

The Church of
St. Margaret Mary



December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent



“Be watchful!
Be alert!”

Mark 13:13-37

**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

Advent Season

With Advent we begin the new liturgical year. Advent is the celebration of waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus. This waiting should not be considered a waste of time. Rather we should be grateful for this time of waiting so that we can actively prepare for the coming of Jesus. This is a waiting filled with love for Jesus. As St. Paul says in his first letter to Corinthians, "that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end; irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." We will be lacking nothing, as it is the love for Jesus that makes us to wait for him. That love for Him should be realized in our love for one another.

Waiting for someone can be tiresome and tedious. But when we wait with love and for love, it makes the waiting joyful. We should be gratefully awaiting Christ. It is like a lover waiting for his/her beloved to come home from a long journey. Thus, with great love we are waiting for Jesus, our dearly beloved, to come into our hearts.

This waiting for Jesus should be filled with faith, hope and love. Jesus' presence in our home makes us joyful. This joy is also realized in our waiting for him. This waiting should not be idle but should be active with spirited preparation. As we would prepare our house to receive a distinguished guest, we should prepare our hearts with vigilant prayer, as Jesus calls us to do in the Gospel today.

Thank You: I sincerely thank all those of you who helped with preparation of soup luncheon and served it for our parishioners who participated our biannual Healing Mass with Sacrament of Anointing. I appreciate and thank Deacon John Wallin for leading our Advent Retreat. I thank all those people who attended this spiritually enlightened session.

Come Lord Jesus! Lord Jesus, come! And make our hearts your home! Amen.

Pastoral Care

Homebound Eucharistic Ministers

We are looking for additional people to take Communion to homebound parishioners once a month on a rotating bases. If you can help with this rewarding ministry, please call the parish office. Training is required.

Faith Formation

Wed, December 6 Classes at 6:30 pm

Parish Communal Reconciliation Service



Reconciliation 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! All are welcome.

**Wednesday, December 13
6:30 pm**

Other Communal Reconciliation opportunities near by:
Dec 14, 7 pm at St Joe's in New Hope
Dec 16, 10 am at St Bridget's in Minneapolis

Liturgy



The Immaculate Conception

Thur, Dec 7 at 6:30 pm (Vigil Mass)

Fri, Dec 8 at 8:00 am

"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Memorials



We invite you to remember a loved one, living or deceased, with a donation to the Christmas church environment.

Please enclose your contribution in a "memorial gift" envelope, print the name of your loved one being remembered on the envelope and return the envelope in the collection at mass. Memorial names will be in the January bulletin.

CCW

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

Even with the Fall Festival only 2 months earlier, everyone rallied to make this traditional parish event a huge success! Thank you to everyone who helped in both big and small ways: pre-sale ticket sellers, the bakers & cookie organizers, the Friday set-up/decorating and Sunday clean-up, security, staffing various shifts, check-out, donating raffle items, suggestions for new vendors, and of course, not only attending the Bazaar but bringing family and friends to join us! Many thanks to all area chairpersons: Michelle Graziano, Lisa Moe, Barb Olinger and Diane Stoddard for their fine work and support! See you next year! Reet, Burke, Chairperson

December 2 ~ December 10

Saturday, Dec 2

1:00 pm Advent Retreat
 4:00 pm Confessions
 4:30 pm Mass..... *People of St Margaret Mary

Sunday, Dec 3 1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Mass.....† SMM Homebound

Monday, Dec 4

Tuesday, Dec 5

5:30 pm Adoration
 6:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, Dec 6

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

Thursday, Dec 7

8:00 am Mass
 6:30 pm Vigil Mass - The Immaculate Conception

Friday, Dec 8 The Immaculate Conception

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, Dec 9

4:00 pm Confessions
 4:30 pm Mass..... *People of St. Margaret Mary
 Hospitality / New Member Registration

Sunday, Dec 10 2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Mass..... *Theresa Dusatko
 Hospitality / New Member Registration

† deceased * living

Invitation from Archbishop Hebda

Archbishop Bernard Hebda invites all Catholics to join our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters from around the world on Saturday, Dec 9 at 5 pm at the Basilica of St Mary, Minneapolis.

This Mass is part of the two-year "Share the Journey" campaign, launched by Pope Francis on September 27, 2017, to support those who have left, or have been displaced from, their home countries. This Archdiocese is home to more than 800,000 Catholics celebrating Mass regularly in 11 different languages. All are invited to share the richness of their culture by wearing the clothes of their native culture or ethnicity.

Readings for the Week

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Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Stewardship for November

Envelopes, EFT, Plate	\$19,803
Maintenance & Utilities	\$286
Parish Endowment	\$30

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 **DOUBLE 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.

Our Parish Website is now back online. The website www.smm-gv.org includes many resources including the Liturgical Schedule and current and past bulletins. We will continue to add and tweak it in the months ahead. Many thanks to Dennis Becker and Tim Hoke for their talent in rebuilding our website.

Social Ministry



The Giving Tree displayed in the back of church has paper ornaments with gift ideas for children whose families access PRISM.

Please take a paper ornament (or a few ornaments) from the Giving Tree and purchase the suggested gift. Please bring unwrapped gifts back to church before Thurs, Dec 14 and place them under the tree. (Purchased gift cards should be placed in the collection basket.) Gifts for teenagers are always needed. Thank you for your generosity.

Volunteer to help with the distribution of these gifts at Valley Community Presbyterian Church Dec 14 - 16 by contacting Kevin at klythe@prism.org

St. Margaret Mary Parishioner Updates

<i>New Parishioners</i>	Derek Chamberlain
<i>Rest in Peace</i>	Merle Kratoska 11-20-17

Upcoming Parish Events

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 Schedule)
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

Please note that the **December “Come Together”** has been cancelled at its scheduled hosting congregation. We will post the new site on Facebook as soon as it is arranged.

20th Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held on Friday, Dec 15 at 7 pm at St Bartholomew Catholic Church. The homilist will be Fr Michael Joncas. Visit the website for more information. www.st-barts.org

“Christmas with Phillips, Craig & Dean” concert will be on Friday, Dec 15 at Calvary in Golden Valley.

Retreat for Families led by Patrick Conley will be on Sat, Dec 16 from 8:30—2pm at Immaculate Conception Parish, 4030 Jackson St NE, Columbia Heights.

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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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
763-588-9466 Fax: 763-588-0040
Web: www.smm-gv.org
Email: office@smm-gv.org

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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

COUNCIL FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

Marian Beumer, *First Chair*..... 612-529-4945
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Susan Hoke, *Secretary*..... 763-546-6744
Richard Karels..... 763-588-3271
Richard Kramer..... 763-521-0851
Anne Marsnik..... 763-535-4125

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Nancy Huntley, *Trustee* 763-522-9437
Mike McMonagle, *Liturgy*..... 952-545-6705
Jean Plucinski, *Adult Faith Formation*..... 763-593-0664
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Jennie Schlumpberger..... 763-546-5088