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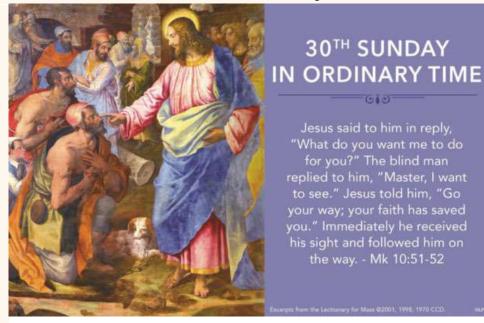
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October 27th, 2024

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.

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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, October 28th

Tuesday, October 29th

5:30 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, October 30th

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation, Campus-wide

Thursday, October 31st

8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, November 1st

<u>12:00 p.m. (Noon) Mass,</u> For the People <u>7:00 p.m. Mass (Bilingual),</u> ⊕ Barbara Schaer

Saturday, November 2nd

8:00 a.m. D of I Rosary

8:30 a.m. Mom's Group

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

9:00 a.m. Mass, For the Faithful Departed

3:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, [⊕] Jay Perrill and Margaret Young

Sunday, November 3rd

8:00 a.m. Mass

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

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

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), ⊕ Clarence & Caroline Lenzmeier

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

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: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21 Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35 Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/ Mk 12:28b-34

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Jr 31, 7-9/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6 (3)/Heb 5, 1-6/Mc 10. 46-52

Lunes: Ef 2, 19-22/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5/Lc 6, 12-19 Martes: Ef 5, 21-33/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5/Lc 13, 18-21

Miércoles: Ef 6, 1-9/Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 13-14/Lc 13, 22-30

Jueves: Ef 6, 10-20/Sal 143, 1. 2. 9-10/Lc 13, 31-35

Viernes: Ap 7, 2-4. 9-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/1 Jn 3, 1-3/Mt 5, 1

Sábado: Sab 4, 7-14/Sal 24, 6. y 7. 17-18. 20-21/Rom 5, 17-21/ Mt 11, 25-30

Domingo siguiente: Dt 6, 2-6/Sal 17, 2-3. 3-4. 47. 51 (2)/Heb 7, 23-28/Mc 12, 28-34

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Today's psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/23 to Date:

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

Year-To-Date 7/1/24—10/21/24

| | Guardian Angels | St. Nicholas |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Goal, Year-to-Date | \$221,748 | \$20,519 |
| Last Sunday's Collection | \$16,502 | \$1,103 |
| Total Giving YTD | \$176,482 | \$20,168 |
| Percent of Goal Funded | 80% | 98% |

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

| Contributions this fiscal year: | \$18,769.19 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Expenses this fiscal year: | \$28,753.50 |
| Fund Balance: | \$120,373.99 |

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



SAINT JOHN PAUL II IS A SAINT FOR OUR TIMES TODAY

On Tuesday, October 22nd, we celebrated the memorial day of Saint John Paul II. As we approach election day and our civic consciousness increases in this very important time in our country, we can realize how great of a witness this saint was in our modern times. Certainly, he has had an impact on my life. I remember looking out behind me at the vast crowd in Rome at World Youth Day in 2000. I remember this beloved pope riding by with his eyes closed from fatigue, I presume, with a very big smile on his face as we all waved when he passed by.

In his homily at the inauguration of his Pontificate, he spoke about how Saint Peter went to Rome, the heart of the Roman Empire, to preach the gospel. He probably would have preferred to stay by the shores of the Sea of Galilee with his boat and his nets. Yet, guided by the Lord's inspiration he came to Rome. Tradition holds, according to Saint John Paul II, that Peter tried to leave Rome during Nero's persecution. However, the Lord intervened and came to meet him. Peter spoke to him and asked, "Where are you going, Lord?" And the Lord answered him, "I am going to Rome to be crucified again." Peter went back to Rome and stayed there until his own crucifixion.

Christ's mission is our mission, and this is so true in our modern times when we see so much breakdown in our society and by extension, our government. We see the lack of regard for the sacredness of human life, lack of respect for religious freedom, reckless and out-of-touch spending, and often little or no regard for those who are poor or marginalized. Christ's mission: Priest, Prophet-Teacher, and King -- continues in the church. We share in his saving work by proclaiming the gospel with our words and our acts of charity. We become his hands and feet. Our voice is one of witness to his great power and love.

The power of the Lord is a power that has its source in the mystery of the Cross and Resurrection. This is a power that is absolute and yet sweet and gentle. It speaks to the depths of our whole being, in terms of our loftiest aspirations of our intellect, will, and heart and does so in charity and truth. We know this when we come to Mass and experience this power once again.

So, our late pope and saint exhorted the people, "Do not be afraid to welcome Christ and to accept His power... Be not afraid. Open, I say open wide the doors to Christ." He went on to say that Christ alone knows what is inside of us. Often, we don't know what is inside of us. So let Christ speak to man. He alone has the words of eternal life. We let Christ speak to others around us when we pray that the Lord cast off all fear and participate in our political process in our civil society. We bring our Catholic understanding of Jesus to the public square in hope of a better world. We let Christ speak to others when we give witness to Him by our words and actions through such activities as volunteering for a role in our faith formation, engaging civilly in a discussion about a respect for life with our relatives, and performing a work of charity on behalf of our family members. I wonder sometimes if doubt about our abilities holds us back. Yet, we know that Jesus gives us all we need to do that which he has called us to do. Let us always rely on His power and His strength and His desire to bring hearts close to Him.

Father Tony

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank You for Supporting World Mission Sunday

On behalf of the missionary men and women serving in over 1,150 mission territories, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support on World Mission Sunday. Your contributions ensure that the Gospel continues to spread, bringing hope, love, and salvation to those in need.

This year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," reminds us of our universal call to evangelize and support our brothers and sisters around the world. Your generosity helps build churches, train clergy, and provide essential services in mission territories. Thank you for being part of this vital mission and for making a lasting impact on the global Church.

WE ARE TRYING SOMETHING NEW FOR FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY!

The Daughters of Isabella First Saturday Rosary is moving to prior to the Saturday evening Mass on November 9th. Come join us at 4 p.m.! We ask that you sit in the far west bank of pews directly in front of Mary's side altar. This spot was selected to minimize interaction with those going to confession and choir practice. Once we complete the rosary, you are free to move to your favorite Mass viewing spot.

NOVEMBER 1ST

There will be no Mass on November 1st at Saint Nicholas due to All Saints Day. Please join your friends at Guardian Angels at either noon or 7 p.m. (bilingual) for an All Saints Day Mass.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT

"For I was hungry and you gave me food..."

Mt 25:35a

Approximately 75 parishioners and Confirmation candidates went to pack food at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen on October 16th. Thanks to all who came and did this work of charity for our brothers and sisters around the world! May the Lord bless this food and bless those who receive it.



Opportunity for **Guardian Angels parishioners** to experience a weekend retreat together.

Women - November 1-3, 2024 Men - December 6-8, 2024

Retreat theme: Finding God in Difficult Times

Enjoy a pleasing blend of scheduled time to open time, plus classic retreat elements:

- · Guided prayer · Confession
- Mass
- Delectable meals

Experience four conference talks around a relevant yearly theme while enjoying fraternity with fellow Guardian Angels parishioners and other area Catholics.

franciscanretreats.net /women-ga-group



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(Limited to 20 people)

Register now, call 952-447-2182

Franciscan Retreat Center, Prior Lake



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 ParishSOFT 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 ParishSOFT 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!

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY

This is the Mass schedule for November 1st and 2nd:

Friday, November 1st:

12 Noon Mass in English at Guardian Angels 7 p.m. Mass Bilingual at Guardian Angels NO DAILY MASS AT SAINT NICHOLAS

Saturday, November 2nd: 9 a.m. All Souls Day Mass 4:30 p.m. "Sunday" Mass

ULTRASOUND MODELS NEEDED



SouthWest Options for Women is offering FREE ultrasounds on Thursday, October 31st from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (If 10/31 does not work, call for other possible dates.)

Their address is:

574 Prairie Center Drive, Suite 130, Eden Prairie, MN

As part of medical training for nurse sonographers, non-diagnostic ultrasounds will be provided to women at preferably 13 weeks or less gestational age.

Each appointment will last 30 minutes and all participants will be provided with a gift basket as well as photos of their unborn baby.

Family is welcome to come along to the scan.

Call (952) 938-4496 to make an appointment.



DEMONTREVILLE RETREAT

Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. Join us for a three-day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The retreat begins Thursday evening, November 21st, 2024 and ends Sunday evening, November 24th, 2024. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at (651) 777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com.

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.

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.



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.

ARCHBISHOP'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Friday, November 1st-Sunday, November 3rd, Christ the King Retreat Center (621 First Ave. South, Buffalo), \$100

Have you thought that maybe God is calling you to be a Catholic priest? This annual discernment retreat is for men who are Juniors in High School through age 24, (men who do not have a college degree) and are interested in the priesthood. The weekend retreat is led by Archbishop Bernard Hebda & Fr. Mark Pavlak, Vocation Director. Topics will include information about discernment, college seminary life, and how to apply to St. John Vianney College Seminary.

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

Register at www.10000vocations.org.

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