

May 29, 2022 7th Sunday of Easter

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

Engaging in God's Service

"I have given them the glory you gave me."

JOHN 17:22

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SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH



Caring for God's Creation Environmental Justice at GA

In June 2015, Pope Francis released his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Seven years later, its impact continues to unfold. How can we best protect our Mother

Earth and the lives of future generations? Watch this space in coming weeks for some key themes from Laudato Si' and ideas about how we can respond to its wisdom.

The ecological crisis, Francis writes, is a summons to a profound conversion – to a renewal of our relationships with God, one another, and the created world. We need only go to the book of Genesis and the reminder that God saw all that God created as good and called us to stewardship. How will we take care of the gift we have been given? How can we protect both the planet and its people?

Emergency Assistance

You may know that each week we welcome people from our community that are in need of a bit of assistance for a critical need. It could be a prescription at Target, some baby formula, a particular food for a special diet – there are many reasons that someone might find themselves caught short. If you would like to contribute to our parish fund for this need, you can donate online by choosing "Emergency Assistance" from the fund dropdown menu or by sending a check to the Parish Office.

If you prefer, we can also use \$25 gift cards to Cub, Target or Aldi. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Parish Giving Center

Many in our surrounding communities are thankful for the various donations you bring to the parish throughout the year. Your contributions are well-used and we thank you! We could also use your help to make sure that this ministry can be maintained. Please do not bring clothing to the Giving Center until a future collection is announced. Also, there will not be a book sale at this year's Fall Festival, so we cannot accept any books. If you have something you would like to donate, please do take a moment to call the Parish Office before dropping it off so we can let you know if there is a home for it. Thank you for understanding.

HJH Celebrates 10 Years this Fall!

This Fall, HJH will celebrate a milestone birthday – ten years of service to those experiencing homelessness. Will you help us celebrate? We are looking for a few



people to join our planning team for our October 2 celebration. We're calling it Event in the Tent and we plan to have a whole lot of fun. Interested? Call the Parish Office.



Spring Has Truly Sprung! Spring is here (finally!) and it's time to get our hands a little dirty. Our parish food shelf garden supplies four local food shelves with amazing

produce. You can sign up on the website for a Saturday or Monday morning or a Thursday afternoon and help us get things started for another growing season. Families working together are welcomed. See you in the garden!

Loaves and Fishes

There is a space in downtown St. Paul where those who need a place to rest, some fellowship or a good meal gather each day. On Sunday afternoons, local churches and community groups sign up to provide hospitality for this work of mercy at the Catholic Charities Opportunity Center. Groups help put together a simple but nourishing dinner and then serve those who gather. For decades now, our parish has committed to providing this meal on the second Sunday of each month. COVID put a wrench in the works for a time, but we are back and have openings in our parish schedule. Don't worry. If you're new to this there are always others with experience to help out. Would you like to try this ministry on for size? It's easy just go to https://www.guardian-angels.org/about-us/ volunteer-contacts/ and click on the Loaves & Fishes contact. You can also call the Parish Office. NEXT weekend, we invite all parishioners to help fund this monthly meal for the coming year via our June Plate Collection. Your generosity is what makes it possible to provide a simple, hot meal for our neighbors in need. Thank you!

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**.



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.

Mauricio from Venezuela

PARISH LIFE/FAITH FORMATION

Youth Ministry and GIFT Faith Formation

Summer Stretch registration is open for youth completing grades 6, 7, or 8. Summer Stretch is a fun service and recreation program that meets from



8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on

June 19, July 6, July 13, and July 20. Youth grow in faith, community, and service skills. We also need high school youth leaders in grades 9-12. Contact Paul Deziel for information at **pdeziel@guardian-angels.org** or visit website to download registration forms.

Help, we need Fall Festival ticket buckets!

Last year our Fall Festival updated our festival cashbox procedures. We moved to using tickets (sold in bundles) for all outside food, games (Youth and Wine) and drinks (including alcoholic). And many of our existing 1-gallon buckets will need to be retired.



Guardian Angels has a 1 gallon ice cream bucket with lid shortage! Here is an opportunity to enjoy a cool ice cream treat **AND** enhance our community-building festival all summer long.

Please bring in your clean, recycled 1-gallon ice cream buckets, with lids, to the Guardian Angels office by mid-August.

Did somebody say root beer float?



GA Women's Club

Thanks for joining us last weekend to celebrate and welcome our officers for 2022-2023: Congratulations to President Sue Barghini, Vice President Hilde Schneider, Secretary Cathy Stevenson, and Treasurer Vickie Carstens.

Our **card making ministry** continues with our next sessions on June 6 and June 20 from 10am-12:30pm in the Teen Room. All are welcome!

We take June and July off for monthly meetings, but we will offer some activities this summer. The **Summer Outing** will be Aug. 14, a Stillwater Luncheon River Cruise on the "Anastasia" from 11:00am-2:00pm. Watch your email for the invitation, plan to RSVP by June 14 please. We are also planning a trip to the Sally Manzara Nature Center. Check the bulletin and your email for details as they are released. Happy Spring Ladies!

GA Women's Club & Men's Club Scholarship

This year the Women's Club & Men's Club's are each offering two \$1,000 scholarships. The application deadline for the Women's Cub is Friday June 3, The Men's club is Friday, June 30. Applicants include registered women & men in the parish who plan to attend classes at a university, college or technical school this fall. They can be either a graduating high school senior, current student or adult returning an to school. Applications can be found online at the GA website or picked up in the parish office. Applications can be submitted to womensclub@guardian-angels.org or mensclub@guardian-angels.org or to the parish office. Email us with any questions!



Dear friends in Christ,

One of the great ministries available to our young people is participating at the Mass as an Altar Server.

We are excited at Guardian Angels to announce that we are bringing this ministry back and are looking for young people to volunteer.

If you know a young person or have a child who has received their First Communion, they are eligible to volunteer. We will be having an Altar Serving Training here at the Parish on Pentecost weekend (June 4th &5th.) The training will be after each one of the weekend Masses (4:30 Saturday, 8:30 and 11am on Sunday)

If your child/children would like to participate as Altar Servers have them contact our Liturgy Coordinator Zack Stachowski at Zstachowski@guradian-angesl.org or contact him by phone at (651)738-2223.

In Christ, Fr. Joe Connelly

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

Stewardship Message: On this Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we also can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples. Today's Gospel draws our attention to the clear instructions that Jesus gave His disciples (and to us) just before ascending to the Father: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." Embracing a stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the use of time, talent and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is of great benefit to take some time individually throughout the year to take stock of the commitments we have made — looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area. On this Feast of our "launch day," take some time to celebrate your victories as Christ's disciples and renew your commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to you!

Getting Back Together Follow Up: We had several hundred Volunteers, New Parishioners and longtime Parishioners attend the gatherings after each of the Masses last weekend. We had more than enough food for the light supper after the 4:30 Mass and a great brunch after the 8:30 am and 11:00 am Masses. Food was supplied by Lake Elmo Inn and served by the staff. From the comments we heard from those attended, the food was fantastic, and they were very glad to be able to socialize again and to top it off there were several door prizes handed out. We are hopeful next year we will be able to return to our normal routine of having the traditional Volunteer Appreciation Dinner the third Wednesday in May and the new Parishioner Dinner in early spring. We thank the staff for their part as hosts and we thank the following, who even though they were guests, who helped package up all the leftover food so it wouldn't go to waste. They were **Doug Ashton, Dave Bedor, Mary Farrell, Chris Hermanson, Connie Kirk, Linda Loos, and Dan and Kathy Wahlman.**

Thank You: We thank the volunteers who helped get the May *Angel News* out. Thanks to **Carla McGough** our editor for designing and formatting and to **Bill DeVahl and Heidi Tousignant** for proofing the final version. Thanks to **Cindy Sutton** for organizing all the volunteer help to stuff the envelopes in addition to getting everything ready for the post office. Volunteers who helped with the mailing this time were **Barb DeGrood**, **Martha Green**, **Peggy Hansen**, **Louise Jacobs**, **and Colleen Wegner**. A big thank you goes out to **Alix Theissen** who labeled all the envelopes and helped in stuffing the envelopes. Thanks also to the **staff** and **parishioners** who submitted articles for this edition. Everyone should have already received the May issue. If you did not, please call the office. The next edition will be mailed on August 18.

Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (CSAF) Update: We just reached another incentive level in our CSAF campaign. This means from this point forward; Guardian Angels will receive 75% of every dollar that is contributed between now and December 31 to the CSAF Campaign. With the decline in overall stewardship giving, contributing to the CSAF campaign will be a great way for us to help balance the budget. We still have over 100 parishioners who contributed to the campaign last year but have not given this year. So far, **314** households have contributed and if you remember, our goal was to have 500 participate. Contributions can be a small as \$20 and we have had a couple of parishioners donate \$10,000 or more. Please try to help us out and if you can't find your envelope at home, we have CSAF envelopes on the counter outside the office. Thank you!

Thank You! Thanks to the following volunteers who helped plant our garden flowers in the entrance to the church. The crew was headed by **Christine Hermanson** and those who helped were **Judy DeRosa, Ryan Halfman, Ana Klofstad, Nancy Kub, Judy Novack, Ann Parish, Karen Shanley, and Debbie Urbanski.** Some of these volunteers are also members of the volunteer gardeners who take care of the Prayer Garden plants and flowers. For the past several years, **Ed and Mary Lenth** have ordered and picked up the flowers and lead the planting crew and maintained the plants. The Lenth's have "retired' from the gardening ministry and we thank them for their long tenure of keeping the front gardens beautiful during the summer months.

Keep Smiling,	
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Denny

PS: Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord, a feast which, in part, celebrates the confidence he placed in his close followers to continue his ministry. In the Gospel reading Jesus reminds his followers of the purpose of his mission, and commissions them to continue his work by proclaiming his word and by living courageously that which they preached. He also promises them the Holy Spirit who he said would strengthen them for the task ahead. As stewards of Jesus' life and ministry, a good question for us to reflect on this week might be this: Has Christ's confidence in the quality of our own witness been well placed?

Thought of the Week: The Ascension of Jesus into heaven acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: in Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was taken to God. Christ opened the path to us. He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God. If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Savior, of our Advocate. **Pope Francis**

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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.



a smile is the shortest distance between two people

Today's Pearl:

"<u>Tuesday is NATIONAL SMILE DAY</u>! *Let's Celebrate it in a BIG way!* (Says National Day Calendar)

On May 31st, National Smile Day encourages everyone to wear their best smile! Smiles are powerful! They not only *create engagement* between two people but the more a person smiles, the *healthier their brain* can be. Smiling has a direct link to our brain and can help to *reduce stress.* There is so much a smile can do. Just one smile can brighten someone's day. It can also improve your day. Smiles are infectious. A healthy smile can develop confidence and generate a new outlook on the world. A Smile is the easiest way to live out Christ's Commandment of Loving your neighbor – it is a simple first step toward love and world peace – AND it's Do-able! By even the shyest person! Have some Smile Fun!

Loving God, may you tickle my cheeks to stretch my mouth up at the corners. May this simple gesture turn my attitude right side up and shift the receiving persons' perspective on life to see more of the Good, the Love, the exciting possibilities, the connection to each other, our sameness, (vs. differences), and may we feel a huge expansion of our hearts. Amen.

Communion for Those Who Can't Get to Church Do you know of someone unable to come to church to receive communion?

Please let them know that we have people here at GA ready and excited to bring communion to them in their place of living. Contact MaryPat Potts to request a Communion Visitor to bring communion to someone 651-789-3178 mpotts@guardian-angels.org



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.

PRAYER & REFLECTION

Readings for the week of May 29, 2022

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/ Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19



Thursday:Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/ Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

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PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

Mary Cinquegrana Titus Ciolkosz Dolores Crane Judy Dahl Kathy Fleck Amy Lippert Hoffman Tim Ihrke Teresa Johnson Henry Klotz Jodi Landry Joan Nedeau Ruth Olson Ursula Palesh Catherine Scoles Caroline Larsen Sue Smith Kathleen Jensen Carol Stewart Frank Steel Amara Strande Robert Tatreau Irene Watson Walt Welna Rich Friedges Donna Smith Mart Pat Oien Pat Sherrill Dolores Mallet

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/Historic Church 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	May 31
8:30 a.m.	†Dan Hollenherst
Wednesday	June 1
8:30 a.m.	†Monette Ledesna
12:00 p.m.	†Jackie Driscoll
Thursday	June 2
8:30 a.m.	†Coellto & Raskina Family's
Friday	June 3
8:30 a.m.	†Cristine Pamarand

Red Cross Blood Drive

Save the Date! Save a life on June 6th

Your blood donation is a precious gift! One unit of your blood can improve the lives of 3 people. Please consider signing up and making a donation. You can sign up online at redcrossblood.org using key word Guardian Angels. Julie is a parishioner and volunteer coordinator for the blood drive. If you would like to volunteer to work at the Blood drive, please call the Office.



Blood Services

Rosary Group



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Please join us on Mondays at 10:00 am in the Sistine Annex (next to GA Perks). Come occasionally or every week as you are able. Together we will share our intentions

and pray the Rosary. There's a wonderful feeling of peace and hope in asking Our Lady for her intercession, remembering Mary always points us to Jesus. We look forward to praying with you.Questions?Hildeschneider@yahoo.com or 651-398-7268





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