series from the Augustine Institute on Formed.org.

Speaking of this website, we have a parish subscription and it has a wealth of Catholic programming from various children's series, to movies, to various adult series in many forms. Just go to Formed.org and click on "find your parish subscription." May our desire to learn our faith together as a community be a joyful witness to all!

Father Tony



The Fall Festival, featuring the Daughters of Isabella General Store & Silent Auction is coming soon!

In the GENERAL STORE, we are in need of canned & baked goods and garden produce. We also need new or gently used items that will be sold at discount prices. Indicating the approximate value of the items you donate is greatly appreciated!



New & gently used items such as wine, glasses, and wine markers make up a fun wine themed basket. You can either make up your own basket or donate individual items and we will add your items to

those donated by others to create the basket.

GIFT CERTIFICATES are much-needed items that add great value and appeal to the baskets. Gift certificate ideas include clothing stores, liquor, Visa, sporting events, Spas & Massages, restaurants, and local attractions (Yellow Barn, Valleyfair).

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO GUARDIAN ANGELS.

Please bring your items, with their approximate value, to the Church office – the sooner the better! It takes a large amount of time to get this together. Last year we had over 100 baskets – something for everyone



If you have any questions, please call Barb Brose at (952)448-5057 or Colleen Tompkins at (612)741-7646.

SAVE THE DATE!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

12:00 – 8:00pm

**Games, Music, Karaoke,
Food, and Fun**

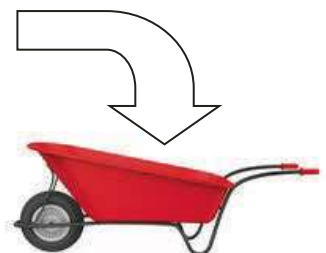
Roll-In Car Show

12:00 – 4:00pm



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Guardian Angels School Alumni Association is once again collecting “the good stuff.” Please drop it off at the Parish Office.



PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATE POSITION OPENING

The Church of the Guardian Angels in Chaska is seeking a part-time Administrative Associate for a medium-sized parish. The hours for this position will be flexible. He/she will provide welcoming assistance to all who visit the Parish Office or who call by telephone and provide assistance to the pastor and catechists.

Please consult our parish website, www.gachaska.org (under About Us ⇒ Employment), for a more complete summary, a job description, and application instructions. Thank You!

COORDINATOR OF FAITH FORMATION POSITION OPENING

The Church of the Guardian Angels in Chaska is seeking a full-time Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry to lead Faith Formation grades 1-10 for a small, but growing program. He/she will have the advantage of working in close collaboration with an experienced Latino Ministry Coordinator in a combined English-Latino program in some respects. He/she will work with a budding group of middle-school youth in youth ministry. Please consult our parish website, www.gachaska.org (under About Us ⇒ Employment), for a more complete summary, a job description, and application instructions. Thank you!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who attended and supported the St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale during Steamboat Days! We had a great turnout!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FALL FESTIVAL GAMES

We are in need of about 40 people to help run the games at the festival. We would like to have at least 10 games and have 4 shifts so we can be open the entire time. Would prefer adults to help, but parents and their children are welcome. Please sign up online using the link on the GA website or the myParish app. Email kbstacken@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

APPLE CRISP WEEKEND

October 4-6th

GA Annual Apple Crisp weekend is October 4th-6th. We are in need of donated apples and workers to peel apples and bake. Join the fun Friday (Oct. 4th) at 3 p.m. in the school kitchen or on Saturday at 8 a.m. The Early Bird sale starts at 11 a.m. in the gym.

This event is eligible for a matching grant from Catholic United Financial of up to \$1,000.

Call (952) 448-7569 (Tina) to donate apples.

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The next weekend is **October 4-6, 2024** 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:
Feb. 14-16/May 16-18/Oct. 17-19

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

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PIES PIES PIES

The Fall Festival will again have pies. Yeah!!

Please bring your donated pies to the school gym on Saturday, September 28th anytime after 9:00 a.m.

BOUNTIFUL BASKET NEWS UPDATE

In July, we celebrated the one-year anniversary of our Cologne location, and what an incredible year it has been! In our first month, we provided just 23 food services and just this past month we've seen that number soar to 232—an increase of over 1000%! While it's bittersweet to celebrate this growth, knowing it reflects ongoing community needs, we remain committed to serving the community with smiles, dignity, and healthy food.

We're excited to announce that we've recently relocated to a more central retail space in downtown Cologne, which offers expanded shopping and warehouse areas.

BOUNTIFUL BASKET
CURRENT NEEDS - September 2024



- Cereal & Oatmeal
- Pancake Mix
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta
- Instant Potatoes & Rice
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Fruit
- Hearty Soup
- Saltine Crackers
- Cooking Oil
- Spices, Salt & Pepper
- Salad Dressing
- Ketchup & Mustard
- Flour & Sugar
- Diapers - any size!

Fall is right around the corner!
Hearty soups and saltines would be greatly appreciated!

GUARDIAN ANGELS CEMETERY UPDATE

Sometime between Saturday, August 17th at 3:00 p.m. and Monday, August 19th at 10:00 a.m., our shed was broken into, and a Toro riding lawn mower was stolen from the cemetery. A police report was made and also a report to the insurance company. Originally, we paid \$8,000.00 for the mower. Now, after depreciation and deductible, we received \$5,000.00 from our insurance company, Catholic Mutual. The cost of a replacement mower is \$10,000.00. If anyone was at the cemetery and saw anything or anyone near the shed during the times and dates listed above, please call the Parish Office at 952-227-4000. Thank you to Jack Worm and his grandson for the work they have done recently to make it very difficult for someone to take anything in the future from this shed.

Other projects at the cemetery are two retaining walls that need repair. One is 72 feet long and 4 feet high. The other is 90 feet long and 3 feet high. Once these are repaired, we will then have to repair the road. These projects will be done in three phases and the estimated cost is about \$30,000.00.

The Cemetery Board would like to thank the Garage Sale Committee for their donation toward the repair of the walls.

We would like to thank Randy Worm for the donation of three loads of dirt to be used in spots needed along with new plots, as they needed it, too.

If anyone would be interested in donating to help with the cost of any of the items listed above, please make checks payable to Guardian Angels Cemetery and drop it in the collection basket or mail to The Church of the Guardian Angels, Attention: John McCoy, Cemetery Board Treasurer, 215 West Second Street, Chaska MN 55318.

We would also like to thank the many dedicated women and men who keep the cemetery looking so beautiful. As you may or may not know, this is all volunteer work. Thanks a million!!

The Guardian Angels Cemetery Board

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	2023/2024	<u>2023-2024</u>	2024/2025
INCOME	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
<u>Sunday and Regular Collections</u>	\$735,300	\$620,188	\$678,300
Sunday envelopes, Electronic, Holy Day, Plate, General contributions.			
<u>Memorials & Bequests</u>	\$0	\$11,234	\$10,000
Donations given in memorial of a deceased family member.			
<u>Parish Festival and Beef & Sausage Dinner</u>	\$64,000	\$64,689	\$64,500
Festival = \$32,506 actual. Beef & Sausage = \$32,183 actual.			
<u>Parish Ministry</u>	\$46,200	\$48,306	\$51,500
Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals & Luncheon, Mass Stipends, Votive Candles, Adult Faith Formation			
<u>Faith Formation</u>	\$10,700	\$13,899	\$12,500
Sacramental Preparation Fees, Tuition, Youth Ministry, Latino Ministry			
<u>Rentals, Banking, Rebates & Special Donations</u>	\$100	\$48,251	\$32,700
Rectory & Gym Rental, Donations to Unbudgeted Projects, Interest			
Total Income	\$856,300	\$806,587	\$849,500
 EXPENSES			
<u>Staff, Clergy, and Musician Wages & Benefits</u>	\$342,245	\$336,788	\$351,716
Wages, FICA, Medical Insurance, Clergy Pension, Lay 403(b), 403(b) Employer Match, Worker's Compensation.			
<u>General Operations</u>	\$97,870	\$132,423	\$123,370
Computer hardware and software, Professional fees, Advertising, Printing, Postage, Supplies, Telephone, Copier, Property Insurance, Mileage.			
<u>Archdiocesan Assessment & School Lay Pension Obligation</u>	\$105,505	\$105,727	\$88,175
Assessment = \$78,305 actual School Teacher Lay Pension Obligation = \$27,422 actual			
<u>Parish Ministries</u>	\$36,700	\$45,878	\$37,700
Liturgy, Supplies, Funeral Lunch, Faith Formation Books and Supplies, Formed.org.			
<u>Parish Investment in Catholic Schools</u>	\$121,500	\$109,120	\$85,190
20% of Sunday and Regular Contributions given to nearby Catholic Schools as agreed upon with the Archdiocese. This year: reduced to 15%.			
<u>Parish Festival and Beef & Sausage Dinner</u>	\$23,400	\$25,209	\$25,000
Festival = \$10,936 actual. Beef & Sausage = \$14,208 actual.			
<u>**Maintenance, Repair and Utilities</u>	\$129,080	\$118,031	\$138,324
Church & Friary M = \$26,395 U = \$27,718 School & Gym M = \$18,990 U = \$25,232 Office M = \$775 U = \$14,063 Rectory, Grounds & Rental Oper. M = \$4,533 U = \$325			
**Does not include Maintenance Fund Designated Expenses.			
Total Expenses	\$856,300	\$873,176	\$849,475
NET GAIN (LOSS)	\$0	(\$66,609)	\$25

An Afternoon and Evening of Devotion

International Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday, September 24th, 2024



**Come to all or part of this event at Guardian Angels church
to pray for ourselves, our parishes, our country, and our world.**

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| 1:00 PM | The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be set up near the ambo with Eucharistic Adoration. |
| 1:00 – 5:30 PM | Hours of Eucharistic Adoration |
| 3:00 PM | Chaplet of The Divine Mercy |
| 4:00 PM | Confession with Father Tony (confessional is in the back of church) |
| 4:45 PM | The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. Then, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 5:20 PM | Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| 5:30 PM | Holy Mass |
| 6:15 PM | Talk by the Custodian about Our Lady of Fatima |
| 6:30 PM | Explanation of the Enrollment of the Scapular. Scapular Enrollment. |
| 6:45 PM | Brief explanation of personal and family consecration the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Prayer of consecration of the Family. |
| 7:00 PM | Private Prayers in front of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue will be moved to the front center of the church. |



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Do you know of someone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic? Please invite them to come to Guardian Angels!

Do you have a desire to learn more about the Gospel and the teachings of the Catholic Church?

Do you have a desire to know and love God more?

Have you (or a family member or friend) considered becoming Catholic?

We invite you to join OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Through OCIA, the Church invites you to learn more about its rich traditions and deep roots as the family of God. At Guardian Angels, we invite you to join our Encounter group that meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. The Encounter group involves parents of children and youth in faith formation and other parishioners who want to learn more about their faith. We have a large group presentation with small group prayer and reflection that we believe you will enjoy.

Additionally, we will celebrate the rites of the Catholic Church that allow you to become Catholic and/or celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or First Eucharist.

Call or email us!

Yours in Christ,

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