

August 7, 2022 19th 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

The Prayer of the Faithful

After the Creed, during the celebration of the Mass, we enter what the Church calls, "The Prayer of the Faithful." This is known by most Catholics as the part of the Mass where specific prayers are offered and the people respond with, "Lord hear our prayer." This is a wonderful part of the Mass where the laity practice what the Church calls the "Common Priesthood." The common priesthood is shared by all the baptized and gives us the ability to call God Father and offer prayers to Him for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world. To pray unceasingly is one of the great commands of Christ and is our duty to pray always and everywhere. I remember a priest friend of mine told me an experience he had while celebrating Mass, the church he was celebrating the Mass had the practice of opening the prayers of the faithful so that anyone in the congregation could say aloud the prayers they wanted to offer. When the time came for people to offer their prayers, they would talk over each



other and interrupt in order that their prayers could be heard. It quickly devolved into chaos and the priest had to put a stop to the practice. While the congregation was enthusiastic, they were misguided in thinking that if their prayers were not said aloud during the Mass that they were somehow lesser prayers. God hears all our prayers whether said aloud or in silence, and every Sunday the Mass is said for the entire community and their intentions. While it is good that our prayers are said aloud after the creed, know that whatever you are praying for in the silence of your hearts, God hears. And in the end the words are less important than the heart that is offering them, as the Psalmist said, "If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened." (Psalm 66:18)

In Christ, Fr. Joe Connelly

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"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." - Lk 12:37

SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH

Hope for the Journey Home is Hiring

Yes, the labor market is still tight and so we can use your help to get the word out. Our shelter for families has part-time positions open now, including an administrative assistant with good organizational and computer skills and an afternoon/early evening host to welcome volunteers and assist with a variety of shelter tasks. If you would like to know more about either of these opportunities, please contact Trish at **651-503-3380** or check out the job descriptions on the website.



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.

Paper Bags Needed

Our neighbors at **Open Cupboard** (formerly known as CCEFS) 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!





Finding Your Calling: Discipleship for the Life of the World Coming to GA on Saturday, September 24

Our calling is something we do, someone we are and someone we become. How do we listen for the invitation of Jesus and live the fullness of our lives?

Plan to spend a morning of retreat, reflection and conversation with others and with keynoter **Laura Kelly Fanucci.** Registration information coming soon – you won't want to miss it!

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 Ujaama Place, a mentoring center focused on young Black men at the intersection of race and poverty in St Paul. Want to learn more or get involved?

Find out about this critical work at **ujaamaplace.org**.

Last Call for School Supplies!

The deadline for our annual school supply collection is **Tuesday, August 9.** 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.



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.

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

FALL FAITH FORMATION



Youth Ministry and Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration Open

Faith Formation information for the 2022-2023 year starting in October is available on our website at **www.guardian-angels.org**

Early Childhood for children ages 3, 4, and 5 meets on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. We will be adding **Children's Liturgy of the Word** to the Mass at 8:30 a.m. for children in grades 1-5. Grades 1-8 will continue to meet on Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. **Confirmation** for grades 9 and up will meet on Sundays 12:15-1:30 p.m. as well as **CONNECT for high school** youth. Family Ministry will continue to meet the second Sunday of each month from 9:40-10:50 a.m.

We need a variety of adult and high school youth

to help with our Faith Formation programs. You do not need to be an expert in the Catholic Faith to help. We will support you, resource you, and help you grow in faith while serving our community. Please contact the following staff people:

Deb McMahon for Early Childhood: dmcmahon@guardian-angels.org

Lukas Steffensmeier for Grades 1-4. First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and Family Ministry: Istenffensmeier@guardian-angels.org

Paul Deziel for Grades 5-8, Confirmation Prep, and High School: **pdeziel@guaridan-angels.org**





Silent Auction is back!

Please continue to bring in donations of new and like new items to room M7. Use donation forms on the cart 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 -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



to the office or mail it with your weekly offering envelope. With the goal for the Festival to make \$20,000 more this year than in the past, we will need your help to increase the auction's part of that total. Please consider signing up to younteer with us, either abead of the

volunteer with us, either ahead of the festival or during festival weekend. Join our team and be part of the magic! We are making good progress with more than 140 items already entered for the auction. With your continued support we will reach more than 700 items by September!

GA Women's Club

Please join us **Monday evening, August 8,** for our **monthly meeting** at **6:30 p.m.** in GA Perks or email us for the zoom link. It looks to be a full agenda with several items to discuss, so we hope you will join us. We are excited to see everyone again!

We'd like to invite Women's Club members to sign up for **Fall Festival volunteer openings**. We are looking for volunteers for our Raffle Tabling, Bottle Lotto, and Bake Sale and we encourage you to consider other areas too using the Festival Sign Up Genius site! It takes all of us to make the festival successful! Email **womensclub@guardian-angels.org** for more information. Please bring in any Bottle Lotto donations through September 10 to the collection area outside the Parish Office. Thank you!

Please note the change in dates for our August card making ministry sessions: August 15 & August 29 from 10:00 am - 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.

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

Stewardship Message: Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today's readings invite us to ask ourselves an important question to ponder. The question is this: "What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the "right" answer: we treasure our faith, our

The question is this: "What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the "right" answer: we treasure our faith, our family, and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." To discern what we really treasure, we need to do a check on our hearts. We can each ask ourselves, "Where do I spend the majority of my energy? Where do I find my thoughts dwelling? How do I choose to spend my time when I find myself with a few spare moments? What do my spending habits reveal about my what is important to me?

As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in grateful response to all that God has given us. Do I recognize and treasure these gifts? **The Catholic Steward**

Fall Festival Update: The next incentive drawing, **\$250**, will be on Monday, **August 15**, at noon 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. Please check out the Big Ticket thermometer hanging on the Giving Center each week that shows how we are doing. Through last weekend, we are now even with the average over the past three years. Sales have slowed and remember, we budgeted to sell \$100,000 and we are now at \$33,500.

Feature Event: Our traditional Saturday Pasta Dinner and Sunday Chicken Dinner are returning this year. Through the last several years, the Men's and Women's Clubs and dedicated volunteers have been preparing most of the food using recipes from John Schiltz at Lake Elmo Inn. This year, to save some money, the Men's Club kitchen crew are preparing all the food for the first time. You won't see much change and both dinners promise to be very delicious. We encourage everyone to purchase their tickets in advance either in person before or after weekend Masses or in the office during the week beginning on **August 26**. At the same time, you will be able to purchase tickets on the website and then pick them up in the office.

Thank You: We thank the **GA Crafters** for their very generous donation of **\$4,000** that covered the cost of new solar blinds for all the windows in M2 through M10 and M13. Every year they donate their net proceeds back to the parish by choosing items on the Angel List. We also thank Tom Specht from our maintenance staff for installing all the blinds.

Did You Know: The **Stewardship Commission** changed its name to the **Engagement Commission.** As they were planning for their annual October campaign for 2023, they discussed the importance of engaging new and old parishioners through time and talent opportunities. The word "stewardship" connotes financial donations to most parishioners. Even though there was a drop in pledges for 2022, the commission feels we need to spend more energy on the time and talent portion of our 2023 campaign than to concentrate on asking parishioners to increase their pledges. We have so many diverse ministries and activities for people to engage in, we just need to make them aware of the opportunities. Check out the upcoming August Angel News for more information.

Help Wanted: We have advertised on our website, our Facebook page, in the bulletin and on the Archdiocesan website that we have four open positions: three for Hope for the Journey Home and the other is a part-time custodial position. For the custodial position the applicant must be at least 18. Please check out the descriptions on one of these sources and help us find some candidates. Thank you!

Election: Once again, Guardian Angels will be a polling place for the **August 9 Primary Election.** The election officials will set up on Monday afternoon and the polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM on Tuesday. Unless you are coming to vote, please try to stay clear of the lower level and know that there will be extra traffic in the parking lot.



PS: In today's Gospel reading, Jesus concludes his teaching about those who are "faithful and prudent stewards" with that classic stewardship teaching: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." Christian stewards recognize that God is the ultimate source of their gifts, talents, resources and aptitudes, and that God wants them to use these varied gifts in his service. This week might be a good time to reflect on our God-given gifts. Are we using those gifts to serve the Lord? If Christ came back to us unexpectedly tomorrow, would we be able to give a full accounting of how we have exercised stewardship over these gifts?

Thought of the Week: Stewardship involves giving, but not with the motive of getting more from God. The true steward gives out of gratitude. Supporting motives are a loving concern for others and the desire to share in God's purpose and plan. Proportionate giving suggests we prayerfully pause and review our blessing and then determine what our level of generosity should be. Proportionate giving attempts to reason with every parishioner in an effort to set aside a portion, any portion, but a specific share to be returned to the Lord and placed in the service of the people.

FINANCIAL CORNER

July 31,	2022 (5 Weeks) Stewardship Giving	
Stewardship Giving	Regular Plate Collection	
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Budget \$ 133,650	Budget \$ 2,600	
Actual <u>\$ 152,050</u>	Actual \$ <u>2,375</u>	
Difference \$ 18,400	Difference(\$ 225)	

Loose Plate Collection - Sister Parish/Teustepe

> \$4,088.57 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.



A Listening Presence

Today's Pearl: A **BeFriender** is a powerful tool for healing. A BeFriender can help you to see your own "Light" again – the light of Christ guiding you, within you. A BeFriender can be a companion to walk with you through any temporary "darkness" in your life – or fog or confusion or struggle. A BeFriender sees YOU in all your beautiful strength, and can help you to see yourself again. BeFrienders do NOT Fix or rescue, but help you to see your own inherent, God-given power. Consider allowing a BeFriender to walk with you toward healing whatever temporary need you may be trying to work through. Please contact MaryPat Potts to inquire.

And if you see yourself in this description of a BeFriender, **please consider becoming trained as a BeFriender** to walk with others during a time of need. Contact MaryPat Potts to chat about what it takes and what it might mean for you to be a BeFriender. We are looking to train interested candidates this coming Fall. We would like to develop a pool of BeFrienders who would have their monthly meeting in the evening, so this is a good opportunity even for those who work during the day. **mpotts@guardian-angels.org** or **651-789-3178**

Loving God, I am so grateful that you have placed within me the strength, tools and guidance I need for any struggle that comes my way. Help me to know that I do not have to walk through my struggles alone – no matter how temporary they may be. May your Holy Spirit humble me to accept help and healing where it is offered, so that I do my part to shine your love in this world. And may I recognize your call, if you are calling me to be that compassionate companion for another. ~ Amen

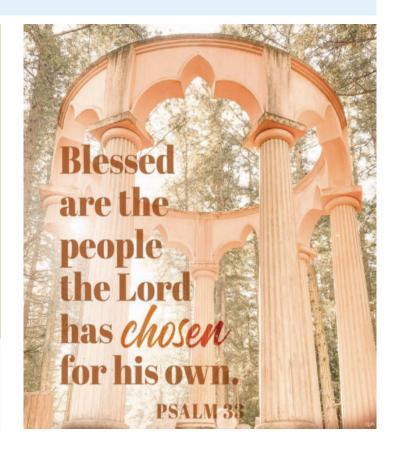
Healing Hearts ORT GROUP

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**.



PRAYER & REFLECTION

Readings for the week of August 7, 2022

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/ Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/ Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10,

13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-

13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt

19:13-15

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

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PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

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

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	August 9
8:30 a.m.	†Dick Smith
Wednesday	August 10
8:30 a.m.	†John Ruffing
12:00 p.m.	†Gruber & Nielson Family's
Thursday	August 11
8:30 a.m.	†Stanley Ciolkosz
Friday	August 12
8:30 a.m.	†Ed Pierre

Santa Shop

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The Santa Shop is collecting items for the children to purchase as Christmas gifts for their family & friends. It sounds early but it takes a lot of collecting, sorting & pricing to have a large inventory from which the children to choose. Suggestions: have you received prizes or gift you cannot use? We are always in need of gifts for men, i.e.



small tools, sports items, things for their desk, for women, knickknacks, lotions, anything for the kitchen, for children, toys of any kind. All items can be left in the Giving Center, located to the left as you enter the church. Please mark "Santa Shop" on your donations.

Thank you, Karen Bollmann, 651-735-2421



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! Like 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.



Fall Festival's Bottle Lotto **Game Goodies Needed**

The Women's Club will be having our crowdpleasing 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 **new** 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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