

Engaging in God's Service

July 24, 2022 17th 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



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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.



It's A Heat Wave

Many of our lawns are a bit crunchy these days and we all need rain! Our Parish Food Shelf Garden also needs extra attention when weather like this settles in. If you can help us tend the veggies with watering or



weeding, please consider signing up for a shift on the website. If a day or time outside of those listed would work better for you to come over and do some watering, call the Parish Office.

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!

PRAY FOR NICARAGUA!



August Plate Collection

Next weekend, we will hear an update from our Sister Parish team about the situation in Nicaragua. Your consistent financial support has helped maintain close ties between our two communities for over 30 years. Whatever you can contribute will be grateful received.

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 Raices Sagradas, a ministry of accompaniment for Spanish-speaking residents in need of trauma-based mental health services. Providing culturally-sensitive counseling during a time of unprecedented need, Raices Sagradas is deeply grateful for our support. To learn more go to raicessagradas.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 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

We are excited to share the **winners of the GAWC \$1,000 scholarships** for the 2022-2023 school year: **Carly Fleischhacker** and **Callie Corrigan**.

Carly Fleischhacker, daughter of parishioners Kelly and Mike Fleischhacker, just graduated from Woodbury High School. She is going to attend Northwoods Technical College in New Richmond, WI and major in Criminal Justice Studies starting this fall. Carly has been active with the Guardian Angels Youth /Young Adults groups for about five years. During that time she has been involved in Summer Stretch (as both a participant and a mentor), and multiple PUSH Week Mission trips and activities. She has also served at Our Lady of Peace Hospice, Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, Union Gospel Mission for the Homeless, Wilder Community Center for the Aging, Merrick Community Services Food Shelf, Feed My Starving Children and our own GA Food Shelf Garden.

Callie Corrigan, daughter of parishioner Paul Corrigan, is a student at the College of Saint Scholastica in Duluth, MN, majoring in Nursing. She is currently working part-time in the healthcare field with a focus on geriatrics. She is very passionate about human dignity, especially as to how it relates to social justice. When she graduates, she hopes to go where she is most needed working as a critical access nurse. She was very active in the GA Youth Council while in high school, and now is involved with the Saints Catholic Club on campus, as well as career-related groups, such as the Student Nurses Association, Pre-Med Club and Biochemistry Club.

Congratulations to you both, we wish you much success in the coming years!

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.

Please join us for our **monthly meetings** starting Monday, August 8 at 6:30 pm in GA Perks or email <u>womensclub@guardian-angels.org</u> for the zoom link.



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 don.



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 our Gospel reading from Luke, some disciples of Jesus ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus instantly offers them the beautiful prayer which we, of course, call the Our Father. The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim our complete trust in His provision for us and mercy towards us. We, too, commit to extending mercy ourselves (as we forgive those who sin against us). As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the basis of a stewardship way of life. At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to pursue a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door! He can hardly wait to bless us, HIS children. Remember that this week, then go, be a blessing to others! Stewardship is just that simple.

Fall Festival Update: The Big Ticket packets continue to come in, thank you to those who have sold tickets. The first incentive drawing, **\$300**, will be on this **Monday**, **July 25**, **at 3:00** pm for all those who have sold and turned in all their 25 tickets along with the drawing form that is on the top of the letter in the packet.

Featured Event: The **Food Tent** will be in the same place as last year, just down from the Beer Tent on the southside of the parking lot. The Food Tent will serve hamburgers, hot dogs, **lumpias (handmade and donated by our Filipino Community)**, chips and candy. They also serve cans of pop, lemonade, iced tea, Dilly Bars and candy. The large Dining Tent will be used for extra overflow seating for the Pasta and Chicken dinners we serve in Peter O'Neill Hall. We will again be reducing the number of tables on POH to increase social distancing.

Congratulations! We congratulate **Mike and Linda Loos** as the newest recipients of the **Volunteer Angel Award**. Mike and Linda joined our parish close to ten years ago from Transfiguration. They were very involved there and became involved almost immediately upon their arrival here at Guardian Angels. Linda is a member of the GA Crafters, Women's Club and Funeral Committee. Mike was in the choir before Covid, a member of the Men's Club, Mowing Angels, and Handy Angels. He has been one of our regular livestream volunteers from the beginning. Both Mike and Linda are heavily involved in the Fall Festival and Fish Fry Fridays. Learn more about them in the upcoming August Angel News.

Thank You! We thank **John Nance** for his contributions to the Pariah Pastoral Council. John and his family are moving to Arizona on a new assignment with 3M. He was also a lector and member of the Justice and Outreach Commission. We will miss his thoughtful input at our Parish Pastoral Council meetings.

Thank You: During the annual Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council picnic last week, **Mike Hansel and Craig Johnson** were thanked for their unusually long term as trustees, almost 14 years. They received gifts of appreciation from the parish for their long tenure and especially their extra effort in the early years to revive the parish both financially and culturally. Thank you again Mike and Craig for a job well done. Craig has decided to stay involved in the leadership of the parish by being a member of the Finance Council and the Legacy Committee.

Did You Know: We are looking for volunteers who could come in on Monday mornings for about two hours to help count the Sunday collection. If interested in learning more details, please contact Heidi, 651-789-3168.

Keep Smiling,

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PS: A prominent theme in today's Gospel parable is generosity. Late at night, a sleepy friend responds to his neighbor's request for food for an unexpected guest. Jesus suggests that it would be unthinkable for a friend to deny a friend in need. A friend would most certainly give what is asked and more. Through this story, Jesus illustrates God's generosity. Good stewards realize the extraordinary love and graciousness with which God showers us. We need never convince God to be generous. God is already that generous friend. His abundant love bathes us in goodness. This week, prayerfully reflect on God's generosity to us. What should our response be to that generosity?

Thought of the Week: When we are generous in welcoming people and sharing something with them-some food, a place in our homes, our time-not only do we no longer remain poor: we are enriched. When we are generous in welcoming people and sharing something with them-some food, a place in our homes, our time-not only do we no longer remain poor: we are enriched. I am well aware that when someone needing food knocks at your door, you always find a way of sharing food; as the proverb says, one can always 'add more water to the beans'! Is it possible to add more water to the beans? Always! And you do so with love, demonstrating that true riches consist not in materials things, but in the heart! **Pope Francis**

FINANCIAL CORNER

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Loose Plate Collection Maintenance & Repairs \$2,440.00 – 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: I want to return to the other "ah-ha" moment from the movie "Grace Unplugged," and how it got me thinking about my life. Unexpectedly, I really could see myself at times in my life, connecting with the time when someone confronted the daughter, Grace, and told her she might actually be angry at God and running away from God, thinking she was just asserting her own independence. I sometimes feel that way, too – that maybe I'm running away from what God has in mind, not wanting to lose my independence. In those times I may be fearful of what God's plan might demand of me, or even whether I could handle a more wonderful spin that God might put on the messy life I was somehow comfortable with *and* uncomfortable with at the same time. If I could only fully trust the words, "Come to me, all you who are over-burdened. My yoke is easy, my burden light." It just sometimes seems too scary, and I freeze. The devil I know seems better than the angel that I don't know, or something like that. It's tiring, this running from God. I think I'll choose to try running *toward* God a bit more often, and let God's love work it's magic. Or maybe I can accept the strength and lesson that might be hidden within a perceived bad situation, or struggle. Fighting for independence is exhausting and fruitless. It too often backfires. So Jesus, please take the wheel. You can



definitely handle this reluctant passenger, and teach her how to "co-drive" with you, rather than trying to force herself into the driver seat.

Loving God, help me to quit fight you, or running from your will. Open my eyes and my heart to welcome your incredible wisdom and guidance and vision for my life. Holy Spirit, help me learn how to co-pilot my life with you, and let go of my strong-arming independent streak. May I run toward your blessings (even when disguised, rather than fleeing from your greater wisdom. May I do your will always. ~ Amen

Healing Hearts SUPPORT GROUP

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

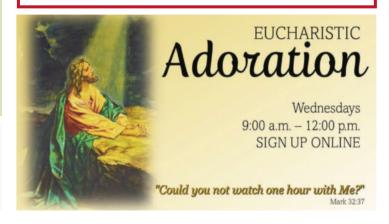
For more information about anything you read here, or about any of the Caring & Support ministries at Guardian Angels, contact MaryPat Potts at 651-789-3178 or mpotts@guardian-angels.org.





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 24, 2022

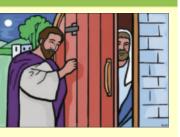
Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/ Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/ Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/ Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/ Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/ Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53



Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19 -27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Ćol 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

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

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 8:30 a.m.	July 26 †Martha Wirkar, Isaal Loaboy
Wednesday	July 27
8:30 a.m.	†William Netwal
12:00 p.m.	[†] Pedro Family
Thursday	July 28
8:30 a.m.	†Allen Coulter

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Friday 8:30 a.m. July 29 +Patrick Goebl

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!



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Fall Festival's Bottle Lotto Game Goodies Needed

The Women's Club will be having our crowd-pleasing Bottle Lotto this year! It is especially popular with the younger crowd ages 5 to 15! The younger kids love to get wrapped candy, coins or other treats, small stuffed animals (think beany babies). The teens like shampoo, nail polish, silly socks, any beauty, and hair accessories. Use your "bottled up" creativity to come up with your own mix of fun things! You can also drop off a bag of wrapped candy (no loose M&M's please) and let the Women's Club members put together bottles for you!

We will be accepting only <u>new</u> items for Bottle Lotto. Donations can be dropped off August 1st through Sept 10th at the Bottle Lotto drop off location outside the Parish Office.





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