

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary



November 26, 2017

Christ the King



“What you did not do for one of these
least ones, you did not do for me”

Matthew 25:31-46

**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

Weekday Mass Schedule

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

Grateful Thanks

As our memory is still fresh after celebrating Thanksgiving Day, I would like to reiterate the meaning of thanksgiving in the light of our liturgical celebration. Speaking about 'Thanksgiving Day' I would like to quote from one of the Eucharistic prayers (preface) we pray during the Mass. "(God) You have no need of our praise, yet our desire to thank you is itself your gift. Our prayer of thanksgiving adds nothing to your greatness but makes us grow in your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord." (P 40) The almighty God does not need our thanks but thanking God makes us better people.

Thanking is the basic courtesy of every human being. We teach our children every day to say 'thanks', when someone gives something to them. But we many times forget to thank God who created us and our family members for their great gifts of love and sacrifice. Every Mass we celebrate is a thanksgiving celebration to God. This means that every Sunday we should be in the church to thank God for His blessing during the past week and pray for His special grace for the coming week. Sunday or Holyday Masses are not holy days of obligation but holy days of opportunity to thank God.

Thanking has a two way blessing. It makes the one who thanks a better person and enriches the joy of the one who gives. By thanking one another we are encouraged to multiply the good deeds among ourselves. Gratefulness makes us great people. I am impressed by many of our dedicated volunteers who are so proud to help our parish. After our parish festival, couple of our parishioners sent me a note thanking me for giving them opportunity to help our parish. What a wonderful way of viewing one's contribution to our community. Helping others or our community is a joy or pain: depends of how we perceive it. Yes, my dear friends, we are blessed with plenty of opportunities around us to share. It is by giving we receive. It is by losing we gain. It is by thanking we grow.

I take this opportunity to thank every one of you again for your love and dedication for our community of St. Margaret Mary and for your special love and appreciation for me. It is always my joy to serve you and our children.

Planning Committee

Would you like to help plan Father Tom's 25th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration? We are looking for about 5 people to plan the liturgy, the food, the logistics, etc. Call the parish office to offer to help. Father Tom was Ordained on April 15, 1993; so circle Sunday, April 15, 2018 to celebrate with him.



Mass of Healing



A Mass of Healing with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be held on Wed, Nov 29 at 11:00 am followed by a soup luncheon in Visitation Hall.

Come seek healing of all that ails your mind, body and spirit. Reach out to those you know who may find comfort in the Sacrament and invite them to attend with you.

If you can help with hospitality or provide a crock pot of soup, please call the parish office.

**Please note there will not be Mass at 8:00 am on Wednesday; please join us at 11:00 am.

Parish Communal Reconciliation Service

Join in communal prayer to ask God's forgiveness for all that separates us from the love of God and one another. Advent is a season to anticipate joyfully the coming of Christ incarnate into our hearts. With great gratitude we seek the gift of forgiveness!



A Communal Reconciliation Service will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

Living the Paschal Mystery

One of the best ways we can begin to see the Christ in the other is by not judging the negative aspects of their persons first, but instead looking for the good in the other. This can be carried out in such a simple Christian practice as seeking always to compliment rather than to criticize another. Care that we don't spread gossip is another way. Thus do we build up the Body of Christ and bring honor to Christ our King who dwells in ourselves and the other. Thus do we see the face of Christ our King in everyone we meet. Perhaps the first and most important task of being good subjects of Christ the King is to live as he did—not simply seeing with the eyes, but seeing with hearts responding to the dignity of others, to their need for healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, compassion, mercy, love.

Living Liturgy

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are offered at Mass in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as birthday or anniversary), or, most commonly, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

Please call the parish office to schedule your Mass Intentions.

November 25 ~ December 3

Saturday, Nov 25
4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass.....★People of St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, Nov 26 Christ the King
10:00 am Mass.....† Rod Rauert

Monday, Nov 27

Tuesday, Nov 28
5:30 pm Adoration
6:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, Nov 29
11:00 am Healing Mass, Anointing of the Sick
6:00 pm Children's Choir
6:30 pm Faith Formation
7:00 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, Nov 30
8:00 am Mass

Friday, Dec 1
10:15 am Dinner at Your Door

Saturday, Dec 2
1:00 pm Advent Retreat
4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass.....★People of St Margaret Mary

Sunday, Dec 3
10:00 am Mass.....† SMM Homebound

† deceased ★ living

Grateful Caretaking: Our gift of **time**, Our gift of **talent**, Our gift of **treasure**

If you have not had an opportunity to return your Stewardship Renewal for 2018, please do so via the collection basket or by mailing it to the parish.

Faith Formation

Wed, November 29 Classes at 6:30 pm
Wed, December 6 Classes at 6:30 pm

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Adult Faith Formation

Advent Retreat **Saturday, December 2** **1:00 pm to 4:00 pm** **Visitation Hall**

Join us for our Advent Retreat, "*Gratitude in the Season of Advent.*" Deacon John Wallin, our retreat leader, will invite us to make gratitude a discipline of the heart even during life's chaotic times. There will be some quiet time for reflection and prayer and an opportunity for confession.

Sign up in the back of church, call the Parish Center at 763-588-9466 or send an email to retreat@smm-gv.org by Mon, November 27, 2017 to register.

Social Ministry



The Giving Tree will be displayed in our worship space beginning Sat, Nov 25.

Please take a paper ornament (or a few ornaments) and bring back to church the unwrapped suggested gift to place under the tree.

Purchased gift cards should be placed in the collection basket.

Gifts for teenagers are always needed.

All gifts need to be at church by Thursday, December 14.
Thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship

IRA Disbursements: Please note that if you make a direct transfer from your IRA to St. Margaret Mary Parish, you may count that money toward your minimum distribution requirement and because it is not actually distributed to you, it won't increase your adjusted gross income. This option is particularly beneficial if you don't itemize deductions on your tax return.

Gifts of Stock to St. Margaret Mary can provide you with DOU"BLE TAX BENEFITS. First, you may be able to claim a charitable contribution donation in the amount of the current market value of the stock (original cost plus any increase in value). Second, you avoid paying taxes on the appreciated value of the donated stock.

In order to have these contributions for your 2017 tax return, please start the process now.
Please consult your tax advisor for complete details.

Upcoming Parish Events

November 29 Anointing of the Sick, 11:00 am
December 2 Advent Retreat 1 - 4 pm
December 7 Immac. Conception Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
December 8 Immaculate Conception Mass at 8 am
December 13 Communal Reconciliation 6:30 pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass

December 23 - Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

December 24 - Sunday 10:00 am Mass

Christmas Eve Mass

December 24 - 4:30 pm Mass

Christmas Day Mass

December 25 - 10:00 am Mass

Mary, Mother of God

January 1 - 10:00 am Mass

Neighboring Parish Events

St Raphael's Rosary Society in Crystal will hold their annual Christmas Village on Dec 2 from 8:30 to 2 pm. Shop for unique gifts and crafts, visit Santa from 11 - 1 pm. Games for children and Gingerbread House for little ones to buy as gifts for family members.

St Bridget of Minneapolis will hold its Holiday Boutique, Christmas luncheon and bake sale on Dec 2 from 9-6pm and Dec 3 from 9 - noon.

Christmas Bazaar at St. Lawrence Catholic Church and Newman Center on Sat, Dec 2 from 9 am to 2 pm, Sunday, Dec 3 from 9 am to 1 pm. Many handcrafted items, Homemade soups and sandwiches, pictures with Santa, country store. 1203 Fifth Street SE, Minneapolis

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

Spiritual Life

Anointing of the Sick

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

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 six months in advance.

RCIA, First Eucharist, Confirmation

Please call the Parish Center.

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Parish Center Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 8 - 3:30 pm, Friday 8 - noon
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Web: www.smm-gv.org
Email: office@smm-gv.org

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Wednesday and Thursday, Mass at 8:00 am

Pastoral Team

Pastor	Father Thomas Rayar frtom@smm-gv.org
Faith Formation for Children & Adults	faith@smm-gv.org
Liturgy, Music & Liturgical Environment	Christina Maas cmaas@smm-gv.org
Parish Business Administrator	Diane Mareck dmareck@smm-gv.org

Pastoral Emergencies and Anointing of the Sick
call Father Tom at 763-515-2005

Parish Leadership

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