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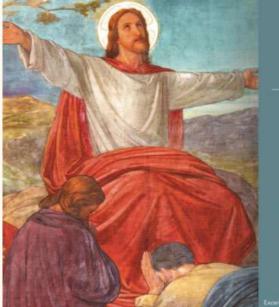
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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

600

Jesus said to them in reply,
"Do you think that because
these Galileans suffered in
this way they were greater
sinners than all other
Galileans? By no means! But I
tell you, if you do not repent,
you will all perish as they
did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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March 23rd, 2025

Weekly Liturgy Schedule / Horario de Misas

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m.

7:30 a.m. at Saint Nicholas Sunday: 12:00 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: 9 a.m.

Domingo: 12:00 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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Larry Schmid, Trustee: (612) 670-7655 **David Pohlen, Trustee:** (952) 428-9649

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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.

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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, March 24th

Tuesday, March 25th

5:30 p.m. Mass, ⊕ Catherine and Robert Jarosch Sr.

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

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting, 1st Floor Conference Room

Wednesday, March 26th

8:00 a.m. Mass,

Virgil Gestach

6:00 p.m. Faith Formation, Campus-Wide

Thursday, March 27th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Ray Therres

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church

7:00 p.m. Latino Prayer Group, GA Church

Friday, March 28th

8:30 a.m. SJB-Excelsior Staff Retreat, SN Gardens and Parish Center

4:00 p.m. Fish Fry, Gym

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Both Churches

Saturday, March 29th

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, For the People

Sunday, March 30th

7:30 a.m. Mass (SN)

8:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

12:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Peter, James, and John wanted to build a 'booth' for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Song of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the kingdom.

Guardian Angels Year-To-Date

Regular Operating Income Need Yearly: \$678,300 Monthly: \$56,525 Weekly: \$13,045

Above/Below **Amount Given** July \$42,613 \$13,912 August \$42,611 \$13,914 September \$8,370

\$48,155

\$41,630

\$14,895

November \$48,209 \$8,316 **December** \$21,215 \$77,740 January \$35,490 \$21,035

February \$39,044 \$17,481

March (thru 3/17) \$30,750

October

Week 3/10— 3/17 \$12,469 \$576

Total thru February \$375,492 \$76,708

Need thru February \$452,200

Please give \$10 more per week or \$50 more per month.

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

Contributions 7/1/24—3/17/25: \$55,238 Expenses since 7/1/24: \$50,610

New A/C Compressor Architectural Fees for School Steps **Regulators for Church Boiler**

Fund Balance thru 3/17/25: \$134,987

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor

10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30 Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-

10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/

Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14 Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor

5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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 9:00 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.

Saint Nicholas Regular Operating Income

Need for Entire year:	\$66,450
Need for 7/1/24—3/17/25:	\$48,560
Weekly Income need:	\$1,280
Week 3/10—3/17 Collected:	\$955
Total Giving, Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$41,184



AN EXAMPLE OF THE NEED FOR CONGRESSIONAL IMMIGRATION REFORM

As you have seen in the headlines on news programs and with our current political state of affairs these days, immigration into our country is a very important issue. While a country has a right to regulate its borders and should do so for many reasons, our immigration system is badly in need of reform – something that our bishops have called upon Congress to enact for decades now. As an example of this need, I reprint a summary of the situation from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops of those who have arrived in our

country as children without legal status as citizens.

"It is estimated that the number of undocumented persons living in the United States who came to the country as children exceeds three million. For a majority of these Dreamers, the United States is the only country they have ever known, and they are now woven into the fabric of our society. Dreamers are an integral part of our economy and our communities—they are business owners, pastors, essential workers, veterans, taxpayers, and members of American families. Nevertheless, this population lives in uncertainty, facing the constant threat of policy changes, deportation, and upheaval of their families."

"In 2012, the Department of Homeland Security created the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. DACA is available to Dreamers who arrived in the United States prior to their 16th birthday, have maintained continuous presence in the country since June 15, 2007, and have not engaged in certain criminal activity. While DACA does not provide a pathway to citizenship, beneficiaries of the program are granted a temporary form of protection from deportation and work authorization. To date, over 800,000 people have benefited from DACA. However, the program has been challenged for many years and was recently ruled unlawful by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. While current DACA beneficiaries can continue to renew their protection for the time being, no new applications can be processed. It is possible that the U.S. Supreme Court will soon be called upon to review this case and ultimately decide the fate of the program and its beneficiaries."

"Since 2001, members of Congress have attempted to pass legislation that would provide Dreamers with permanent legal status and a pathway to citizenship. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has long supported bills, such as the DREAM Act, that would provide this population access to permanent legal status. As the 119th Congress moves forward, legislators should protect and support Dreamers, especially DACA beneficiaries and those who are part of mixed-status families. Only Congress is empowered to provide a permanent solution for Dreamers."

"Additionally, any legislation put forward in the coming months should respect the inviolable dignity of these and other immigrants, taking into consideration their profound contributions to our nation and the well-being of families. With efforts currently underway to advance a reconciliation bill in Congress, it is vital that legislators exclude from this measure changes to existing law that would adversely impact mixed-status families, including limiting eligibility for mixed-status families in such a way that prevents them from accessing the same support as other American families. Our society is only as strong as its families, and that includes those comprised of people with different immigration statuses."

Learn more about these issues and the USCCB's positions at www.usccb.org/resources/ protectingdreamers.pdf and how you can be a voice for reform of the immigration policies of our country.

Father Tony

DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL POSITION OPEN

Guardian Angels Catholic Preschool will be opening this autumn 2025. We are excited to share this new beginning with many members of our surrounding community. Our director position is open for the 2025-2026 school year. Please share the opportunity with your friends and acquaintances who may be qualified. Go to our website, gachaska.org, and scroll down to preschool to view the job description and application instructions. May God bless our journey of hope for our parish and the young ones and their families who join our school.

HOMEMADE CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY IS BACK

Sunday, April 6th after the 9 a.m. Mass, St. Francis Hall

Come down and enjoy a free roll and coffee with your fellow parishioners. Hosted by our GA Catholic United Financial Council 19 members.



RUMMAGE SALE

We will be having the Rummage Sale this year in June, so keep us in mind when you're doing your spring cleaning.

We will be accepting donations on June 9-11th from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.

BOUNTIFUL BASKET CURRENT NEEDS - March 2025



- Hearty Soups
- Easy Mac
- · Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Pineapple &
 Mandarin Oranges
- Canned Carrots & Diced Tomatoes
- · White Rice

- Cereal
- Crackers
- · Cooking Oil
- Mayonnaise
- Flour and Sugar
- · Baking mixes
- · Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Diapers size 3, 4, 5, 6

We could also always use your brown paper bags!

BUSY PEOPLE SMALL GROUP

Group Type: Both Men and Women are welcome **Meeting Time:** Saturday Morning at 6:30 a.m. **Location:** 1509 Sunshine Ct., Chaska (although it sometimes rotates to St. Francis Hall or other Members' Homes)

Openings: We could comfortably handle 6 more attendees, but we'll figure out a way to work things out if more show up.

Contact: Craig Schapira at (320) 492-1362

We have scheduled the prayer group at this time to accommodate busy schedules where it won't conflict with kids'/grandkids'/family activities. We love coffee and have grown together in faith and fellowship, and we have even gathered outside of the small group to lend a hand to a parishioner in need.

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.

ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

With great joy and gratitude to God, I am thrilled to announce that Guardian Angels Catholic Preschool, opening in Fall 2025, is now accepting enrollment! This moment is the fruit of much prayer, dedication, and the steady support of our faith community. Rooted in the teachings of Christ, our preschool will nurture young hearts and minds, forming children in faith, wisdom, and love from their earliest years.

Your encouragement and prayers have been instrumental in bringing this vision to life. Let's keep praying for its success! As we embark on this mission, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing a loving, faith-filled environment where children can grow academically and spiritually. I invite you to learn more and secure a place for your child by visiting www.gachaska.org/preschool.

May God bless this new chapter for our parish, and may our children grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Thank you for your prayers, support, and commitment to Catholic education!

Father Tony VanderLoop

LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL WAY TO SERVE OUR LORD THIS LENT?

Feed My Starving Children Event, Thursday, March 27th, 5-6:30 p.m., Chanhassen location: 18732 Lake Dr. E





Join our Pastor, Fr. Tony, and help pack meals for children around the world. Registration sign ups are located at the entrance of the church. We will meet at the Chanhassen location and serve together as a group.

RESPECT LIFE MEETING

Our next Respect Life Meeting will be on Thursday, April 3rd from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

On Saturday and Sunday, March 29th and 30th, we observe Global Solidarity Sunday with the theme "We are ambassadors for Christ appealing through us" (2 Cor. 5:20). This theme is an invitation for all to reach out in solidarity to share God's love, mercy, and peace with our brothers and sisters around the world by offering our support during Lent. This appeal supports the pastoral needs of the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, Latin America, and humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able and share God's love for your brothers and sisters around the world. You can make a donation through our electronic giving at gachaska.org/giving and click "Setup or Login to Your Account" or you will see envelopes in the back of church. Thank you.



PACK-UP A PICKUP BOUNTIFUL BASKET FOOD SHELF

We will be having our food and hygiene items drive on Saturday, March 22nd at the 4:30 p.m. Mass and on Sunday March 23rd at the 9 a.m. Mass. We need brown paper bags! Please drop them off in the Kiosk by March 18th!

Please drop off your food and hygiene products donation at the truck located in front of the church before the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Envelopes will be available in the pews for your monetary donations. You may drop them in the collection basket.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Bountiful Basket is in need of the following items (or monetary donations):

- Fresh Produce
- Cereal and Oatmeal
- Instant Potatoes and Instant Rice
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Spaghetti Sauce, pasta, and ramen
- Canned Chicken, Tuna, Fruit, Hearty Soup, Chili
- Salad Dressing
- Granola Bars
- Cooking Oil and Butter
- Spices, Salt and Pepper
- Ketchup and Mustard
- Flour, Sugar, Cake Mix, Frosting
- Toilet Paper, Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6),
 Feminine Hygiene Products, Dish and Laundry
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44TH ANNUAL MN FOODSHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN

March 1st, 2025 to April 6th, 2025 All food and funds proportionally matched!

Now in its 44th year, the Minnesota Food Share statewide campaign brings awareness to the need for food shelves while collecting critical food and funds at a time when inventories are at their lowest following the holidays. This collaborative effort unites organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to support over 300 food shelves across the state.

At Bountiful Basket Food Shelf, we're committed to eliminating food insecurity for the 9,000+ individuals we serve annually. Over the past year, we experienced a 72% increase in individuals served, underscoring the growing need in our community. In response, we expanded our capacity with the opening of a second site in Cologne in 2023 and an off-site pantry at West Creek Apartments in 2024. These milestones, alongside launching additional mobile deliveries, school snack and weekend food programs to our local schools, foster care and immunization food bag initiatives with the county, and more—have resulted in a remarkable 226% increase in individuals served since 2022.

This growth is part of a larger trend across Minnesota, where food insecurity is rising at unprecedented rates. Feeding America reports that 537,890 Minnesotans, including 34% under age 10, are facing hunger. In 2024, Minnesotans made a record-breaking 9 million visits to food shelves, a 20% increase from the previous record of 7.5 million in 2023 and 150% higher than pre-pandemic levels. The state's charitable food system, including food shelves like Bountiful Basket, is operating at capacity as families struggle with rising food prices, inflation, and stagnant wage growth. While statewide efforts have made strides in combating hunger, the demand for emergency food assistance continues to grow.

With your support, Bountiful Basket Food Shelf remains determined to meet these challenges and needs head-on. Together, we can ensure that everyone who walks through our doors feels welcomed, supported, and empowered to address their food needs. Thank you for being part of this critical mission.

FREE ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP AT GUARDIAN ANGELS

Tuesday, April 22nd 9-10 a.m., St. Francis Hall



We're excited to welcome Fiat Wealth Management, a local financial planning firm in Wayzata, to lead this free workshop on estate planning. This is your chance to learn from local experts who truly care about your financial well-being and taking care of the gifts that have been given to you.

Attendees will receive free resources, including a book by financial expert Brad Gotto (Owner and CEO of Fiat Wealth Management), and the opportunity, if desired, to schedule a complimentary 30-minute follow-up visit to discuss your own personal estate planning needs.

Light snacks and refreshments provided.

Please RSVP by calling Bill Van Hecke at (612) 812-8615. Signups are also located at the entrances of the church.



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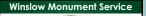
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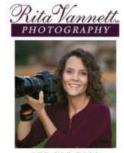


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