

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary



November 12, 2017

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Matt 25:1-13

You Are Welcome Here!

We're glad you're here.
Wherever you are
on your journey of faith,
you have a home
with us.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass 4:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 pm
Sunday Mass 10:00 am
with Children's Liturgy of the Word

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Monday: no Mass
Tuesday: 5:30 pm Adoration
6:30 pm Mass
Wednesday: 8:00 am
Thursday: 8:00 am
Friday: no Mass

Experiencing the Heart of Christ, we

Know Jesus

in Word and Worship.

Live Jesus

in a vibrant, welcoming
Catholic community.

Serve Jesus

in outreach and justice.

Reflections from Father Tom

Being Prepared

“Rome was not built in a day”. Everything we do needs good planning. The work that is well begun is half done. This is true even in our spiritual life. When we begin our life well, it goes well. If we did not start our life well, you know how that goes. Through the story in today’s gospel, Jesus explains the same concept. We, like the wise virgins, should be prepared and ready.

To be prepared needs very good planning. We need to be good planners when we want to have a celebration or any other event in our life. We like to have good financial planning for our retirement. But when it comes to our spiritual life we sometimes like to procrastinate our preparations. Procrastination is a ‘high way’ to our own destruction.

It may look uncharitable that the wise ones in the story did not share their oil with the foolish ones. A deliberate failure of one does not constitute an emergency for others. There may not be enough ‘oil’ once we start our journey to keep our ‘spiritual lamp’ burning. So let us be prepared with diligence and meet the Lord for redemption. It needs vigilant prayer and God’s strength.

The story of ten virgins calls us to be wise. The five wise virgins took their lamps with oil. But the foolish ones took their lamps but no oil. This could be the story of our life. Everyone in the world wishes to be with God in heaven. So we take the lamps of our wishes but do not take the oil of ‘faith, hope and love’ to keep our wish fulfilled. Our wisdom is not only to have the wish to be in heaven, but take our ‘oil’ of virtues to keep our lamps burning, so that we could enter when God calls us. St. Paul in the second reading reminds us how we should be people of hope while focusing on the life after death. “We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.” (I Thes 4:13)

Prayer: *Lord, fill us with the wisdom to have our faith in you with the hope filled with acts of love! Amen.*



Veterans Day, a day to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars.

Liturgy



“The Souls of the Just
are in the hands of God”

Wisdom 3:1-6-9

We continue our commemoration and remembrance of all who have died from our parish in the last year. We hold in prayer our faithful departed and those who mourn their loss.

Pictures of loved ones who have died are displayed for the month of November with our book of Remembrance and All Saint's Icons.

Stewardship

Stewardship is a way of living ... it is a lifestyle, a life of total accountability and responsibility. It is the acknowledging of God as the Creator and the Owner of all. Christian stewards see themselves as the caretakers of all God's gifts. Gratitude for these many gifts is expressed in our prayer, worship, offerings and action. Stewardship is a way of thanking God for all our blessings by returning to God a portion of the many gifts (our time, talent and treasure) that we have been given.

From the 2011 Parish Stewardship Planner, Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Catholic Campaign for Human Development provides funding for groups that make lasting changes and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give to the CCHD collection as you are able. Envelopes were included in your packets sent to your home and are available in the back of church.

Electronic Fund Transfer is an easy, effective and safe way to contribute to the parish. You establish the monthly amount. To sign up for electronic funds transfer pick up a form in the back of church, print one online or call the parish office 763-588-9466.

November 11 ~ November 19

Saturday, Nov 11

4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass.....★People of St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, Nov 12

10:00 am Mass.....† Velma Catherine Hageman

Monday, Nov 13

Tuesday, Nov 14

5:30 pm Adoration
6:30 pm Mass† Jeff Menden
7:00 pm CMM

Wednesday, Nov 15

8:00 am Mass† M. Duane Smith
6:00 pm Children's Choir
6:30 pm Faith Formation
7:00 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, Nov 16

8:00 am Mass.....† Margaret & Russell Stimart
5:00 pm Cookie Assembly in Visitation Hall

Friday, Nov 17

4:30 pm Set up Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, Nov 18

4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass.....★People of St Margaret Mary
9am - 6pm Holiday Bazaar

Sunday, Nov 19

10:00 am Mass.....† Velma Catherine Hageman
9am - 1pm Holiday Bazaar

† = deceased ★ = living

Adult Faith Formation

Save the Date for the Advent Retreat Saturday, December 2nd 1pm to 4pm

Deacon John Wallin, former parishioner and currently a deacon at St Joseph the Worker in Maple Grove, will be leading an Advent Retreat here in Visitation Hall on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 1pm to 4pm. More details to follow.

Social Ministry

Q:What do you think of when you read these words?

Pumpkin, cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy?

A: Thanksgiving foods needed on the shelves at PRISM food shelf!



Let's stuff the Prism box in the back of church with holiday foods, so all in our area can have a happy Thanksgiving.

Loaves & Fishes: SMM will be cooking and serving at St. Stephen on Thursday, November 16. Please consider joining us. Together we can be the Body of Christ for those in need. Meet at St Stephens at 5 pm to set up, serve at 6pm and clean up around 7 pm.

CCW News

Holiday Bazaar is coming soon! Saturday, November 18 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Sunday, November 19 9:00 am - 1:00 pm School Cafeteria

We received some wonderful raffle items, we have new vendors selling interesting items and, of course, the Bakery Booth will be worthy of a visit! It's not too late to offer your TIME TO HELP or DONATE to the raffle or BAKE treats for the bakery booth! Call Reet 763-521-8285 or Lisa Moe 763-522-6320.

This is our biggest fundraiser for the year. Did you know that the Catholic Council of Women from this parish contributed \$1400.00 back to the parish for altar care, organ repair, new collection baskets and our music ministry? We also made a \$400.00 donation to the parish's Family Assistance Fund, designed to help our own parishioners in crisis situations!

Most important.....come one and all.... Your support is needed

Buy something special, eat a treat and visit with friends, buy a couple of raffle tickets! AND...don't forget: Bring your ADDRESS LABELS to place on raffle tickets! (Right now - fold the bulletin open to this place to remember!) See you then!

Faith Formation

Wed, November 15 & 29 6:30 pm Class as usual

Readings for the Week

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19;
Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135,
175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of
the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Spiritual Life

Anointing of the Sick

If you, or someone you know of, is ill, elderly or facing surgery, please call the Parish Center.

Baptism

Please call the Parish Center **early** in your pregnancy or adoption process to register for a Baptism Preparation Session.

Marriage

Please call the parish office one year in advance.

RCIA, First Eucharist, Confirmation

Please call the Parish Center.

Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools Affiliated with St. Margaret Mary

Good Shepherd (K-6) 763-545-4285 145 Jersey Ave S. Golden Valley www.gsgvschool.org	Sacred Heart (PreK-8) 763-537-1329 4050 Hubbard Ave N. Robbinsdale www.sacredheartrobbinsdale.org
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Outside the Parish

The Basilica has an Icon exhibit this month; WINDOWS TO HEAVEN, a Visual Hymn of Praise.

It features an exhibition of icons by Nicholas Markell. He is the artist, iconographer, who gave SMM the icon of the Incarnation which SMM has displayed during the Christmas season.

Mr. Fred Blonigen, a recently-retired religion teacher at St. Agnes High School, will be a speaker for the Men's Breakfast at St. Helena Church (3204 East 43rd St, Minneapolis) on Sat, Nov 18, at 8:30am in Rowan Hall. Mr. Blonigen will speak on "Transmitting the Catholic Faith to the Next Generation: Forming Disciples for Christ." The cost is \$5 for the breakfast. Men are invited to attend the 8am Mass before the breakfast. Reservations must be made by 12:00 Noon on Fri, Nov 17, by calling 612-729-7321.

COME TOGETHER to pray for peace and to remember those who've experienced violence. Sing, hear reflections and share your experience with one or two attendees.

Sunday, November 19 (from 4– 6:00 pm)
Sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet host
St. Catherine University
Campus Chapel
2004 Randolph Avenue, Saint Paul
(651) 690-7000 ~ www.csjcarondelet.org

Please be patient as we rebuild our website.

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Parish Center Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8 - 3:30 pm, Friday 8 - noon

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Pastoral Team

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For Pastoral Needs, Anointing of Sick call
Father Tom at 763-515-2005

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