

July 17, 2022 16th 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



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

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SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH

Week of Service is July 24-30

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 **ttsu.me/hjhjul24** to grab a shift.



Have You Visited the Garden?

Depending on which driveway you use when you come to GA you 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!

Annual School Supply Drive Starts Now

If you have school-age kids, you already know that it's time to think about school supplies. Our annual drive for local families in need is gearing up. You can bring your new school supplies to the table near the main entrance. Check the website for a list of most-needed items. We cannot accept used items for this collection – thanks for your understanding. **Our collection deadline**

is Tuesday, August 9. As always, if you prefer to make a financial donation you can do that at the Giving Tab on the parish website. Thank you for helping to make going back to school less stressful for families who need a bit of help. If you are reading this and could use some help yourself, please call the Parish Office. We can help.



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!

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!

Share A Smile and a Meal

Last Sunday, our parish team served
207 guests a warm meal that
nourished both body and soul.
Fellowship was had not only with the
guests we served but among the volunteers. This
monthly ministry is a blessing all the way around and you
are invited to join in. Interested? Call the Parish Office or
email Suzanne at sbernet@guardian-angels.org.

2022 Outreach Grants

This parish has a long history of living out Catholic social teaching in a variety of ways, including our yearly grantmaking effort that reaches out to a wide variety of organizations working for the common good. These grants are only possible because of the generosity of parishioners – thank you! This week we focus on **HOMELine**, a Bloomington-based tenant advocacy group founded on the belief that everyone deserves a decent place to live. Your donations protect the affordability and condition of homes for low-income Minnesotans. Want to learn more or get involved? Find out more at **homelinemn.org**.

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.



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.

Rosa from Nicaragua

PARISH LIFE/FAITH FORMATION



Youth BBQ and Bingo, Monday, July 18, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. 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 a permission slip pdeziel@guardian-angels.org or 789-3173.

Youth Jamboree, Wednesday, August 3, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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 July 25, August 8 and 22 from 10:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in the Teen Room. All are welcome! Please check out and purchase some of our beautiful handmade cards on display in GA Perks for just \$3 each. There are designs for every occasion you might need.

If you are interested in helping out with some of the **Santa Shop** item prep, email us at **womensclub@guardian-angels.org** for more information.

We take June and July off for monthly meetings, so hold the date for August 8 when we return to our regular schedule of 2nd Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in GA Perks. Happy Summer!



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 silentauction@guardian-angels.org.



We also welcome your gift card donations 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 Parish Office or mail it with your weekly offering

envelope. Also, 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!



The Crafters are busy making plans for the Fall Festival. The **Quilt Raffle** will be starting soon. You will not want to miss purchasing tickets for a chance to win this beautiful quilt! As last year, the Crafters will be selling plants, canned goods and fresh produce in M6. Now is the time to split your houseplants and start growing new plants. As you are canning your favorite jams, set aside a few to donate to the Fall Festival! And don't forget we gladly accept your craft items. The Crafters always appreciate all donations.

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

Stewardship Message: In today's Gospel reading from St. Luke, we receive a reminder about the proper use of the gift of time, a fundamental aspect of a stewardship way of life. Our passage highlights one of the most famous dinner parties ever thrown, recalling the day that Martha and Mary hosted our Lord in their home. We are told that Martha, as a good steward, welcomes Christ in but then becomes "burdened with much serving" while her sister and fellow hostess chooses to simply sit with Jesus, listening to Him speak. Martha becomes indignant at Mary's behavior and complains to Jesus, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." But Jesus, in His infinite wisdom, refuses to get pulled into this sisterly spat. Instead, He offers Martha a fresh way to look at the situation. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

What is that one thing? It is to put Jesus first in our lives and above all other things; to "sit at his feet" and listen as Mary did, giving Him the priority of our time no matter how busy we think we are. When we truly commit to putting Christ first in our daily lives through a regular time of prayer and frequent participation in the sacraments, we will find that all our other concerns become less pressing, less overwhelming. Why is this so? Because the time we invest in our relationship with God saturates all aspects of our lives with His grace. And because God cannot be outdone in generosity. He will abundantly reward any sacrifice we make to spend time with Him.

Fall Festival Update: We thank several parishioners who turned in their sold Fall Festival raffle packets. Currently, we are slightly under last year's pace. First incentive drawing of \$300, will be on July 25 for all those who have turned in all their sold 25 tickets along with the drawing form that is on the top of the letter in the packet. Plan on getting your sold ticket packet in by noon on

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Monday, July 25 to be eligible for the \$300 drawing.

If you are not fond of raffles or are unable to volunteer, you can still help by contributing to the Festival by writing a check with "Fall Festival" in the memo line and dropping it in the collection basket. You may also call Heidi for other ways such as EFT or credit card. We are still looking **for sponsorships**, so if you own a business or work for someone who might consider being a sponsor, please contact me via email at dfarrell@guardian-angels.org and I will follow up.

Featured Festival Event: The Crafter's Boutique and Craft Sale will be in rooms M2-6 on Saturday (1-7) and Sunday (9:30-3:30). If you are looking for gifts for relatives, kids, and grandchildren or for your home or cabin, they have many special handmade items. They sell homemade canned goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as house and garden plants in M6. Please bring items in Wednesday-Friday before Festival weekend and put them in a cart outside the Parish Office. You can also bring them in during the Festival to room M6.

The Crafters meet once a week all year long making items for the Festival, spring sale and Christmas Boutique. They donate all their net proceeds back to the parish by paying for items on our Angel List.

Important Notice! The City of Oakdale, after several false starts, began the 4th Street improvement project between Helmo and Inwood this past week. **Our 4th Street** entrance/exit will be closed through most of the construction, probably until the middle of September (yes, right at Fall Festival time). Let's all pray that they stay on schedule.

All traffic will be directed to our 3rd Street entrance during the construction period. The improvements include miscellaneous storm sewer/sanitary, sewer/water main repairs and replacement, replacement of isolated sections of structurally damaged curb

and gutter, repaying the asphalt pavement section, installation of new street lighting and some trail and walk improvements. The "rural" roadway with ditches will be replaced with an urban roadway with curb and storm sewer. During the work on 4th Street, work will also begin on fixing damaged curb and gutter replacement and storm sewer on 3rd Street. The top surface of asphalt pavement on 3rd Street will be milled off and repaved later. Patience is a virtue that all of us will need to embrace during this time! Please drive safely, the 3rd Street entrance will be very busy.

Did You Know: Fr. Dan Friberg will be celebrating his 60th anniversary of being a priest with a Mass this Sunday, July 17 at 1:00 p.m. with a reception following in POH. Fr. Dan grew up in this parish. Congratulations Fr. Dan!

Keep Smiling, Denny 😬



PS: Martha and Mary are the focus of this weekend's Gospel, which abounds with rich themes about hospitality, service, and finding the right balance between action and prayerful attention to the Lord. Christians who are good stewards of their faith life realize that if they are too busy to enjoy peaceful, private time with the Lord, then something is out of balance in their spiritual lives. If we make time for Mass, but then carry on with our busy schedules without prayer, meditation and reflection, we are missing out. If we find ourselves anxious and harried by life's routines, could it be a sign that something in our spiritual life needs some serious attention?

Thought of the Week: First and foremost, hospitality means to recognize that the other Christians are truly our brothers and our sisters in Christ, whether they are Protestant, Orthodox or whatever denomination they belong to. To welcome Christians of another tradition means, in the first place, to show the love of God to them—our brothers and sisters, and it also means to welcome that which God has done in their lives.

~Pope Francis

FINANCIAL CORNER

July 10, 2022 (2 Weeks) Stewardship Giving

Stewardship Giving

Envelopes Year to Date Budget 53,460 Actual <u>59,469</u> Difference \$ 6,009

Regular Plate Collection (Excludes Outreach Sunday Collections)

Plate **Year to Date** Budget \$ 1,040 Actual \$ 1,117 Difference \$

Loose Plate Collection Mission Sunday — India \$5,450.58 - 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: I just happened to watch the movie "Grace Unplugged," and it got me thinking about my life. Unexpectedly, I really could see myself, from various times in my life, in some of the characters in this movie. In this "pearl" I'll talk about one, and save the other for the next "pearl."

First, the dad in this movie had moved away from a disastrous, life-destroying career in pop music and feared watching his daughter make the same mistakes he made, in a music career opportunity presented to her. He saw

her talent and tried to keep her all to himself, and managed to over-protect her, ending in her rebellion. There was a point in the movie where he was advised to let go of her and trust God to take care of her. And

God did – beautifully, and in ways the dad could never have imagined.



That reminded me of how tightly I always seem to want to hold onto control, in almost every situation, and forget to really leave it in God's hands, and let go of my fear, and worry. When I do let go and trust God to take care of things and guide me - wonderful things happen, so why can't I just trust God more often?! Maybe the very things in my life that I struggle with most – weight, troubles with our cabin renovation, worry about finances...normal life challenges - just might turn out differently. I'll just keep trying to leave more room for God's miraculous care and direction in my life. What movies has God spoken to you through?

Loving God, thank you for speaking to me so often through ordinary means, such as movies. I am so grateful to be able to see myself and my life in some of the movies I watch and books I read, or songs I hear, and to find you there, offering me a message for my life. May your Spirit please help me to truly let go and leave the things I worry about or fear in your more powerful hands. Help me to trust that I do not have to have control over everything that in fact things will go infinitely better if I trust them to your care and follow you. Help me to let go and let you work your miracles in my ordinary life. ~Amen



Healing Hearts Grief Support Group Meets for 8 weeks on

Mondays, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

You can still get in on this new series. If you are someone who still is struggling or feeling offbalance 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 a Zoom option. All are welcome.

Contact MaryPat Potts for more info via email at mpotts@guardian-angels.org or call 651-789-3178

For more information about anything you read here, or about any of the Caring & Support ministries at Guardian Angels, contact MaryPat Potts at 651-789-3178 or mpotts@guardian-angels.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, August 1, 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Give Blood Save Lives!

Your blood donation is a gift only you can give! One unit of your blood can improve the lives of 3 people. Please consider signing up and making a donation. Sign up online at **redcrossblood.org** using key word **GAngels**, or by calling or texting Julie Mathews at 651-253-**7759**. Julie is a parishioner and volunteer coordinator for the blood drive. If you would like to volunteer to work at the Blood drive, please contact Julie.



PRAYER & REFLECTION

Readings for the week of July 17, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/ Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/ Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/ Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7 -8//Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8 -9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17



Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/ Lk 11:1-13

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PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

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

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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 8:30 a.m.	July 19 †Bruce Sherrill
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	July 20 †Shirley & Ed Grabowsk
12:00 p.m.	†Gruber & Nelson
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	July 21 †Stanley Ciolkosz
Friday 8:30 a m	July 22 †Barbara Meade

WANTED

grass clippings to use as mulch in the Parish Food Shelf Garden

If your lawn has been treated with herbicides or fertilizers we can use your clippings after three mowings.

Please leave your bags under the pine trees near the garden entrance. Thank you!



Judy and Dan Novak celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 15. They have been members of Guardian Angels for 43 years. Congratulations!



Father Daniel Friberg Celebrates 60th Anniversary Sunday, July 17

Father Daniel Friberg is a native son of Guardian Angels Parish. He was baptized at Guardian Angels and celebrated his First Mass here on Sunday, March 4, 1962, in what is now the Historic Church. He is the son of the late William & Irene Friberg, longtime 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 p.m. and a Buffet Reception in Peter O' Neill Social Hall from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.



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