

*Guardian
Angels*

*"Step-Up Sunday"
Informational
Booklet*



Welcome Committee

Our mission is to make GA a more welcoming place by connecting with new parishioners, hosting engaging social events, and incorporating unique ways to improve GA's environment.

We are looking for new members! If you are passionate about creating a warm, welcoming environment at GA, this group is for you! We have organized social events, including Advent Coffee after Mass and Wine after Saturday Vigil. We also contact new parishioners to welcome them personally and invite them to Mass. Lastly, we are working to make Mass more welcoming, especially for young families, by creating materials, including "busy bags."

Meeting Frequency: Quarterly or more often, if needed

Contact: Laura Dawson lmwdawson@gmail.com



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Our mission is to distribute Holy Eucharist at all the parish Masses and to those in nursing homes or home bound.

We are currently in need of Extraordinary Ministers (EM's) for our Sat./Sunday Masses. The next commissioning of EM's is June 11th. We are looking for people with a reverence for the Eucharist. There is also a consistent need to bring the Eucharist to our area nursing homes or our homebound parishioners.

Commitment: At least one Mass per month

Contact: Luann Rowekamp lrowekamp@fuse.net
Steve VonHoene stevevh@outlook.com



Liturgical Ministries

Help us increase the full, active participation of your fellow parishioners.

For Catholics, the Mass is the highest form of prayer and liturgy that we have. We are in need of committed parishioners who would be interested in the roles of:

Gathering Space Greeters
Lectors (Proclaim the Mass Readings)
Gift-Bearers (Offertory Procession)
Ushers

Meeting Frequency: Depends upon ministry, contact for info

Contact: Kay Froehlich kfroehlich@gaparish.org



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Join us in bringing the Word of God to our youngest parishioners.

Children's Liturgy of the Word gathers children ages 3-7 to hear the Sunday readings of Mass in an interactive format. Children are dismissed from Mass with adult and teen volunteers who will lead them in song, readings, and age-appropriate reflection. Children will then return to church during the preparation of the gifts. This will be restarting as a monthly offering at the 10:00 am Mass, and 2 adults and 4 teens are needed each month.

Commitment: Monthly, 10:00 am Mass

Contact: Alison Richert arichert513@outlook.com



Parish Health Ministry

We provide blood pressures and health guidance for our Parishioners. We seek to foster physical, emotional, spiritual and social harmony leading to a healthy and healing relationships with God, Family and our Faith Community.

In addition to screenings, our ministry provides free literature on a variety of health topics. We also offer a yearly distinguished speaker program in the Fall to provide information on various subjects for our Parishioners. We are excited to continue this Ministry but are in need of any healthcare workers that can help regularly or even occasionally as their schedule permits. It is a wonderfully fulfilling ministry, we have been able to help many of our Parishioners reach their health care goals. We have expanded our Ministry to include EMS, Nurses, NP's, PA's, Physicians, Pharmacist and Medical Assistants.

Commitment: 3rd weekend after Masses, one annual dinner meeting

Contact: Katie McClure cap_kmm@hotmail.com



Companions of St. Gerard (Infertility Support)

Walking with couples experiencing primary or secondary infertility.

The Companions offer community and support to those who:

- Are experiencing infertility issues of any kind
- Are interested in or are discerning adoption or foster care
- Have questions about the Church's teachings on fertility issues.
- Seek accompaniment in finding the spiritual fruit that God has in store for their marriage
- Want to support loved ones who carry the cross of infertility.

Support Meetings offered Monthly following 3:30 pm Saturday Mass.
Consider taking a week with our St. Gerard statue to pray for couples.

Contact: Meghan and Bradley Barnes stgerardcompanions@gmail.com



Bereavement Committee

Our mission is to help with the planning of funeral Masses with the families of our deceased parishioners.

When the parish is advised of a pending funeral, members of Bereavement Committee meet with the family to plan the Mass and then be there at the Mass. If you have this availability and enjoy meeting people this is a very faith- filled and satisfying ministry.

Commitment: Case-by-case basis, members should be somewhat available on short notice.

Contact: Luann Rowekamp lrowekamp@fuse.net



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. This is a confidential listening ministry.

A Stephen Minister listens and comforts those who are dealing with grief or lends a listening ear to those going through a tough time. We offer love through a caring presence, listening, encouraging, and praying with their care receivers. A Stephen Minister meet on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the need for care exists.

Commitment: Ministers arrange weekly meetings with clients

Contact: Confidential Voicemail Line [\(513\) 624-2254](tel:5136242254)



Angels on Call

We are a caring group of parishioners and school families who reach out to help their fellow parish families in times of need.

Angels on Call is not currently active, and we would love to change that! We are looking for a handful of people or families that would be willing to help fellow parishioners in times of need through this special Ministry. This ministry offers assistance to families in many different ways: meals, car rides, laundry, yard work, and many ways in between.

AoC's help is as vast as the needs of our parish families.

Commitment: Case-by-case basis

Contact: Kathleen Linz kmlinz@gmail.com



Peanut Butter Ministry

Our mission is to *provide food for those in need in cooperation with St. Francis Ministries (St. Francis Seraph) and the Cookie Ministry at GA School.*

The Peanut Butter Ministry has been in existence for over 45 years. Two hundred sandwiches are provided weekly. Members are always welcome and appreciated.

Commitment: Bi-weekly meetings
Monday for set up

Tuesdays after 7:30am Mass to make sandwiches, pack and deliver.

Contact: Kathy Hosking bill.hosking@fuse.net



Mission/Twinning

Our group embraces the mandate “to preach the gospel to all nations” on multiple levels

We prayerfully and financially support St. Mary’s of the Angels in New Orleans. We support local mission groups on national outreach projects. On an international level, we hold fundraisers to support the work of our missionaries in other parts of the world. Bulletin notices and an annual speaker serve as regular reminders of this outreach. There are also a variety of additional events and fundraisers such as Halloween Candy Collection, St. Nicholas Visit, Mardi Gras Dinner, and more.

Commitment: 1st Monday meetings to organize activities
3rd Wednesdays cook and serve dinner to homeless women
Other events and meetings as needed - contact for full details!

Contact: Bernie O'Connell [513-231-4224](tel:513-231-4224)



Cub Scouts

The mission of Cub Scouts is to prepare the boys and girls of our parish to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Cub Scouts (grades 1-5) is a family program fostering values and principles for the boys and girls of the parish. Scout activities include camping, fishing, pinewood derby, skits, games, overnights, hiking, BB guns, archery, and more.

We are specifically looking for new scout leaders to help with Den Meetings, Pack Planning and treasurer responsibilities.

Commitment: Younger Scouts meet Monthly
Older Scouts meet twice a month.

Contact: Joe Lauer joelauer33@gmail.com



Girl Scouts

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Girls Scouts are looking for girls who want to have fun, make friends, have adventures, lead the way, and give back to their community.

Troops currently start in 2nd grade. Girl Scouts Troops at GA are always looking for adult volunteers to co-lead a troop, facilitate the cookie program, or just present to girls about a special talent, hobby, or career path you have experience with.

Commitment: Each troop has its own meeting schedule, but most meet a few times a month during the school year for meetings and activities.

Contact: Amy Armstrong Smith Amyrawsonsmith@aol.com



Scouts BSA

Scouts BSA is a traditional Scouting experience where youth have adventures in the great outdoors, volunteer in our community, boost their leadership skills through fun and exciting challenges, and create memories!

Joining Scouts BSA (Boy Scouts) is an excellent way for young people to get excited about the great outdoors. With Troop 445, boys ages 11 through 17 develop leadership skills, a passion for service, and experience personal growth while participating in fun challenges and adventures with other Scouts. Although Scouts BSA is youth-led, adult leadership roles are available, such as Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselors and other Committee roles.

Commitment: Scouts BSA meets Monday nights 7pm-8:15pm, as well as monthly campouts and other activities. The meetings are held at the Scout House at GA and activities run all year.

Contact: Amy Armstrong Smith Amyrawsonsmith@aol.com



Young Men's Faith & Fellowship

We are a group focused on building a sense of community and growing virtue and faith.

We focus on the most relevant topics to men in their 20s, 30s, and 40s and discuss them through the lens of our faith. Our sessions consist of a 20-minute video followed by 40 minutes of open discussion. We are looking for new members: men in their 20's through 40's.

No preparation or Catholic background is required, and there is no need to attend every session.

Meeting Frequency: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, weekly during Advent/Lent

Contact: Brien Dulle mensfaith@gaparish.org



Young Women's Faith & Fellowship

Coming together as women in our 20s-40s to spend time in prayer and discuss different elements of our Catholic faith.

We are always looking for new members to join us! Each evening of prayer and reflection stands alone, so you can come whenever it works for your schedule. There is no reading or preparation required... come as you are for fellowship and wonderful discussion with other women!

Meeting Frequency: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 8-9pm

Contact: Catherine Lopez, womensfaith@gaparish.org



Fathers Team

Our group's goals are to help build men renewed with faith, hope, and love through confidential sharing of practical experience, mutual accountability, and guidance in our faith.

Do you have a desire to become a better husband and father and at the same time improve your relationship with God? Would you like to meet other men and explore real life questions about being a Catholic father? Fathers Team offers practical advice, fellowship, and encouragement to men to build their capacity to be devoted spiritual leaders for their families and to grow closer in their relationship to God. There are no attendance requirements; just come when you can!

Commitment: Fridays from 6:05-7:00 am, attend as you are able

Contact: Nick Carpinello ncarpinello@gmail.com
Reid Rooney reid.rooney@gmail.com



Youth Ministry

Our mission is to serve the youth of St. Gregory the Great, ensuring that they grow in love and relationship with Christ and His Church.

Youth Ministry partners with young people and their families to foster discipleship, create community, and support a child's full formation. We offer Youth Group meetings as well as other events for students and parents throughout the year. We are open to any participation from students in grades 5-12, regardless of school or religious affiliation. We currently need volunteers for Middle School and High School Youth Group meetings, as well as volunteers interested in starting new small groups, Bible studies, events, and even the formation of a Youth Council.

Meeting Frequency: Weekly, monthly, and as needed. Contact for info!

Contact: Bradley Barnes youth@gaparish.org



Camp Gaudeo

A Catholic day camp experience at the churches of St. Gregory the Great.

We supervise the students enjoying fun daily activities including Giant Slip-N-Slide, Nine Square, Skills-Building, and more. We will also take three off-site trips to Scene75, Urban Air, and Coney Island. Our Faith is celebrated throughout the week with Daily Mass, opportunities for Confession, and other formation and prayer.

This camp is provided for students currently in grades 4-7, and is run by parish staff, volunteers, and student counselors who are currently in grades 8-12. Adult volunteers are needed from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm any day that they are able.

Dates: June 26-30, July 10-14

Contact: Bradley Barnes youth@gaparish.org



Parent-Teacher Association

PTA works to support the students, teachers, and staff of Guardian Angels school.

PTA always welcomes new members. We are organized as a board with co-Presidents, Directors, Event Leaders, and Event Volunteers. Some examples of events PTA is responsible for: Parents' Night Out, Mother/Son Event, Fish Fry, Fundraising, Penny Fair, Penny Wars, CanAbilities, Kinder Cocktails, Used Uniform Giveaway, Kindergarten Welcome Mass, and Teacher Hospitality.

Meeting Frequency: Co-Presidents & Directors meet monthly
Event Leaders & team members meet as necessary

Contact: Molly McCall and Jenn Stoehr PTA@gaschool.org



Angels Follies

Angels Follies is one of Guardian Angels' oldest parish service organizations, benefitting our school and parish through an annual stage production.

It began in 1963 as a musical variety show designed as a fundraiser for the GA School PTA. Over the years it has evolved to include more singing, precision dancing, and themed costumes.

Interested persons are always welcome to ask about opportunities to participate, and do not have to be Guardian Angels parishioners. Rehearsals are scheduled in advance of the yearly production.

Meeting Frequency: Rehearsals as needed, announced with each show

Contact: Greg Lammeier [\(513\) 474 5628](tel:5134745628)



GA5K HALO HUSTLE



Halo Hustle

A parish fellowship event to bring the community together in a way that encourages togetherness, health, and celebration of all our members. The proceeds support enhancements to GA's blue ribbon campus, our teachers, and contribute to parish and school projects.

Help us bring our community together for a fun, healthy event! We need new members and future leaders! this event has nearly tripled it's participants in 5 years and we need more help than ever at all levels!

Meeting Frequency: Monthly from April to September

Contact: Nicole Schneider nschneider1226@gmail.com

Christine Ackerman cackerman668@gmail.com

A photograph of a wooden frame with metal type blocks spelling "PRO LIFE" on a shelf. The blocks are silver and set against a dark background. The frame is made of light-colored wood with visible grain and metal fasteners.

PRO LIFE

Angels for Life

Angels for Life seek to promote the Church's teaching on the Gospel of Life.

We hold six meetings yearly, sponsor monthly Holy Hours on First Fridays, and participate in other events promoting the sanctity of life. We are always looking for new members (young or old). We welcome anyone who is passionate about protecting life at all stages, and we welcome new ideas to accomplish our overall mission.

Commitment: Six yearly meetings
Other meetings and events as needed.

Contact: Marcia Krutka mckrutka@aol.com

Other Ministries Seeking Involvement:

Legion of Mary

Contact: Margie Breen margie.breen@zoomtown.com

Angels for Life

Contact: Marcia Krutka mckrutka@aol.com

St. Vincent de Paul

Contact: Judy Fagel jkfagel@aol.com

Athletic Boosters

Contact: Tom Gruber grubes80@yahoo.com

Intercessory Prayer Group

Contact: Teresa Praechter teresa.praechter@gmail.com

Contact the Parish Office for information about:

Arimatheans

Baptism Greeters

Choir

Cookie Ministry

Knitting Ministry

Women's Faith Sharing