

Engaging in God's Service

June 12, 2022 The Most Holy Trinity

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." - Jn 16:13a

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Loaves and Fishes

Gratitude from Loaves & Fishes

Last weekend, we heard from volunteers from our parish teams who serve a monthly Sunday dinner at the downtown St. Paul Catholic Charities Opportunity Center (also known as Dorothy Day). Once each year we ask you to help us make these meals possible. If you didn't get the chance to contribute to the fund that supports these dinners you can still do so at the Giving Tab on the parish website. Thanks for your consistent support of this meal. You can also volunteer to help serve with other parishioners at this link:

Guardianangelscatholicchurch.cctwincities.volunteerhub.com

Parish Food Shelf Garden is Growing!

Did you know that our parish food shelf garden supplies three local food shelves with amazing produce each week? You can sign up on the website for a Saturday



or Monday morning or a Thursday afternoon and help with the tending. Families working together are welcomed. No experience is necessary – just a smile and a willing heart. See you in the garden!

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.

Graduation Blessings!

Eh Soe is an amazing young woman. Who is she? About five years ago, our parish assisted her and her family as they made the transition from a refugee camp in Thailand to a little apartment on the East side of St. Paul. Since that time, that family has done incredible things.



Our refugee resettlement mentor team has been so blessed to walk alongside them. In awe of their determination, we have watched them navigate school, jobs, grocery stores, utility bills, bike helmets, driving lessons and a thousand other things that so many of us take for granted. There have been weddings, new babies, new apartments and, yes – graduations. This past week, Eh Soe became the most recent graduate – and *magna cum laude*, no less! I am reminded that this phrase means "with great distinction." Indeed! Congratulations, Eh Soe . . . and may the future be blessed.

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

the Parish Giving Center (just inside the main entrance). Thank you!



Hope for the Journey Home

The summer months can present a challenge for volunteerism at HJH. The next time you walk into the main doors of GA, take a moment to look to your right and say a quick prayer for the residents of that brick building you see there. We are back up to serving seven families at a time these days and it's our volunteers that make it happen. If you have always meant to find out more about our shelter or if you have volunteered in the past and want to get back to it, go to <u>https://www.guardian_angels.org/hope/</u>.

Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth (1John 3:18)

We can choose to take the path of love and see in our neighbors the face of Christ. We Christians can choose to act as though we actually believe that we – in deed all human beings – are made in God's image.

Cardinal Blase Cupich

Save the Date

All are invited to mark your calendars now for a wonderful Saturday morning coming to GA on September 24. What might it mean to get in touch with your deepest calling? How can you find support in community to more closely follow Christ? Watch this space for more coming soon!

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.

PARISH LIFE/FAITH FORMATION

Youth Ministry

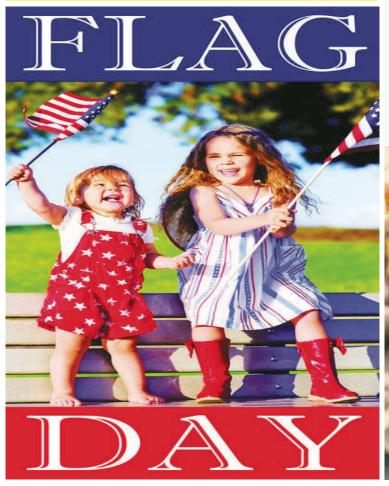


South Dakota Mission

Trip June 19-24- Pray for safe travels and meaningful leaning for our 18 high school youth and 4 adults who will be traveling to Watertown, SD soon to serve others, grow in faith, and build community.

• Youth BBQ and Bingo, Monday, July 18, 12:00- 3:00 pm. Youth going into grades 9 - 12 are welcome to meet new friends from St. Stanislaus Church while enjoying lunch at our GA fire pit followed by serving the resident at Oak Meadows playing Bingo. Contact Paul Deziel for permission slip pdeziel@guardian -angels.org or 789-373.

• Youth Jamboree, Wednesday, August 3, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Youth going into grades 9-12 are welcome for a fun filled day including: serving at the CCEFS food shelf, GA Garden, learning about Liturgical roles at Mass, eating a picnic lunch, and hiking and swimming at Afton State Park. Contact Paul Deziel for permission slip pdeziel@guardian- angels.org or 789-3173.



GA Women's Club

Our **card making ministry** continues with our next sessions on June 20 from 10:00 am-12:30 pm 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



Men's Club Scholarship Opportunities This year the **Men's Club's** are offering **two \$1,000 scholarships**. Deadline for the Men's Club is **Friday**, **June 30**. Applicants include registered 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 **mensclub@guardian-angels.org** or to the Parish Office. Email us with any questions!



ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

Stewardship Message: Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. What we are commemorating is a central reality of our Christian faith, that God is Trinitarian in nature — three distinct persons in one God.

The Church calls this truth a mystery, as indeed it is. Some have said that "mystery" in this context is "not a wall to run up against but an ocean in which to swim." Contemplating the "ocean depths" of this mystery can make us humans feel so small, and almighty God so far from us. Yet nothing could be further from the truth as today's readings demonstrate. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God is intimately connected to us. "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." God wants live in the very depths of our being and in all the intimate details of our lives if we will let Him. And in the Gospel from St. John, we learn that God holds back nothing of Himself from us. Jesus tells His disciples (this includes us!) that the Holy Spirit "will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything the Father has is mine." Thus, we find ourselves drawn right into the midst of this Trinitarian love. In fact, if the mystery of Holy Trinity is an ocean which to swim, the "water" that makes up that ocean is love. What then should be the response of the Christian steward to this sublime mystery? All we can do is worship. And offer our lives back to God in total gratitude for calling us to live in the richness of such unfathomable love.

The Catholic Steward

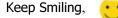
Synod Update: Last weekend (Pentecost weekend), the three-year Synod process concluded. Our representatives at the Synod, **Robyn Brewster, and Amy Schmidt,** both members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), will be presenting a recap of their experience and outcomes at the joint PPC and Finance Council (FC) meeting, Tuesday, June 21. Guardian Angels will be hosting a meeting for all parish staff and ministry leaders, archdiocesan wide, on Friday, June 24 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event will also be available online. Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Williams will be in attendance and the Synod leaders will share the highlights of the Synod process and the Synod Assembly. They will also share the vision for implementing the Synod priorities, timelines for the upcoming year and steps that parishes will be asked to take. Archbishop Hebda will celebrate Mass in our Worship Space at 11:45. Updates will also be available in the upcoming issues of the Catholic Spirit.

2022-23 Operating Budget Update: A balanced Operating Budget for FY 2022-23 will be discussed at the PPC/FC joint meeting on Tuesday, June 21. Prior to the meeting, all PPC and FC members will have an opportunity to review the budget and ask any questions they may have. The normal process each year is for the PPC and FC to decide to recommend to the Pastor/Parochial Administrator approval of the budget or suggest changes. This year's budgeting process was more challenging than past years because of the significant reduction in financial support. We were however able to balance the budget and recommend a fair and just wage increase for the staff. We will keep everyone informed as to the progress of the budget approval process in the bulletin and Friday email.

Fall Festival: I know it is only the middle of June, but next weekend, some of the Fall Festival Core team will be stuffing raffle tickets and letter into envelopes for parishioners to start picking up on the weekends starting June 25. We prepare tickets for those parishioners who have sold tickets in the past three years. If you are new to the parish or haven't purchased tickets in the past, you can sign out a ticket packet at the ticket tables.

The Fall Festival Committee has been asked to raise \$20,000 more this year as part of trying to balance the budget. Historically less than 35% of our parishioners buy/sell tickets. We are hoping more will help us this year because over 75% of our net proceeds come from the Big Ticket sales. We have several parishioners who are against the gambling aspect of raffles, so they make a special Fall Festival donation to help offset the expenses. So, it is not too early to start thinking on how you can support the festival this year either financially or by volunteering. The dates this year are **September 16-18** and we have again contracted to have fireworks this year.

Did you Know?: The water is back on in almost all the cemetery and the Food Shelf Garden. Repairs were completed earlier than anticipated and only Section E (north of the columbaria), the Prayer Garden and the front gardens are still without irrigation. Repairs in those areas should be completed soon and we thank you for your patience.



Denny

PS: In today's Gospel Jesus talks about life with his Father and the Spirit. He tells his disciples that what belongs to the Father belongs to him, and that the Spirit will take from what is his and give it to them. Jesus helps us understand that the relationship between Father, Son and Spirit is one of perfect sharing and loving generosity. This shared life is the foundation for what we now understand as part of living life in the Trinity. The abundant generosity of those who are good stewards of the gifts entrusted to them give us a glimpse into the love of the Triune God. Does the extent of our generosity give others a glimpse of God's life within us?

Thought of the Week: The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity invites us to let ourselves once again be fascinated by the beauty of Go, and to welcome His love which he gives to us through Jesus Christ. **Pope Francis**

FINANCIAL CORNER

June 5, 2022 (49 Weeks) Stewardship Giving Stewardship Giving **Regular Plate Collection** (Excludes Outreach Sunday Collections) Envelopes Year to Date Plate Year to Date 1,413,650 Budget Budget 13,275 ,<u>321,477</u> (92,173) Actual Actual 24,185 10,910 Difference \$ Difference \$ Loose Plate Collection - Loaves and Fishes - \$3,497.00 - Thank You!

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: June 13th is National Race Unity Day.

Isn't that image beautiful? Unfortunately it does not represent reality very well. Consider the following: (from Nationaltoday.com/race-unity-day)

5 SOBERING FACTS ABOUT RACISM

- 1. Black students face prejudice In the U.S., Black students represented 15% of the total student enrollment in the 2015 to 2016 school year, yet accounted for 31% of students arrested.
- 2. Police stops mostly involve Black people In 2018, 80% of the police stops involved Black and Latino people.
- 3. More students experience racial discrimination According to a U.S. survey, 15.8% of students experience race-based harassment.
- **4. White Americans don't get arrested as much** White Americans are less likely to get arrested than Black Americans.
- 5. Racism affects job opportunities too

People with white-sounding names are called for interviews more often than people with black sounding names.

When I see something like this, I very much feel that my ignorance is showing. How much of my time or thoughts do I ever really give to considering what it must be like to experience constantly the kind of discrimination that is a daily norm for so many people of color? It's time for me to educate myself better; to try to really SEE people of color for the wonder-filled person they are – a specimen of God's incredible creation of beauty; to try to understand – to the extent that I am able – just how it must feel to have to deal with people looking at you differently – with judgment or assuming the worst or only the color of your skin (not your brain, or your heart or your soul.... Wow. That would hurt! Working to understand people of color differently for a first term. understand is a first step. Treating people of color different from mine, just like I would treat anyone of my friends or acquaintances, and seeing them for who they are and who Jesus is within them, would also go a long way toward racial unity. Let's try to DO something concrete to work toward racial unity. God will guide us.



Loving God, it is fascinating how you create each person so uniquely - skin color, talents, ways of speaking, colorful characteristics. Please help me to see all that good that you create in people whose skin color is different from my own. Holy Spirit, guide me to know how to communicate that I care about people of different races and that I want to understand them better and live with them, do things with them, assume the very best about them. It's so hard to know what to do that I sometimes just freeze. May your love and light giver me the insight and strength NOT to freeze, but to put my desire for racial unity into action, at the very lease by educating myself better about who they are, what life is like for them. 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 12, 2022

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/ Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/ Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18



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Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/ Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/ Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31 -32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

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	Rich Friedges
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
Please submit names for prayer requests to MaryPat Potts		

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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 14
8:30 a.m.	†Stanley Cilkosz
Wednesday	June 15
8:30 a.m.	†Shirley & Ed Grabowski
12:00 p.m.	†Joe Mulcahy
Thursday	June 16
8:30 a.m.	†Geraldine Everson
Friday	June 17
8:30 a.m.	†Jim Vosberg



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. Envelopes are available on the table inside the front door.

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.

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