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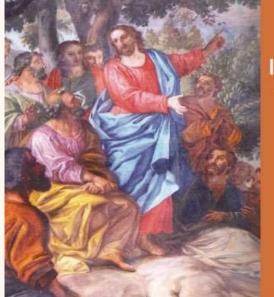
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He said to them in reply,
"What did Moses command you?"
They replied, "Moses permitted a
husband to write a bill of divorce
and dismiss her." But Jesus told
them, "Because of the hardness
of your hearts he wrote you this
commandment. But from the
beginning of creation, God
made them male and female."
- Mk 10:3-6

Excerpts from the decourary for wass 92001, 1990, 119

October 6th, 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.

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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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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.

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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, October 7th

Tuesday, October 8th

5:30 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, October 9th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ John Gonsalves 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation, Campus-wide

Thursday, October 10th

8:00 a.m. Mass, Guardian Angels Alumni

Friday, October 11th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN), ⊕ John Pass

Saturday, October 12th

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church
8:30 a.m. Mom's Group, Room 004
11:00 a.m. Apple Crisp Early Bird Sale, Gym
3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church
3:30 p.m. Apple Crisp Sale, St. Francis Hall
4:30 p.m. Mass outside at SN, & Ursula Peterson

Sunday, October 13th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Henry & MaryAnn Stacken 10:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Colette and Ervin Eissinger 10 a.m. Mass (SN), ⊕ Allan Engelen 12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), Para la Gente

Mass Intentions:

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.

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: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/ Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13 Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28 Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb

4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-2

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Gn 2, 18-24/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6 (ver 5)/Heb 2, 9-11/Mc 10, 2-16 o 10, 2-12

Lunes: Gal 1, 6-12/Sal 110, 1-2. 7-8. 9 y 10/Lc 10, 25-37 Martes: Gal 1, 13-24/Sal 138, 1-3. 13-14. 14-15/Lc 10, 38-42 Miércoles: Gal 2, 1-2. 7-14/Sal 116, 1. 2/Lc 11, 1-4 Jueves: Gal 3, 1-5/Lc 1, 69-70. 71-72. 73-75/Lc 11, 5-13 Viernes: Gal 3, 7-14/Sal 110, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 11, 15-26 Sábado: Gal 3, 22-29/Sal 104, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Lc 11, 27-28 Domingo siguiente: Sab 7, 7-11/Sal 89, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17

(14)/Heb 4, 12-13/Mc 10, 17-30 o 10, 17-27

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



The phrase in today's psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that *every* day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

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 7/1/24—9/16/24

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$182,616	\$16,898
Last Sunday's Collection	\$9,927	\$2,170
Total Giving YTD	\$139,975	\$16,364
Percent of Goal Funded	77%	97%

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

Contributions this fiscal year:	\$12,976.03
Expenses this fiscal year:	\$22,228.50
Fund Balance:	\$108,875.50

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

OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS PROTECT US AND ENLIGHTEN US

Angels appear often and are spoken of often in Sacred Scripture, many times by our Lord Himself. For example, in our Gospel reading for our patronal feast day of last week, October 2nd, Jesus says in Matthew 18:10, when referring to how we should treat children, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

That Jesus speaks of children's angels is not a mere afterthought. Our catechism teaches us that every human being has a guardian angel appointed to him or her by God. Our guardian angels act as messengers to protect us, guide us, and illumine our minds in order that, by this grace of God, the way to God would be more easily known. Scripture reveals this to us. At the most important moments of human history angels have served as ambassadors of God to point out the way and convey the divine will. An example of this is when the angel Gabriel appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary and revealed to her that she would bear a son and that the people would call him Emmanuel. And the angels adore the God who has come to the earth to save us. At the Mass during the Night of Christmas, we hear in Luke's gospel (Luke 2:14) that an angel appeared to the shepherds announcing that the Lord has come. And then we hear, "And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'"

Scripture has this to say of them: "Are they not all ministering spirits sent for service, for the sake of those who shall inherit salvation?" (Heb. 1:14). Faith in the mission of the angels is what moved Jacob to exclaim when he blesses his grandchildren, the sons of Joseph "May the angel who redeemed me from all evil bless them." (Gen. 48:16).

So the angels are protectors and guardians, but how exactly? We have free will – the ability to do good and the ability to do evil. Do the angels interfere with or influence our choice? Indirectly, one could say, they do. The angels have not received a mission to interfere with our free will. Rather, they have received a mission to save us from the results of our own evil deeds as far as is compatible with the higher dictates of God's justice. We should not go speeding down the highway and then pray that our guardian angel will protect us. But we should pray that the good choices we have made will have their desired effect and that the natural consequences of the not-so-good choices we have made may be lessened. But beyond this, we do well to pray that our guardian angels would enlighten us and illumine the way through life which has its spiritual and physical dangers and unknowns. We do well to pray that our guardian angels would help to light our way with greater faith and understanding that moves us to make good and loving choices.

Sometimes, our guardian angels can act in even extraordinary ways. An example of when an angel showed his protecting power is when he delivered Peter from prison. So our angels express the great power of God. Yet these kinds of miraculous works are extraordinary. Illumination of our minds is the most direct and constant effect of the angels guidance. Saint Thomas Aquinas says that it is not too much to say that the human race is kept in mental equilibrium through the unceasing watchfulness of the good spirits.

Perhaps we can pray to our guardian angels together as a parish in order that our guardian angels can illumine our minds and hearts to choose a way toward a flourishing, charitable, witnessing, and very welcoming parish. If you have any ideas exactly how, let me know.

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day [or night] be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Father Tony

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.

Local Rep: Team Countryside (612) 322-3228

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YEAR 2 OF WHAT? THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

Have you been hearing about "Year 2" and wondering what it is all about? We had an Archdiocesan Synod in which thousands of comments and much discussion around the archdiocese led to plans for growth in our archdiocese. Last year (and this year) we emphasized small groups. Now, in Year 2, we are emphasizing learning about and having a greater experience of the Mass. See Archbishop Hebda's two-minute video message about Year 2 at www.archspm.org/synod and please consider joining a small group. It is in these groups that we will learn more about the Mass.

SMALL GROUPS ARE STARTING UP AGAIN THIS FALL!

Come and See! Our Archbishop dreams and desires a church that is connected to one another on our faith journey. Please consider joining a small group to experience our belonging, fellowship, and friendship with one another! We are truly better together! We welcome all no matter where you are on your faith journey! We have a variety of small groups available; Co-ed, Men's, Women's, Mom's, and Dad's. The groups meet at various times and locations. See us at the back information desk at church to determine which group will work best for you. Or, just contact Terry at tkschepers@gmail.com or (612) 599-9901 for more information. Our content and discussions this fall will be focused on the Mass and the Eucharist.

THANK YOU

The Daughters of Isabella would like to thank all who helped and bought items at the Silent Auction and Country Store at the Fall Festival. We appreciate all the donations that help make up the baskets. A special thanks to all the businesses that contributed to the festival. We had 120 baskets this year not to mention the many items for sale at the Country Store. May God bless each and every one of you!

Thank you to Colleen Tompkins and Barb Brose and a special thank you to Lori Homyak who used her special talents to make our baskets, items, and wheels look extra special.

P.S. If you don't need the baskets, please bring them to the parish office. We could use them next year-always looking for baskets and donations. Thanks again.

CANTORS FOR MASS

Have you ever thought about becoming a cantor? 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

CELEBRATE LIFE IN OCTOBER!

Every human life is a precious gift from God, created in His image and loved unconditionally.



GA will be distributing birthday bags to all children of the parish ages 10 and under on the last weekend of the month. We encourage families to embrace this opportunity to celebrate and talk to their children about the value of every human life from conception to natural death.

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING!

As we have announced, we are beginning a new electronic giving campaign and are now switching to ParishSoft as our e-giving platform.

Both new and current online givers, we remind you to create a new Parish Soft e-giving account with your giving selections. It's very easy to set up your account! Go to our website, gachaska.org. At the upper right of the home page, click on "Giving." Then, scroll down and click on "Setup or Login to Your Account." Then, click on "Signin." Then, scroll down to click on "Don't have a giving account? Create One." Then, you can enter in your personal information.

The advantages of electronic giving with Parish Soft is that it saves you time and you can now give to any of our second collections. So, there is no need for envelopes! Let's make our giving as effective, planned, and prioritized as it can be by choosing electronic giving with our new platform.

Thank you!

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

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 p.m. 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 Father Tony VanderLoop at frtonyvanderloop@gachaska.org or (952) 679-9415. Or, contact Deacon John Cleveland at jcleveland@gachaska.org

A MESSAGE FROM A AND B LOW VOICES ALLIANCE

Attention all members of The Alto and Bass Low Voices Alliance. The sopranos and tenors are beating us. We only have 3 representatives in the Guardian Angels Adult Choir to their 6.

Please send help.

7 p.m. on Tuesday nights and the 10 o'clock Mass.

COME TO A PRESENTATION AT GUARDIAN ANGELS ON END OF LIFE CARE

Meet in Saint Francis Hall from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15th to hear a presentation by Cindy Crawford of Lifespark Complete Senior Care on end-of-life hospice care, what it means, the quality of life that is possible, and the care that is available for families who are caring for a loved one. Her presentation promises to be very informative and educational on a topic that effects many of us as we care for our parents and other loved ones.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND MEMORIAL LECTURE: "THE ROYAL PRIESTHOOD AND THE ORDAINED PRIESTHOOD: UNDERSTANDING OUR ROLES"

Monday, October 7th, 6:30 p.m., University of St. Thomas, O'Shaughnessy Educational Center Auditorium

Recently, there has been a rediscovery of the "royal" priesthood of all believers, as we are all called through our baptism to be priests in the High Priest, Jesus Christ. Some are even going so far as to think that the more familiar notion of the "ordained" priesthood was merely an invention that came later in the church and was not established by Jesus Christ. This lecture with Dr. Mathew Levering argues that the ordained priesthood has an essential role and is necessary for any notion of a "royal" priesthood of the baptized.

The event is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the presentation.

ANNUAL RED MASS

Wednesday, October 9th, Noon, Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis

All lawyers, canon lawyers, judges, and others involved in the administration of justice, along with their families, are invited to Mass and lunch to follow. Law School professors and judges are invited to attend in their professional regalia.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF THE MOST REVEREND KEVIN THOMAS KENNEY

Monday, October 28th, 1 p.m., Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul and live streamed on the Archdiocese's Facebook page

The morning of July 25th, Pope Francis named Father Kevin Thomas Kenney, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. All are invited to his episcopal ordination, which will take place at the Cathedral of St. Paul and live streamed.



FALL SPEAKER SERIES: LOVE OF NEIGHBOR AND THE FEAR OF BEGGARS

Friday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 19th at 10 a.m., Assumption in Saint Paul

The Center for Catholic Social Thought is please to welcome Professor Kelly Johnson of the University of Dayton for two talks to help us think Christianly about encountering the poor. Dr. Johnson (Ph.D., Duke University) is the author of *The Fear of Beggars; Stewardship and Poverty in Christian Ethics*. All are warmly invited.

All are welcome to attend this event, however the language spoken will be English.

Register at www.catholicsocialthought.org

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