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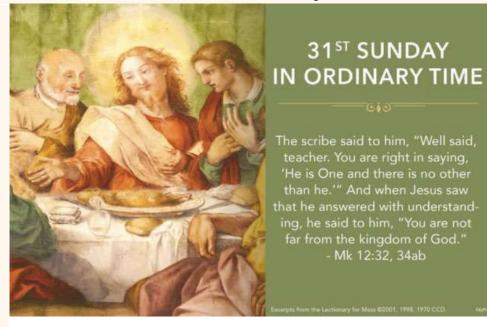
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November 3rd, 2024

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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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, November 4th

6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Hall

Tuesday, November 5th

5:30 a.m., Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church

5:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Bob Topinka

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

Wednesday, November 6th

9:00 a.m. Cathy's Small Group, St. Francis Hall

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

Thursday, November 7th

Friday, November 8th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

Saturday, November 9th

6:30 a.m. Dad's Group, Room 004

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

4:00 p.m. Cursillo: Ultreya, St. Francis Hall

4:00 p.m. D of I Rosary, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Ruth and Tony Pass and Families

Sunday, November 10th

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts,

St. John the Baptist Catholic School (Jordan)

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

10:00 a.m. Mass,

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

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts,

St. John the Baptist Catholic School (Jordan)

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

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33 Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10 Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8 Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11,

16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb

9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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

Mc 12, 28-34

Lunes: Flp 2, 1-4/Sal 130, 1. 2. 3/Lc 14, 12-14

Martes: Flp 2, 5-11/Sal 21, 26-27. 28-30. 30. 31-32//Lc 14, 15-

24

Miércoles: Flp 2, 12-18/Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14/Lc 14, 25-33 Jueves: Flp 3, 3-8/Sal 104, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Lc 15, 1-10 Viernes: Flp 3, 17—4, 1/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/Lc 16, 1-8 Sábado: Ez 47, 1-2. 8-9. 12/Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/1 Cor 3, 9-11.

16-17/Jn 2, 13-22

Domingo siguiente:1 Re 17, 10-16/Sal 145, 7. 8-9. 9-10 (1)/Heb

9, 24-28/Mc 12, 38-44 o 12, 41-44

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward? *All* of my heart, *all* of my soul, *all* of my mind, and *all* of my strength!

Year-To-Date 7/1/24—10/21/24

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$234,792	\$21,726
Last Sunday's Collection	\$10,866	\$1,268
Total Giving YTD	\$187,348	\$21,436
Percent of Goal Funded	80%	99%

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/24 to Date:

New A/C Compressor Architectural Fees for School Steps

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.

THE SAINTS WHO ENCOURAGE AND ACCOMPANY US

As we reflect upon the saints who are our heroes in the faith and our own call to holiness, I encourage you to read the relatively short Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis, Rejoice and Be Glad, which can be found at www.vatican.va, the Vatican website. The Latin name for this exhortation is Guadete et Exsultate in which he writes on the call to holiness in the modern world.

Our Pope writes of how our scriptures encourage us to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1) and how the saints have done so as a great cloud of

witnesses who preserve their bonds of communion and love with us. We are surrounded, led, and guided by the friends of God who are there to sustain and protect us. The processes of beatification and canonization certainly help us to recognize the signs of heroic virtue that they possessed and their sacrifices of their lives even to death.

Even so, we need not think only of those beatified or canonized. We can think of the holiness of ordinary people who make up our community of faith: those who raise their children with immense love, those who work hard to support their families, and those who are sick, but who never lose their smile. Sometimes we never really know the depth of holiness of some who have quietly lived their lives in communion with Christ, but who nevertheless have shaped history in their unity with Jesus together with countless faithful people.

We are all called to holiness! It is our basic Baptismal call. The Second Vatican Council, in the document, Lumen Gentium (no. 11), stated this emphatically: "Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect." This may seem like an unattainable goal when we think of such great examples as the saints. However, God's life is communicated to us, each in his or her own unique way.

To be holy does not require us to be a bishop, priest, or religious sister. Rather, whether we are married, whether we work, or whether we are a parent or grandparent, we have the opportunity to care for our spouse, to carry out our work faithfully, or to raise our children in the ways of God. The holiness to which God calls us will grow, Pope Francis says, through small gestures. A woman goes shopping, she meets a neighbor, and they begin to speak, and the gossip starts. But she says in her heart: "No, I will not speak badly of anyone." This is a step forward in holiness. Later at home, one of her children wants to talk to her about his hopes and dreams, and even though she is tired, she sits down and listens with patience and love. That is another sacrifice that brings holiness. Later she experiences some anxiety, but recalling the love of the Virgin Mary, she takes her rosary and prays with faith. This is yet another path of holiness. Later, she goes out and encounters a poor person and stops to say a kind word to him. This is one more step on the path to holiness.

Some days we are challenged by holiness and the pressures of life seem to crowd out our ability to act in holiness. Yet, through these challenges, the Lord calls us, once again, to a deeper conversion that can make his grace more evident in our lives and to those around us. At other times, we are aware of our own sinfulness. But when we feel the temptation to dwell on our own weakness, we can raise our eyes to the Lord, acknowledge our sins, and ask him to work the miracle of making us a little bit better.

As we look to the saints, let us always remember that today is a great day to walk the path a little further in living out the Beatitudes and living a greater degree of holiness. Dear Lord, make our parishes holy parishes!

Father Tony

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.

COME AND PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY ON ELECTION DAY

Dear Parishioners,

We will not have Eucharistic Adoration this Sunday, November 3rd. However, we will have Eucharistic Adoration from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th. At 7:30 a.m., we will have special prayers for our country including the rosary followed by Benediction. I hope that you can join me. Thank you.

Father Tony

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Christmas help for Guardian Angels and St. Nicholas parishioners.

Sometimes even the most basic needs can represent a challenge for individuals and families. We want to help this Christmas season by putting a tag on the Giving Tree and asking parishioners to choose one and purchase a gift.

If you, or someone you know from our parish, is in need please contact Jean Van Hecke at (612) 245-9252, between now and November 15th. All requests will be kept confidential.

Sharing the JOY of the birth of Jesus!

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!

MINISTERIO "ÁRBOL QUE DA"

Ayuda de Navidad para los parroquianos de Ángeles Guardianes y San Nicolás.



Algunas veces las necesidades más básicas pueden representar una dificultad para una persona o una familia. En este tiempo de Navidad, queremos ayudar y lo haremos poniendo una tarjeta en el Árbol que da y pidiendo a los parroquianos que escohan una de ellas y compren un regalo.

Si usted o alguien de nuestra parroquia que usted conoce, tiene necesidades, por favor contactar a Jean Van Hecke al (612)

245-9252, antes del 15 de noviembre. Todos los pedidos se mantendrán de manera confidencial

Compartamos la alegría del Nacimiento de Jesús!

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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.

SEVEN TIMES A DAY, I PRAISE YOU (YEAR 2: THE MASS)

Thursdays, November 7th and 21st, 7-9 p.m., St. John Neumann, 4030 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan, \$50

An Offering from the Catechetical Institute

The lecture series, Seven Times a Day, I Praise You—Learn to Pray the Liturgy of the Hours, is an excellent opportunity for you to experience the beauty of the "official" prayer of the Church and discover why this prayer has held such a profoundly important role in the lives of Catholics throughout history. This two-evening series will explain how to pray the Liturgy of the Hours and teach you how to incorporate it into your daily life.

Find the link to the registration at www.archspm.org/seven-times-a-day-i-praise-you.

FALL INFO NIGHT: THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY

Thursday, November 7th, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Ireland Library, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul

The Saint Paul Seminary's lay graduate programs are hosting an info night for fellowship, reflection, and to learn about the MA in Theology, MA in Pastoral Leadership, and Certificate in Catholic School Leadership. Come to meet program directors, admission staff, and discover the graduate programs.

Find the link to the registration at www.archspm.org/fall-info-night-the-saint-paul-seminary.

ANDREW DINNER

Thursday, November 7th, 6-8 p.m., Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 777 Forest Street, St. Paul

The Andrew Dinner is an opportunity for men, ages 16-50, who are interested in learning more about the priesthood. The dinner is hosted by Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Father Mark Pavlak, Vocation Director. The evening includes prayer, dinner, and conversation with vocations testimonies on priesthood and religious life. It is typical for a Pastor, Deacon, Religious, or Youth Minister to accompany each discerning guest.

Register at www.10000vocations.org/andrew-dinner.html (dash included).

PADRE PIO RELICS— PUBLIC VENERATION

Thursday, November 7th, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Mary Mother of the Church, 3333 Cliff Road E, Burnsville

The National Centre for Padre Pio, located in Barto, Pennsylvania is touring for the 25th Anniversary Beatification of St. Padre Pio. Padre Pio's glove and a portion of a side wound bandage will be on display for public veneration. The Centre will share an educational presentation after the 9 a.m. daily Mass, repeated at 6:30 p.m., all held in the main Church.

VIANNEY VISIT

Thursday, November 14th-Saturday, November 16th, Saint John Vianney College Seminary

Men in high school or college (age 16-24) are invited to get a closer look at college seminary life with this Vianney Visit. There will be testimonies from current seminarians, spiritual conferences with SJV priests, prayer with the community, and a tour of the University of St. Thomas. There may also be the option to meet individually with priests on staff or the rector.

Register at www.10000vocations.org/vianney-visit.html (dash included).

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Saturday, November 9th, 9-10:30 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, 239 Selby Ave, St. Paul

Join this free and practical workshop to learn tips for keeping your family in sync with the Church's liturgical year. Coffee, donuts, and childcare will be provided.

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

Register at www.archspm.org/preparing-your-home-for-advent-christmas.

AIRS OF THE JACOBEAN ERA

Saturday, November 16th, 7:30 p.m., Holy Cross, 1621 University Ave NE, Minneapolis

This concert features sacred works by John Dowland and other composers of the Jacobean era performed on historical instruments, such as lutes and viols, that would have been known to the original audiences of early 17th century England. Soprano, Sarah Jackson, is joined by Thomas Walker, Jr., as well as by Mary Burke, Mark Kausch, and Josh Schwalbach on viols. This concert is free and open to the public, but a donation is encouraged.

VATICAN RELEASES MASCOT FOR JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Excerpts by Courtney Mares of Catholic News Agency:

Ahead of the 2025 Jubilee, the Vatican has launched a cartoon mascot unveiled Monday as the cheerful face of the Catholic Church's upcoming holy year.

The mascot, name Luce—which means "light" in Italian—is intended to engage a younger audience and guide visitors through the holy year.

The mascot will debut this week at the Lucca Comics and Games, Italy's celebrated convention for all things comics, video games, and fantasy, where the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelization will host a space dedicated to "Luce and Friends."



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It will be the first time that a Vatican dicastery participates in a comics convention. [Archbishop] Fisichella, who serves as the pro-prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization's section for the new evangelization said he hopes taking part in the convention "will allow us to speak to younger generations about the theme of hope, which is more central than ever in the evangelical message."

Clad in a yellow raincoat, mud-stained boots, and a pilgrim's cross, Luce's mission is to guide young pilgrims toward hope and faith with her trusty dog Santino at her side. Shells glimmer in her eyes, recalling the scallop shell of the Camino de Santiago, an emblem of the pilgrimage journey.

Luce's yellow sailor's raincoat is a nod to both the Vatican flag and to journeying through life's storms. The mascot's muddy boots represent a long a difficult journey, while her staff symbolizes the pilgrimage toward eternity.

A jubilee is a special holy year of grace and pilgrimage in the Catholic Church. It typically takes place once every 25 years, though the pope can call for extraordinary jubilee years more often.

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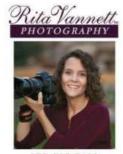
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