

Engaging in God's Service

January 23, 2022 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Guardian Angels Mission Statement Engaging in God's Service

PARISH INITIATIVES

- Strive to be an Inclusive Community and Engage Parishioners
- Deepen our Witness to Catholic Social Teaching
- Respond to the Church at a Crossroads
- Improve Communication Awareness



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FROM FATHER JOE

Dear friends,

We are now entering the final year of the Archdiocese Synod. This has been a wonderful time for the faithful of the Archdiocese to help Archbishop Hebda meet the needs and govern our community.

As we enter the final year of the Synod you can play a vital role in helping the Archdiocese by becoming a Parish Synod Leadership Member.

By becoming a member of this team, you will play an important role of helping the Archbishop and the Archdiocese.

Members of the synod team are asked to do the following.

- **Parish Consultation**: If you were unable to attend any of the 6 Parish Consultation sessions, please watch the videos and review the materials for those sessions. The videos and materials can be found at: www.archspm.org/parishleadership.
- Attend Orientation Session: Attend one of the 13 virtual Orientation sessions offered:

Thursday, February 17:10:00-11:00 a.m., 1:00-2:00 p.m., 7:00-8:00 p.m.Saturday, February 19:10:00-11:00 a.m.Tuesday, February 22:10:00-11:00 a.m., 1:00-2:00 p.m., 7:00-8:00 p.m.Wednesday, February 23:10:00-11:00 a.m., 1:00-2:00 p.m., 7:00-8:00 p.m.Thursday, February 24:10:00-11:00 a.m., 1:00-2:00 p.m., 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- Review Materials: Read the preparation materials that will be provided at the Orientation Session.
 Please also review the Year 3 Synod Overview and Infographic, which can be found at www.archspm.org/parishleadership.
- Attend the Parish Synod Leadership Team Consultation on Saturday, February 26 here at Guardian Angels (expected time commitment 5 1/2 hours)

Thank you for all you do for our parish, and I thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of this opportunity. **Please respond to me by Thursday, January 20 by either email at jconnelly@Guardian-Angels.org or by phone at 651-789-3188.** I hope you will join me in this important work for our local Church.

> In Christ, Fr. Joe Connelly

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

GA Women's Club Update

Happy 2022, Friends! This New Year, we are thankful for our members! Make a resolution to connect with the Women's Club this year, we are here for you whenever or however you can join us!

- Our Card Making Ministry continues with our next sessions on January 24, February 14, February 28, March 14, and March 28 from 10:00 am -12:00 pm in the Teen Room. All are welcome!
- Interested in helping to plan our Morning of Reflection for Lent, the Spring Salad Luncheon or the Scholarship Committee? Email us at womensclub@guardian-angels.org and we will get you in touch with the planning groups!
- We had such fun at our Potluck this past week. Thanks for sharing your delicious food and fellowship with us all. Save the date for **our next meeting on February 7, at 6:30 p.m.** in Peter O'Neill Hall and on Zoom (meeting the first Monday of February instead of the second Monday to avoid Valentine's Day). New members and visitors are always welcome. Feel free to email us to get the Zoom link or just show up if you want to check it out in person! We also encourage our members to consider attending or helping with the GA Valentine Dinner & Dance on February 19, it will be fun!

FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- High School Mission Trip to Watertown, South Dakota, June 19
 -24. Grow in faith by serving others and meeting new friends. Email Paul for more information at pdeziel@guardian-angels.org
- CONNECT meets Sunday, January 23, 12:30-1:30 p.m. for Q and A with Fr. Joe. All youth grades 9-12 welcome in Peter O'Neill Hall. Masks required.



SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH



Pope Francis and A Global Economy Week 8

In a global virtual address in October, Pope Francis outlined nine compelling calls to reform of a variety of economic sectors. His words are a direct appeal to apply our Catholic social teaching to our global economic structures. (You can read the entire address by scrolling down on the front page of the parish website.) In coming weeks, this space will offer for your reflection each of his nine calls. They are challenging, based on a view from the margins of society and rooted in care for each other and for the earth. This week, we highlight Pope Francis' eighth call:

In the name of God, I ask the media to stop the logic of post-truth, disinformation, defamation, slander and the unhealthy attraction to dirt and scandal, and to contribute to human fraternity and empathy with those who are most deeply damaged.



GA Week of Service January 23-29

Calling all GA volunteers!

Our guarterly week of service at Hope for the Journey Home is coming up soon. If you have volunteered in the past, we would love to have you. If you have been meaning to find out more about the shelter and how you can serve, we welcome you! Can you can serve dinner and clean up afterward? Or how about staying in our comfy overnight room? Go to ttsu.me/ hjhjan23 to learn more and sign up. Thank you for helping to make our house a home for those who need it!



Yes, it has been cold. With more winter yet to come, our friends at Listening House can use our help to provide warmth to the guests they serve each day. If you can help, bring coldweather items to the Parish Giving Center. Most needed are coats, hat, gloves, socks, boots, long underwear and hand and foot warmers. Thank you!

Annual Baby Shower for Options for Women-East

January 22 - 30

Please place donations in the Pack-N-Play outside of the Parish Giving Center. Most needed items are:

- Newborn/infant clothes, 0-12 months
- Baby soaps, lotions and creams
- Washcloths and towels
- Diaper bags and
- wipes
- **Diapers** sizes newborn, 1 & 2

If you prefer to make a financial donation, you can do so anytime at the Parish Office.



Circle of Welcome

It is wonderful that so many of you have questions about our new family! Due to confidentiality requirements there are many details that we cannot share for now. Names, photos and other specifics will be public down the road and here are a few things we



can tell you: Mom and Dad have two daughters and two sons. The kids have not yet been to school here in Minnesota and so assisting with that will be a big part of our parish mentor team's work in the coming weeks. Their new apartment looks great, thanks to many of you! It's a bit more of a drive to get there than it has been with our two previous families as it is in South Minneapolis. Watch this space for updates.

Outreach Grant Ideas

Did you know that our parish supports a variety of organizations who are doing the work of mercy and justice in our community and beyond? Our Justice and Outreach Commission will soon begin working on creating a slate of grantees. If you have a favorite organization to propose to us, please tell their story in a note to Suzanne Bernet.

Love Builds Bridges, Not Walls

We invite you to pray for a person caught in our broken immigration system. Each week, we offer a name of someone detained, deported or waiting for justice.

Those who have fled Afghanistan and those who remain

For more information about anything you read here, or about any of the Justice and Outreach ministries at Guardian Angels, contact Suzanne Bernet at 651-789-3181 or sbernet@guardian-angels.org.

CARING & SUPPORT MINISTRY

PASTORAL PEARLS

Each of us is called by our Baptism to BE the Love of God to those around us – anyone we encounter. And since those around us will at times have a need for more tender care, I thought I would pass on some brief, concise "Pearls" or "Tools" to help us be that Love of God.



TODAY'S PEARL: Strength is something *I* definitely seek, as I imagine all people do. Everyone wants to be strong. But strength isn't everything - or rather it comes in many packages, some of which I just would not see or recognizes as such. There is "Goliath" strong or "David" strong – very different. To be honest, when I imagine me being strong, I much prefer to see the "Goliath" strong - Wonder Woman-type. It is more obvious, and of course I'd like everyone to SEE me as strong. The "David" strong is more of a *surprising* strong, a humble strong, a whisper that helps me persevere. In fact, scripture tells us that we are strongest in our weakness, because that is when we allow God to work. That almost doesn't feel right! How can that be strong?! But that's just my ego talking – the part that cares more about what others think of me. When I work with people who are struggling - through grief, through the heaviness and challenges of caregiving, through other life changes or difficulties, and they reach out and ask for help, those are the people I see God working through in their perceived weakness. They are strong when they ask for the help a support group can offer, or a BeFriender, and they become even stronger by working through things together with others. It requires courage to ask for help - to leave room for God to work. That is why it can be so difficult for folks to ask for a BeFriender, or to join a Support Group they see it as a sign of weakness. It is guite the contrary! Magic happens when we

allow God to work through our weaknesses! These are opportunities for the power of choosing how things will go, (re) discovering our own strengths, making choices to become strong. Flame or Spark... Goliath or David... Self or Holy Spirit Our faith in God fans the flames of strength.

Loving God, help me to make room for you in my weakness, so you can strengthen me. Bless me with the courage to ask for help from available sources, to allow you to work through my weaknesses, as I share them with the right other people. Help me to recognize the Spark, and with help, fan it into flames of power and strength and hope. Amen.



Communion Visitors Needed

How would you like to bring Jesus to people who homebound? In order to serve our valued homebound members we need people to volunteer as Communion Visitors. We offer a brief training and set you up with people who can't get out and are missing this important sacrament. It means so very much to them. It *would* greatly help to have more Communion Visitors to serve those who may request Communion, so no one Visitor is overloaded. Please contact MaryPat Potts at **651-789-3178** or via email at **mpotts@guardian-angels.org** to find out more.

Disability Awareness Update – Disability Month Temporary Change

Our new staff members have been hard at work planning for the seasons of Advent and Christmas and becoming acclimated to the activities of our busy parish. In light of this, the Accessible Ministry Committee has decided to "pause" annual activities for **Disability Awareness Month**, typically included during the month of January. The committee will continue to *highlight awareness in the bulletin*, on social media and coordinate awareness efforts with staff and leadership in the coming year.

Be on the lookout for **#IamChurch**. This new campaign, directed by the Vatican's office for Laity, Family and Life, centers around **5** videos in which people with disabilities from all around the globe share their experience of faith and affirm: I am Church.

If you or a family member would like to discuss ways to participate more fully in liturgy, sacraments or parish activities, please contact MaryPat.

Please let us know what's going on in your life share your joys, struggles, illnesses, hospitalizations, and challenges.



Our Pastoral Team can find the best way to walk with you on your journey so you know you are never alone.

Are you or someone you know homebound? Would you like Eucharist brought to you where you live? Contact Mary Pat via email at **mpotts@guardian-angels.org or 651-789-3178** so we may arrange this for you.

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

Stewardship Message: In St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, it states "If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is there are many parts, yet one body" (1 COR 12:18-20). What does this teach us as Christian stewards? It shows us that we all have equal dignity and worth in God's sight, and that if God sees us as equally precious, we should view each other in this same light. It teaches us to humbly recognize our own gifts as well as the giftedness of every member of our parish family. And, while God designed us to be ultimately dependent on Him, it seems He has also designed us to need each other!

This is part of the beauty and richness of a stewardship way of life. No one person can "do it all" in life whether in family life or parish life. But God does not ask us to do it all. He simply asks us to share the gifts and talents we do have in the season of life we find ourselves right now. It might feel uncomfortable at first. But the good news it you don't have to do it all. Do your part, let your brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ do theirs, and know that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us all as we live out this stewardship way of life. The Catholic Steward

Help Wanted: Were you one of original 10 Synod Ambassadors in 2019 when the Synod process began? Did you attend any of the Synod Small Group sessions held in September and October at Guardian Angels? Do you want to participate in the next steps of the Synod process leading up to the final Synod gathering om Pentecost weekend? The commitment is very manageable. We will be meeting on Saturday, March 5 for 5 1/2 hours for an orientation session. Between now and then, you will be asked to view any of the videos that you did not view at the 6 Small Group sessions. You will also be asked to read some orientation papers relating to the three focus areas of the Synod. We have one parishioner who has agreed to be one of these parish

representatives to the Deanery Consultation Process. We only need nine more and all parishioners are eligible, and no one will be turned away. If you are interested in hearing more details, please email Fr. Joe or me as soon as possible. Thank you!

2022 Stewardship Campaign

Update: We will begin the 2022-23 Operating Budget process in a couple of weeks, and we are currently short of the anticipated projected revenue needed to continue the programs we currently offer. This year we eliminated all Faith Formation fees which we hoped would encourage families to participate. There were other budgeted items such as raises to staff that were above previous years. In looking at the upcoming FY 2022-23 budget, cuts will be needed to balance the budget. The Finance Council will be meeting this coming week to address the shortfall in pledges for 2022. I apologize for this repetitive ask, but please send in your card or respond online even if you are choosing not to pledge at this time. By sending in your card, it saves us the costs of future mailings.

Congratulations: We congratulate **Barb Smith** and **Linda Smith** as our newest Volunteer Angels Award honorees. In addition to both being long time members of the **GA Crafters,** these sisters-in-law are active in other volunteer activities at Guardian Angels. Please check out the upcoming February Angel News for more information about them.

Reminder: Fish Fry Fridays will be **March 11, March 25, and April 8.** Volunteer signup is available on our website. The process is the same as last year. We encourage you to sign up now to secure your favorite position. We will continue to mandate masks and social distancing throughout prep work all the way to bringing your order to your car at the ramp door. Reminder, the team decided that we again will only offer **Curbside Service** and, new this year, we will also offer **Carryout Service** where you can come in the main entrance of the church to pick up your order. To order either option, you will have to use the online ordering system on our website and prepay your order. Please watch the bulletin and website for updates.

Update: The construction team that will be building our new Maintenance Building is scheduled to begin their work during the first week in February. Weather permitting, we are hoping most of the work will be done by the end of March.

Did You Know: That we now have 1,414 households receiving our Friday email and over 50% are opening it. COVID has created some real communication challenges for staff and parish leadership. Lower Mass attendance means fewer parishioners picking up the bulletin. The quarterly Angel News is mailed to all parishioners and is the only other communication to keep you current as to what is happening in your parish. If you are not receiving the Friday email each week, please email Carla McGough at cmcgough@guardian-angels.org.

Keep smiling, 🜔 Denny

PS: Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke offers us the first words of Jesus as he begins his public ministry. The words reflect his understanding of his Spirit-anointed mission. His words are his "Mission Statement." Good stewards rejoice in being followers of Jesus. They realize that Jesus' commission is their commission as well. They embrace it and adopt it as their own. We, too, have "glad tidings" to bring to a suffering world. This year, how will we fulfill Christ's commission in the world in which he has placed us, using the gifts he has entrusted to us?

Thought of the Week: In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts! **Pope Francis**

Financial Corner

January 16, 2022 (29 Weeks) Stewardship Giving

Stewardship Giving Envelopes Year to Date Budget \$ 836,650 Actual <u>\$ 853,872</u> Difference \$ 17,222

 Regular Plate Collection (Excludes Outreach Sunday Collections)

 Plate
 Year to Date

 Budget
 \$ 7,975

 Actual
 \$ 14,003

 Difference \$ 6,026

PRAYER & REFLECTION

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5 -6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a,

4:21-25

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-

-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk

19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-

10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for all in our community who need our loving support.

Titus Ciolkosz Dolores Crane Judy Dahl Kathy Fleck Frank Steel Teresa Johnson Henry Klotz Jodi Landry Ruth Olson Catherine Scoles Pat Sherrill Sue Smith Carol Stewart Amara Strande Robert Tatreau Irene Watson Walt Welna Joan Nedeau Mary Cinquegrana Suzanne Schmidt Tim Ihrke Amy Lippert Hoffman Bob Uzpen Ursula Palesh

Please submit names for prayer requests to MaryPat Potts at 651-789-3178 or mpotts@guardian-angels.org

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Parish Business Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Parish Center Hours

Building is open 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon - Friday

If you have a Pastoral emergency after hours, please call the Parish Office at 651-738-2223.

Liturgies

Mass Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. (also livestream) with ASL The livestream will be available online after 5:30 p.m.

Mass Sundays 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Adoration Chapel

Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:30 p.m. Please call the Parish Office regarding these Sacraments:

* RCIA, Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation * Marriage

* Anointing of the Sick * Communion for the Homebound

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	January 25 †Ed Pierre	
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	January 26 †William Netwal	
12:00 p. m.	+Pedro Family	
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	January 27 †John H Caturia	
Friday 8:30 a.m.	January 28 †JoAnne Matthews	

OTHER UPDATES



CRAFTERS CORNER

Visit our Online Shop!



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SANTA SHOP

I am starting to collect for Christmas 2022. The Santa Shop needs to replenish our inventory for next Christmas. The Santa Shop provides a safe place where children can shop "all by themselves" for relatives & friends.

If you have received gifts or prizes, etc. that you cannot use the children will be happy to regift them. We need items for women, men & children also Christmas gift bags & tags, jewelry boxes & tissue paper. Please leave your donations in the Giving Center & mark them Santa Shop. Thank you, Karen Bollmann



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