

# The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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**Thursday:** 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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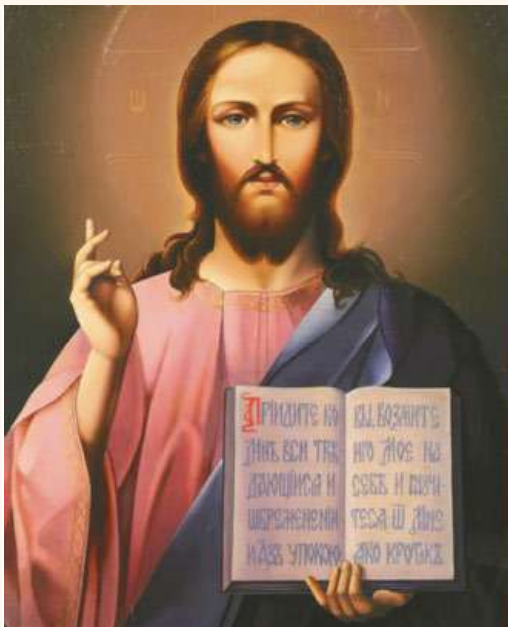
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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said,] "My  
children, I will be with  
you only a little while  
longer. I give you a  
new commandment:  
love one another."  
- Jn 13:33a, 34a

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**May 18th, 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.

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

Beth Buesgens, Finance Council Chair: (952) 227-4000

Kayla Pascoe, Pastoral Council Chair: (952) 412-4712

## Saint Nicholas Lay Leadership Positions

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John Turek, Trustee, Finance/Property Chair: (952) 448-2345

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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](mailto:bulletin@gachaska.org) by 12 p.m. the Tuesday before. Photographs must be in .jpg format.

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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, May 19th

### Tuesday, May 20th

5:30 p.m. Mass, † Bob Martin

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

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

### Wednesday, May 21st

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Rose Raser

6:30 p.m. New Server Training, GA Church

### Thursday, May 22nd

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Lajos Toth

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

6:15 p.m. Women's Small Group Meeting,  
1st Floor Conference Room

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

### Friday, May 23rd

6:00 p.m. Mass

### Saturday, May 24th

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

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, † Jim Reynolds

### Sunday, May 25th

7:30 a.m. Mass (SN), † John Pass

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

9:00 a.m. Mass, † Ruth and Tony Pass

10:00 a.m. Baptism Outside of Mass

10:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall,

12:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish), Para la Gente

# STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples—and us—a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

## Guardian Angels Year-To-Date

### Regular Operating Income Need

Yearly: \$678,300    Monthly: \$56,525

Weekly: \$13,045

|                            | Amount Given     | Above/Below     |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| July -September            | \$133,379        | \$36,196        |
| October—December           | \$167,579        | \$1,996         |
| January—March              | \$125,306        | \$44,269        |
| April                      | \$71,670         | \$15,145        |
| <b>Total Thru April</b>    | <b>\$497,934</b> | <b>\$67,316</b> |
| <b>Need Thru April</b>     | <b>\$565,250</b> |                 |
| <b>Week 5/6—5/12</b>       | <b>\$8,799</b>   | <b>\$4,246</b>  |
| <b>Total May thru 5/12</b> | <b>\$17,950</b>  | <b>\$8,140</b>  |

*Please prayerfully consider increasing your offertory gift in reference to Father Tony's Letter of Ask mailed to all parishioner families. Scan the QR code to contribute now or adjust your giving. Thank you for your support!*



<— Guardian Angels

Saint Nicholas —>



## Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Contributions 7/1/24— 5/12/25:  | \$67,134  |
| Expenses since 7/1/24:  | \$65,426  |
| New A/C Compressor and follow-up<br>Architectural Fees for School Steps<br>Regulators for Church Boiler |           |
| Fund Balance thru 5/12/25:  | \$131,977 |

*Please remember the Church of the Guardian Angels or Saint Nicholas in your Will and Estate Planning.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

## 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 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—5/12/25:           | \$57,505 |
| Weekly Income need:                | \$1,280  |
| Week 4/29—5/12 Collected:          | \$735    |
| Total Giving, Fiscal Year-to-Date: | \$50,232 |



## MARY, OUR BLESSED MOTHER, PRAY FOR US!

I am borrowing somewhat from the Archbishop's May 12<sup>th</sup> Weekly Word article when I say that at the heart of God's plan for salvation history was a mother. Saint John Paul II was quick to remind us of that. "A woman" he wrote, "is to be found at the center of this salvific event." Mary's role in the Church sheds great light on the role of women more generally. And, indeed, in my own life, I can look back and see how I was blessed with mothers in my life.

Many of you, I am sure, were watching this past Thursday when Pope Leo XIV was announced as pope. He turned his attention to our Blessed Mother as he was exhorting the Church to be a missionary church and in speaking about peace and unity. He noted that the day of his election was an important day to Italians for pleading for the intercession of Our Lady of Pompeii. He invited us all to join him in praying the Hail Mary. And we also celebrated our May Crowning Mass. It is a beautiful thing to watch two of our first communicants come forward with the crown.

As we have celebrated Mother's Day, we can certainly continue our thanksgiving and reflection on those mothers who have so influenced us. My own mother was always around and one whom I could talk to. She was very present to us all. And my godmother, Joanne, has been a special influence as one to have accompanied me throughout my life with my sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Ordination. She is a great evangelizer and watching her interact with others is a special grace. My grandmother, Constance, showed us all great love as she would often travel from Red Lake Falls, MN to see us. Eventually, we began to drive to see her much more. She always gave so much and enjoyed doing so. She would visit a relative who had Multiple Sclerosis in the nursing home and this had a great influence on me to know how an act of kindness can really help someone. I am very blessed to have had so many women in my life who have shown the faith and love of Mary.

Today, as I write this article, it is Our Lady of Fatima, the day of our Archbishop's installation as Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis nine years ago. Please join me in continuing to reflect upon and give thanks for the mothers in your life. And please join me in praying the Memorare, asking for Mary's intercession upon our Archbishop. "Remember O Most gracious virgin Mary..."

And let us always ask for Mary's intercession upon each other and our parishes by praying the rosary and other prayers which ask for her intercession.

Father Tony

## COFFEE AND DONUTS

Saint Nicholas is having Coffee and Donuts TODAY!  
Be there or be square!



## SUMMER IS ON ITS WAY—AND SO IS GARDEN SEASON!

Do you love getting your hands in the dirt? Weather you're planting a few pots on your patio or tending rows of vegetables in your backyard, your garden can make a meaningful impact. This summer, we invite you to share your harvest with local families experiencing food insecurity.

Bountiful Basket welcomes fruits, vegetables, and herbs from local gardens—every donation makes a difference. Sharing a portion of your harvest is a simple yet powerful way to support your neighbors with the nourishment they deserve. Thank you for planting hope and growing kindness in our community!



## HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED FOR MAY THROUGH JUNE

Please consider serving and providing hospitality after our 9 a.m. Masses. It just takes about 15 minutes before Mass to set up and then service after Mass. Detailed instructions will be provided. The link to the Signup Genius is under Ministries > Community and Outreach > Coffee and Donuts on Sundays or contact Laurie at (612) 201-7002 (call or text ok). Our hope is to provide a time for hospitality and conversation after every Sunday 9 a.m. Mass. We appreciate the help!

## MEAL TRAIN FOR FATHER TONY



We know Father Tony often works late and doesn't eat supper sometimes until he gets home around 9:30-10:00 p.m. So we've set up a Meal Train for parishioners to sign up to bring a meal to the Parish Office so he can eat at the office on those late nights. Sign up as often as you like!

Meal Train URL for Father Tony:  
[www.mealtrain.com/01zk13](http://www.mealtrain.com/01zk13)

Father Tony likes healthier food choices and does have a hearty appetite! No desserts.

- Bring food to the Parish Office kitchen during office hours (8:30-4:40 T-Th, 8:30-12:30 M & F)
- Include heating instructions
- Put your name on your containers
- Pick up your containers in the Parish Office

May God bless you and Father Tony in this ministry! Questions? Call Jean at (612) 245-9252.

## 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](mailto:bkaufmann@gachaska.org).

## NEW RAILING FOR THE SANCTUARY



After several parishioners expressed a desire for a railing in order to aid in accessing the sanctuary area for those with mobility issues, we solicited a Christmas Wish List donation for a railing and did receive one. Thank you to our donor! With support of the Facilities Commission, Father Tony commissioned Alan Warmka and Mike Helfert, of Father Tony's former parish, The Church of Saint Henry in Monticello, to design, construct, and install a railing. The design and placement were overseen by a design committee of the parish. Alan and Mike have worked with Saint Patrick's Guild of Saint Paul on many small and large church renovation projects together. You see the result! Now, we have a way to get up and down the sanctuary steps with a bit more ease. Thank you, Alan and Mike, and those on the committee. And thank God!

-Father Tony

## A LETTER FROM BOUNTIFUL BASKET

Dear Parishioners of Guardian Angels  
and Saint Nicholas,

Your generosity makes a real difference. Thank you for your thoughtful gift of \$1,354 to Bountiful Basket Food Shelf. Because of you, families in our community have nourishing food, critical resources, and the support they need to navigate challenging times. Together, we can fulfill our mission of, "Nourishing neighbors, inspiring hope, and support families on their road to self-sufficiency."

While we continue to see the demand for our services increase, we also see the profound impact of your kindness every day. Meet Stephanie, a mom of two teenagers who recently visited our food shelf. Stephanie and her husband work hard to support their family, but life took an unexpected turn when she had to leave her job due to illness. Suddenly, the family found themselves trying to make ends meet on a single income. Stephanie shared how overwhelming it felt trying to balance medical bills, groceries, and everyday expenses. Visiting the food shelf twice a month has been a tremendous relief for Stephanie and her family. The support has helped ease the financial burden, allowing them to focus on other pressing needs. The food she receives not only nourishes her family, but also provides a sense of hope during this difficult time.

Stephanie's story reflects the vital role your support plays in helping families in need. Together, we're making a difference, one meal at a time. Thank you for joining us in our mission to nourish, support, and empower our neighbors. At Bountiful Basket, we believe no one should face hardship alone. Thanks to you, we can provide food as well as a place of dignity, connection, and care for those who need it most.

With gratitude,  
Patti Sinykin, Executive Director.



## 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](http://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.

## 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 June 19th, 2025, and ends Sunday evening June 22, 2025. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at (651) 777-1331 or see our website [www.demontrevilleretreat.com](http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com)

## WANT TO HEAR A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP?

Sign up for "Together on the Journey" at [www.archspm.org/togetheronthejourney](http://www.archspm.org/togetheronthejourney) (or the myParish app) to see a monthly video and read a weekly message from the Archbishop. He wants to speak to you and be your shepherd!



## OUR PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM IS COMING TO LIFE!

It's really happening—our preschool classroom is being lovingly prepared and thoughtfully set up... just waiting to welcome joyful little learners this fall! From cozy reading corners to hands-on activity shelves, every detail is designed to nurture **curiosity, creativity, and community** in a faith-filled environment. As you can see in this photo, this space is more than a classroom—it's a home for growing hearts and minds.

Also, construction is in full swing as the Guardian Angels Steps Project begins to take shape. Our new front entry stairs are not just about beautifying our grounds, but rather they are a meaningful investment in the future of our parish and families, made with our new preschool opening this fall firmly in mind. As we prepare to welcome little ones into a space filled with faith, wonder, and joyful learning, projects like this help ensure every step, quite literally, is safe, welcoming, and ready for generations to come. Stay tuned for more updates as we move closer to opening day. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we build something truly special together.

There's a seat waiting just for your child. Will you be one of our **Founding Families** who help shape the very first chapter of this beautiful new beginning?

Enrollment is open! Come and take a tour, ask your questions, and see the magic in person! Call us at (952) 227-4000.



## 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.

## WE ARE STILL COLLECTING CANS

If you would like to drop off your cans, small bags can go in the bin outside of the can shed behind church. Large bags of cans can go on the ground next to the bin. Thanks.





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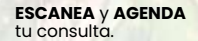


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