

Engaging in God's Service

# *June 5, 2022 Pentecost Sunday*

# 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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# **SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH**

# **June Plate Collection This Weekend**

We welcome volunteers from our parish **Loaves and Fishes** ministry this weekend as they share the story of our outreach to those in need of a meal. If you can help us meet the need for our Sunday dinner service, you can donate in this weekend's collection or anytime at the Giving Tab on the parish website. Thank you for being as generous as you can.



## 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 **www.guardian-angels.org/about-us/volunteer-contacts/** and click on the Loaves & Fishes contact. You can also 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 updrite for a Saturday or Monday mor

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!

"With a heart shattered over the massacre at the elementary school in Texas, I pray for the children and adults who were killed and for their families. It is time to say, 'Enough!' to the indiscriminate trafficking of guns. Let us all work together to ensure that such tragedies never happen again."

Pope Francis, May 25, 2022

Bulletin deadlines being what they are, I write this in the immediate shadow of the Texas shooting; by the time you read this we may know more than we do at this moment about this tragedy. What will not change is that our Catholic social teaching has much to say to us about issues of peace and justice. In case you were not at GA over the holiday weekend, we reprint the below words from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, written in response to previous shootings:

The Church has been a consistent voice for the promotion of peace at home and around the world, and a strong advocate for the reasonable regulation of firearms. Christ's love and mercy must guide us. The Church recognizes that recourse to self-defense is legitimate for one's own safety. In today's world, however, weapons that are increasingly capable of inflicting



great suffering in a short period of time are simply too accessible.

#### USCCB POSITION

In 1994, recalling the words of Pope Paul VI, "if you want peace, work for justice," the U.S. bishops issued their pastoral message, *Confronting a Culture of Violence: A Catholic Framework for Action.* The bishops stated, "We have an obligation to respond. Violence -in our homes, our schools and streets, our nation and world -- is destroying the lives, dignity and hopes of millions of our sisters and brothers."

With this reality in mind, the USCCB supported the Assault Weapons Ban initially passed in 1994 but which expired in 2004. In 2000, the U.S. bishops issued their pastoral statement, Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice, and called for all people to work toward a culture of life, to do more to end violence in our homes, and to help victims break out of patterns of abuse. Regarding gun violence prevention the bishops write, "We support measures that control the sale and use of firearms and make them safer (especially efforts that prevent their unsupervised use by children or anyone other than the owner), and we reiterate our call for sensible regulation of handguns.

# **Paper Bags Needed**

Our neighbors at the Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf need paper bags. The next time you unpack from a



trip to the grocery store, please consider dropping your paper bags off in the Parish Giving Center (just inside the main entrance). Thank you!

#### ACTION

For many years, the USCCB has supported a number of reasonable measures to address the problem of gun violence. These include:

- A total ban on assault weapons, which the USCCB supported when the ban passed in 1994 and when Congress failed to renew it in 2004.
- Measures that control the sale and use of firearms, such as universal background checks for all gun purchases;
- Limitations on civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines;
- A federal law to criminalize gun trafficking;
- Improved access to and increased resources for mental health care and earlier interventions;
- Regulations and limitations on the purchasing of handguns;
- Measures that make guns safer, such as locks that prevent children and anyone other than the owner from using the gun without permission and supervision; and
- An honest assessment of the toll of violent images and experiences which inundate people, particularly our youth.

## 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.

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**.



## PARISH LIFE/FAITH FORMATION



#### 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-angels**.org or contact him by phone at 651-738-2223.

In Christ, Fr. Joe Connelly



**INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT** 

INTO YOUR LIFE

#### **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!

# SCHOLARSHIP 2022 OPPORTUNITIES



## GA Women's Club & Men's Club Scholarship Opportunities

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 was **Friday June 3.** The Men's Club deadline 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 an adult returning 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 to the Parish Office. Email us with any questions!

## **Youth Ministry**

**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.

# ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

Stewardship Message: Today we reach the finale of the Easter season with the celebration of the great Feast of Pentecost. Reflecting on today's readings inspires a sense of awe as we consider the mighty power of the Holy Spirit at work giving birth to and sustaining our Church. Just as awesome — the same Spirit is calling to us this day to take up our part in the Church's saving work. In the first reading, from Acts, we see the creative genius of the Holy Spirit moving through the newly confirmed Apostles "who began to speak in different tongues as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." The large crowd, gathered from all over the world were "amazed" and "astounded" that each one could understand the Apostles speaking in their own language. Each one of us, young and old alike, is personally called today by the Holy Spirit into the same mission as that of the first Apostles — to advance the Kingdom of God in our corner of the world. Just as He did on that Pentecost day, the Holy Spirit speaks to us in our "own language" to give us the Good News of the Gospel and urge us to share it. We can think of our own language as the gifts, talents, and passions we possess. We experience the presence of the Holy Spirit through them, and we are meant put them to the work in grateful service of the Kingdom of God. When we consider the stewardship way of life we are called to live, we often focus on the challenges it poses. Surrendering ourselves to God is indeed a challenging way to live. But it leads to a life that is exciting, creative, and deeply rewarding. Stewardship allows us to experience life as a great adventure because it is a life guided and directed by the very source of power and creativity — the Holy Spirit! The Catholic Steward

**Cemetery News:** The Cemetery Committee apologizes for the fact that the irrigation and faucets are not working. Because they are not working the repairs made to graves, including seeding of new graves from winter burials, has not happened. We filled in the graves and they are ready for seeding but not be complete until we have water. Our irrigation lines were damaged due to repairs to our electric feed. We should be up and running in the next three weeks. Again, we are sorry for the inconvenience.

**Cemetery Price Increase:** The Cemetery Committee decided to increase the cost of plots effective July 1, 2022. The last price increase on plots was July 1, 2007, fifteen years ago. After reviewing cemetery costs for the cemeteries managed by Catholic Cemeteries here in the Archdiocese and other parish cemeteries, we had the lowest pricing. The cost for a plot will increase from \$900 to \$1,200. There will be no changes, in the immediate future for the cost of the co columbaria niches. All plots must be paid in full at the time of purchase. The funeral church fees will be increased from \$450 to \$550 to cover pay increases given to musicians over the past 10 years. If you are interested in purchasing a plot between now and July 1, please call and make an appointment with either myself or Sharon Schwarz.

Thank You! We thank the Cemetery Committee for hosting the social gathering after our Memorial Day Mass last Monday. The tradition continued with the featured treat being the many different flavors of deviled eggs brought by Christine Hermanson. Thanks to Zack Stachowski and his wife Rebecca (Bex) for providing the program and music for the Mass. After the Mass, Fr. Joe processed with most of the attendees and blessed the graves. We also thank Tom Specht who placed 204 flags on the graves of our known servicemen and women. If you feel we missed someone, please contact **Sharon Schwarz** in the office and we will update our list.

More Thanks! We thank Fr. Peter Brandenhoff, retired priest, and parishioner for filling in for Fr. Joe at the 8:30 daily Masses this past week. Fr. Sebastian Bakatu filled in at the noon Mass on Wednesday. Fr. Joe was on vacation last week.

Synod Update: Archbishop Hebda asks for your prayers for the final phase in the Synod process. Our Synod representatives, Robyn Brewster and Amy Schmidt will meet, along with other assembly members, for the Synod Assembly this Pentecost weekend, June 3-5. Prayer has always been integral to our Archdiocesan Synod process. Please continue to keep the Synod in your prayers and especially pray for Robyn and Amy. Follow The Catholic Spirit to stay up to date on the latest news about the Archdiocesan Synod this weekend by visiting www.catholicspirit.com.

Keep Smiling, 🔸

Denny

PS: In today's first reading we encounter the Holy Spirit who at Pentecost came rushing in over Jesus' followers like a powerful wind. It must have been a frightening experience for them. But their great acts of prophetic witness began when the Spirit drew them out of their "comfort zones." Jesus said the Holy Spirit, like the wind, blows where it wills; into the lives of good stewards, empowering them to perform wondrous acts of healing, reconciliation, and evangelization; encouraging them to proclaim the Gospel with boldness and confidence. All of that is a little beyond the comfort zone where most of us live our lives. This week, reflect on how the Holy Spirit may be calling you out of your personal comfort zone.

Thought of the Week: Without the Spirit, our Christian life unravels, lacking the love that brings everything together. Without the Spirit, Jesus remains a personage from the past; with the Spirit, he is a person alive in our own time. Without the Spirit, Scripture is a dead letter; with the Spirit it is a word of life. A Christianity without the Spirit is joyless moralism; with the Spirit, it is life. Pope Francis

## FINANCIAL CORNER

May 29, 2022 (48 Weeks) Stewardship Giving **Regular Plate Collection** (Excludes Outreach Sunday Collections) Year to Date Plate 00 Budaet 13,000 Actual <u>30</u> '0) <u>24,185</u> 11.185 Difference \$

**Stewardship Giving** 

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Difference	\$	(88,47



#### **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.

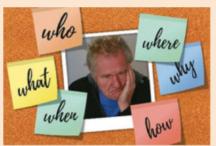
#### **Today's Pearl:**

#### June is Alzheimer's Brain Awareness Month

When I see this picture, I can truly get a sense of what it must feel like for anyone who struggles with all the changes that come with the onset of Alzheimer's or Dementia. I get glimpses of it in my life right now, when I have those "Senior Moments" and thoughts just drift away like these puzzle pieces, eluding me. It's downright scary! After watching both a father struggling with Dementia and a mother challenged by Alzheimer's, I have seen the toll it took on them both, though in very different ways. And it took a toll on myself and my family as we watched the parent / grandparent who we *knew* slip away, to be replaced by someone ese that was hardly recognizable. What do I do with that? For me, I had to say good-bye to the parent I loved, because they were



no longer there, and then greet and love daily this new version of my parent. Thankfully, I could see that the suffering each of my parents went through soon receded as they understood less and less. But for me and my family it was so hard to watch. I know many people who go through this (though I did not recognize their hurt and struggle before it became part of my own reality and experience). It's



hard to watch. I know many people who go through this (though I did not recognize their hurt and struggle before it became part of my own reality and experience). It's hard to navigate. People do it, and do it well, but often it is at the expense of their own health. It is never easy. If you ever find yourself wading through these murky waters, please know you are not alone and do not have to stand alone. Finding others who share similar experiences goes a very long way toward managing our own self-care, as well as giving us new ideas, and maybe answers or at least things to try that have worked for others. And more than that, I have found it beautifully comforting to talk with people who truly DO understand. Caregivers' Support Group – the Second Thursday evening of the month – is one such opportunity for finding such people. Maybe it would be worth while to try it out?



Loving God, help me to trust in your loving presence and guidance with those around me struggling with the loss of their mental and cognitive abilities. Be with them as their world shrinks dramatically. Guide folks like myself who are watching these sad and undignified changes in their own loved ones, to find strength, perseverance, and support in those who can truly listen to them, connecting because they share similar circumstances. May they feel the comfort of your constant presence and love, and the inspirations they need to navigate these difficult, uncharted waters with their loved one. 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 June 5, 2022

Sunday: *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39*Extended Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day*: Acts 2:1-11/ Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16

#### **STAFF CONTACTS**

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Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:33-37

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

Mary Cinquegrana	Jodi Landry	Amara Strande
Titus Ciolkosz	Joan Nedeau	Robert Tatreau
Dolores Crane	Ruth Olson	Irene Watson
Judy Dahl	Ursula Palesh	Walt Welna
Kathy Fleck	Catherine Scoles	<b>Rich Friedges</b>
Amy Lippert	Caroline Larsen	Donna Smith
Hoffman	Sue Smith	Mart Pat Oien
Tim Ihrke	Kathleen Jensen	Pat Sherrill
Teresa Johnson	Carol Stewart	Dolores Mallet
Henry Klotz	Frank Steel	Sharon Johnson
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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	June 7
8:30 a.m.	†Dan Hollenherst
Wednesday	June 8
8:30 a.m.	†Monette Ledesna
12:00 p.m.	†Jackie Driscoll
Thursday	June 9
8:30 a.m.	†Coellto & Raskina Family's
Friday	June 10
8:30 a.m.	†Cristine Pamarand



#### **HELPING THE PRIESTS WHO'VE HELPED US**

Did you know there's a home for retired priests of the Archdiocese? There is and you have an opportunity to share your gratitude by supporting the men who've ministered to you and your family for many decades. The Leo C. Byrne Residence offers 29 individual apartments for priests who have reached retirement age, most of whom continue to actively serve parishes and organizations around the Archdiocese.

**The GRATITUDE Capital Campaign Renovation Project** (coordinated by the Catholic Community Foundation) will fund work required to bring the entire Byrne Residence to a level of security and efficiency suitable for the safety and well- being of each resident priest. We ask for your support of this much needed renovation.

Make your check payable to: CCF/Byrne Residence. Mail to: CCF/Byrne Residence Renovation Fund Court West Suite 500 2610 University Ave W St. Paul, MN 55114

To donate online, visit the Catholic Community Foundation website: CCF-MN.org/ByrneResidence

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