

July 10, 2022 15th 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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SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH



Week of Service Coming Up Soon

A few times each year, we join in with all the other local congregations who support Hope for the Journey Home and sponsor a Week of Service. It's coming up July 24 – 30 and we welcome you to join us. 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 https://ttsu.me/hjhjul24 to grab a shift.

Have You Visited the Garden?

Depending on which driveway you use when you come to GA you just might have missed the fact that we have a big vegetable garden. I was talking to a newer parishioner recently who had no idea! We'd



love you to pay a visit. 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. 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.



Listening House Could Use Our Help

Whether it's the freezing cold or the extreme heat, having a place to go during the day to rest and recharge is a great gift. Please drop off any of the items listed below if you can help make the lives of Listening House guests a bit easier this month. Remember that all clothing items should be either new or **very gently** used and freshly laundered. Thank you!

Men's belts, small-size sunscreen and bug spray

Jeans, Tube socks, Backpacks, T-shirts (short and long sleeve), Sweatshirts and hoodies

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**.

Paper Bags Needed

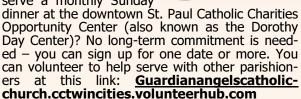
Our neighbors at the Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf need paper bags. The next time you unpack from a trip to the grocery store, please consider dropping your paper bags off in the Parish Giving Center (just inside the main entrance).

Thank you!

Share A Smile and A Meal

Loaves & Fishes

Would you like to help serve a monthly Sunday



2022 Outreach Grants

This parish has a long history of living out Catholic social teaching in a variety of ways. One of these ways is our yearly grantmaking effort that reaches out to a wide variety of organizations working for the common good. Watch this space in the coming weeks and months as we highlight each organization that received a grant this year. These grants are only possible because of the generosity of parishioners – thank you!

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!



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



- 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 Guardian Angels fire pit followed by serving the residents 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.

Silent Auction is back!

The Fall Festival Silent Auction room is starting in July this summer. You can start bringing in your donations of new and like new items to room M7 now. We will have donation forms on the cart you can use to share a description, value and if you would like the item back if it doesn't sell.



Want to discuss an item? Email us at <u>silentauction@guardian-angels.org</u>. We also welcome your gift card donations starting this July as well.



Drop off cards (\$10 or more please) to the collection bin on the Big Ticket table, in the collection basket at Mass, to the office or mail it with your weekly offering envelope. We'd love your help in doing business follow up or prepping items in the auction rooms.

Join our team and be part of the magic! Last year we ended up making \$30,000 between the auction and our sales on FB and eBay. Your generosity made that happen. You rock GA, thank you! Let's do it again!

GA Women's Club

Our **card making ministry** continues with our next sessions on July 11 and July 25 from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm in the Teen Room. All are welcome!

We take June and July off for monthly meetings, so hold the date for August 8th, when we return to our regular schedule of 2nd Mondays at 6:30pm. The **Summer Outing** will be August 14, a Stillwater Luncheon River Cruise on the "Anastasia" from 11:00 am -2:00 pm. The deadline to rsvp was June 14 but there is still limited seating available, so if you are interested in joining us, please check in with Sue Barghini or email womensclub@quardian-angels.org.

We are also still looking for a lead(s) for the **Fall Festival Bake Sale** which will likely be in M7 during the Festival. The lead would create a communication plan to spread the word on the need for baked items for the weekend, create an allergen/ingredient list form to be used at drop off for donations, develop a checkout slip for use in the room during the festival, and encourage sign ups for room staffing via the volunteer sign up process for festival weekend. If you want to help, please reach out via email. Co-leads are welcome. Thank you! Happy 4th of July, Ladies!

Visiting Priest

Today the missionary from the Diocese of Nellore, India will be visiting us to ask for your prayers and financial support for the mission work of the Diocese in India. They are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your donations support programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, rehabilitation centers for lepers, education and boarding facilities for all the deserved poor children, lay ministry training and to build vibrant faith communities. Fr. Joji Reddy Allam will be with us to share information about the ministry of the Diocese of Nellore. Please join us to hear the good work of the missionaries and the great faith of the people in the other part of the world. Please be generous.



ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

Stewardship Message: In today's Gospel passage, from Luke, we read the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan. Here, Jesus teaches us in rich detail what stewardship in action looks like. In fact, this parable could just as accurately be called the parable of the Good Steward. The first thing we note about the Good Samaritan is that he is aware of the needs of those around him and responds generously. While the priest and Levi brush right past the man on the side of the road, the Samaritan is watching for those who might be in need. He has a hospitable way of looking at the world around him and so he is able to "see" in a way that the others did not, and he was "moved with compassion at the sight" of the man. Next, we see the Good Samaritan spring into action to serve this man, setting aside his own schedule and plans to meet his needs. He does not just give the man a few dollars or offer quick words of encouragement from across the road. He goes right up to the man. He cleans and bandages his wounds. He puts the man on his own animal and brings him to an inn where he can heal. He ensures the innkeeper would continue to look after him, and he commits to returning to the man on his way back. That is how we live out God's commandments. That is true hospitality and service. That is how a good steward springs into action when he comes upon a neighbor in need. And Jesus says to each of us personally, just as He did in today's Gospel, "Go and do likewise." **The Catholic Steward**

Fall Festival Update: We thank the several parishioners who have picked up their Fall Festival raffle packets. The packets are now available on tables in the back of the church until Festival weekend. We have already received returns for parishioners who have sold/purchased all their tickets. First incentive drawing, \$300, will be on July 25 for all those who have sold and turned in all of their 25 tickets along with the drawing form that is on the top of the letter in the packet.

• **Feature Event:** Please watch for **Silent Auction** announcements in the Bulletin and Angel News for details of what is needed for our Fall Festival Silent Auction. Each year we have around 700 items in our auction, which makes it one of the largest on the Eastside. We again will be using electronic bidding. Very easy to use, you can bid and watch your items from home, the lake, in person or on vacation! Just visit our website at **guardian-angels.org/fallfestival** for the Silent Auction link. For those who don't want to use their electronic devices, we will have several assistants with iPads available at the Silent Auction to help you place your bids. We also will have a kiosk available to check your bids and bid on items. The Silent Auction team is led by **Kendre Turonie**, and they have already started working on this very popular event.

End of Fiscal Year 2021-22: On June 30 we ended our fiscal year. The Financial Scoreboard shown below are the final totals for FY 2021-22. Thank you again for your continued generous financial support through the past twelve months. For the first time in over ten years, we fell substantially short of our Sunday envelope budgeted collection. We are hopeful that in the coming fiscal year we build up the financial support to the level of prior years. Your generosity allows us to continue "Engaging in God's Service".

Stewardship Statements: At the end of this month, we will be mailing the 2022 Stewardship statements recapping your giving through June 30. Please review them for accuracy and call **Heidi, 651-789-3168** if you notice any discrepancies. We find that sending out six month statements reduces the inquiries when the year-end tax statements are sent in January. Overall, most of those who pledged have contributed towards their pledge, but compared to previous years, more donors have yet to contribute towards their pledge.

Thank You: We thank **Fr. Peter Brandenhoff** and **Fr. Rodger Bauman** for presiding at our daily Masses last week and the coming week. Thank you to **Fr. Joeseph Bambenek** for filling in on July 5 for daily Mass. It was great seeing Fr. Peter and Fr. Rodger again.

Keep Smiling, 🖰



Denny

PS: Today's Gospel turns our attention to one of Jesus' most familiar stories, the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It is about living how God intended us to live: to acknowledge God's divine love and compassion lavished upon us, and to extend that love and compassion upon others without reservation. We can find a lot of reasons for not stopping to help someone. We can talk ourselves out of being Good Samaritans. Strangers are not our responsibility, or are they? Good stewards understand that God's mercy is a gift that must be shared, and that doing the right thing, acting as Jesus would act toward others, is the only course of action for one who lives according to the demands of the Gospel. How might you be a Good Samaritan this week?

Thought of the Week: The Good Samaritan indicates a lifestyle, the center of which is not ourselves, but others, with their difficulties, who we meet on our path and who challenge us. It's us who choose this lifestyle or choose to reject it, explaining that the attitude of the Good Samaritan tests our faith, since faith without works is dead. **Pope Francis**

FINANCIAL CORNER

June 26, 2022 (52 Weeks) Stewardship Giving

Stewardship Giving

Envelopes Budget \$ 1,500,000 Actual \$ 1,381,094 Difference \$ (118,906) Regular Plate Collection
(Excludes Outreach Sunday Collections)
Plate Year to Date
Budget \$ 14,000
Actual \$ 26,386

Difference \$ 12,386

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: "Grief is not a disorder, a disease or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical and spiritual necessity, the price you pay for love. The only cure for grief is to grieve" ~ Earl Grollman

When I look at this visual I see so many of the things expressed to me time and again by people going through the grieving process — confusion, heartbreak, floods of tears, memories that soothe and that hurt, anger, doubt, depression.... I have felt it all to a degree through the deaths of my brother and my parents. But I was at a different place in my life for each of these deaths. I was a young adult when my brother took his own life, and grieving in my first years of college was something I didn't know what to do with — so I just didn't do anything with it. Not much, anyway. I did have a very



understanding and supportive boyfriend at the time (who is now and still and forever my husband) who listened to me, gave me a shoulder to cry on, encouraged me to feel. But I think it was too much at that time, so I just allowed myself to be swept up in this new life of college and the whirlwind of so many things that claimed my full attention. Later, this unprocessed grief reared its ugly head again, and I had to face it more directly, and really look at how it had been affecting my life in so many subtle ways, whether I knew it or not. Processing it later in life may have been what I needed to do, but I never did successfully bury it. When each of my parents died I was able to be with them through their decline, so it was a more gradual grieving, where by the end of their lives, my grieving was mostly done too. Either way it became crystal clear to me the value of actually doing the work to process the grief and all of its' feelings. This is probably why, in my work here at Guardian Angels, too, I encourage those who are grieving the loss of a loved one to find someone they can count on with whom they are allowed to express as much of their grief as they ever need to, for as long as needed, and still feel safe and valued. At Guardian Angels we offer 2 ways to help a person in this process: a BeFriender or the Healing Hearts Grief Support Group. A BeFriender can walk with you for as long or as little time as you want, just giving you the safe space to express your grief, ask your questions, make your plans, feel your rollercoaster of feelings... our Healing Hearts Grief Support Group can wrap you in a blanket of understanding and common experience and valuable insights from one another. You do not have to do this hard work all by yourself.

Loving God, thank you for being with us in our grief. Spirit, inspire those who most need it to reach out to find a gentle hand (or hands) to walk this un-asked-for journey with them. Bless those going through this grieving process for a loved one who has died, that they may know your love and comfort, know the care and comfort and understanding that a listening ears (ears) can provide, and find their way – in their own time-through the deep hurt of grief to a place of reconciliation with the grief in their everyday lives, cherishing the memories of the one who id no longer here with them. ~ Amen.

Healing Hearts Grief Support Group begins its next 8-week session **Monday, July 11, 12:30pm – 2:00.**

If you are someone who still is struggling or feeling off-balance since the death of a loved one, or are experiencing any kind of great Loss, please consider trying this out. We will meet **In-Person**, but also offer an option for ZOOM if you are unable to attend in person. All are welcome.



Contact MaryPat Potts for more info mpotts@quardian-angels.org / 651-789-3178

PRAYER & REFLECTION

Readings for the week of July 10, 2022

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-



Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/ Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

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PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

Frank Steel Amy Lippert Hoffman Amara Strande Teresa Johnson Robert Tatreau Jodi Landry Walt Welna Ursula Palesh Donna Smith Catherine Scoles Pat Sherrill Caroline Larsen Dolores Mallet Kathleen Jensen Sharon Johnson Carol Stewart

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

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

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 July 12 8:30 a.m. †Robert & Margaret Otte

Wednesday July 13 8:30 a.m. †Ann Lasky

12:00 p.m. †John Gregory Smith

Thursday July 14

8:30 a.m. †Geraldine Everson

Friday July 15 †Díck Smith 8:30 a.m.



Father Daniel Friberg Celebrates 60th Anniversary Sunday, July 17

Father Daniel Friberg is a native son of Guardian Angels Parish. He was baptized and celebrated his First Mass on Sunday, March 4, 1962, in what is now the Historic Church. He is the son of the late William & Irene Friberg, long-time members of the parish.

After teaching at St. Thomas Academy for 25 years, Father Friberg served as pastor at St. John the Baptist Church in Hugo until his retirement on December 31, 2001. Since then, he has been helping at various parishes in White Bear and Mendota. Come celebrate on Sunday July 17, with Mass at 1:00 pm and a Buffet Reception in Peter O' Neill Hall from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm





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