

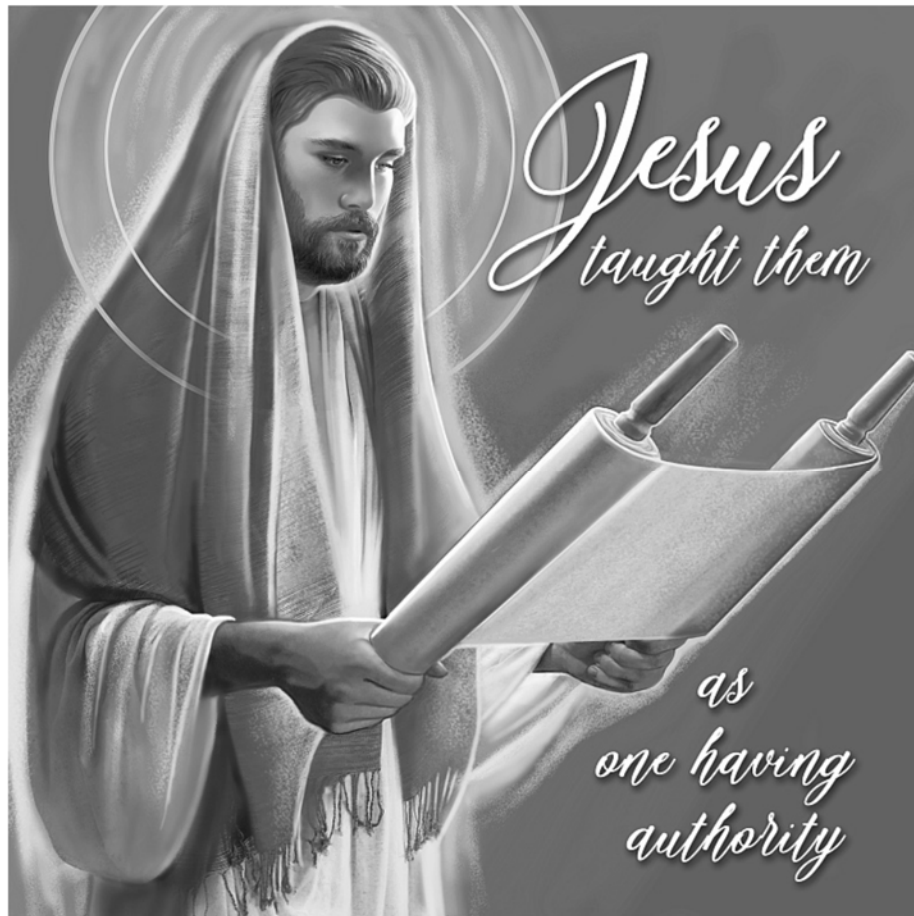
The Church of

St. Margaret Mary



January 28, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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
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6:30 pm Mass
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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

Catholic Schools and Christian Education

Though we do not have a Catholic School in our parish, I would like to share with you some thoughts on Catholic school and Christian Education as we support our children who attend our neighboring Parish schools.

The primary command of Jesus to his disciples when he sent them two by two for the mission was "Into whatever city you go, after they welcome you, eat what they set before you and cure the sick there. Say to them 'the reign of God is at hand'" (Lk.10: 9). The primary mission of our Church, thus, is to heal and preach or teach about the kingdom of God. We, as members of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Christian Community, should be proud of our teaching of our faith to our children through our faith formation programs and 'day school' at Sacred Heart and Good Shepherd. We, as community, support Catholic education of our children both in spirit and with financial aid.

As we celebrate 'Catholic Schools' week during this weekend, we need to remind ourselves about the mission of Christ in proclaiming the Good News. Few years ago there was an article in the Star Tribune with the title, 'Christian Colleges pull more students' saying, "Minnesota private colleges that encourage or require students to explore their faith have increased their student numbers between 28 and 49 percent in the past five years, compared with a private college average of about 7 percent." This is a great sign that our youth are exploring and ready to experience their faith.

Faith and reason are our two eyes to the truth. Any training without faith is incomplete. We have to see the truth with both eyes: faith and reason. Otherwise we are blinded with one eye. It is unfortunate that we can't talk about God or pray in our public schools. Respecting others, valuing human life and trusting in others do not drive from reason, but from faith. Faith in God should be the beginning of our life journey. The greatest challenge with our youth today is not the need of any material goods, but **hope** for the future and how to **cope** with the challenges of their life journey.

Such truthful training is provided to our children through our Catholic Schools and Faith Formation programs. The primary goal of our Catholic schools is not to provide private education in smaller classes but Faith Education in this greater Church. I am here to serve you as a priest because of the Catholic Education I received in the past. One could not put a price tag on the value of Faith Education. I commend some of our young parents making sacrifices to send their wards to our neighboring Catholic School. I hope and pray that faith and reason are taught together rather than splitting them.

May God bless our mission of educating our children by our dedicated life! Amen.

Adult Faith Formation



Lent invites us to a time of prayer, reflection and conversion. Join others in small groups beginning the first week in Lent for five weeks to grow closer to Jesus by examining some of Jesus's life-giving questions and new commandments, praying and sharing faith.

Sign-up this weekend for a session of your choice. This can be your first time - past participation is not required. This is also a great opportunity for us to invite others who have not joined a group in the past. Whether new parishioners or long time members - all are welcome!

You are invited to A Celebration of Marriage CANA Dinner

Join us for Dinner, Community and Fun!
Invite your Married Children,
Friends and Relatives!

Saturday, February 10, 2018
6:00 pm
SMM Visitation Hall

\$30 per couple
Kindly RSVP by Feb 4

Please complete this form and return it with your payment of \$30.00 by Feb 4. You may place it in the collection basket at church or mail it to 2323 Zenith Ave No, Golden Valley 55422. Please make check payable to SMM and note Cana Dinner in the memo line.

We very much want all interested parishioners to attend. If payment is a hardship, please let the parish office know. If you would like to contribute additional funds to cover the cost for another couple, please let the parish office know.

We look forward to a wonderful evening Celebrating Marriage!

Husband's name _____
 Gluten Free Vegetarian

Wife's name _____
 Gluten Free Vegetarian

Email: _____

Are you willing to participate in the "Not So Newlywed Game?" Yes No Maybe

Please indicate a song that was your "Wedding Song" or a song that means something to your relationship.

January 27 ~ February 4

Saturday, Jan 27

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

Sunday, Jan 28 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass..... † Margaret & Russell Stimart
New Parishioner Brunch

Monday, Jan 29

Tuesday, Jan 30

5:30 pm Adoration
6:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, Jan 31

8:00 am Mass
6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, Feb 1

8:00 am Mass

Friday, Feb 2

10:15 am Dinner at Your Door

Saturday, Feb 3

4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass..... *Theresa Dusatko

Sunday, Feb 4 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass..... *People of St Margaret Mary

† deceased * living

Pastoral Care

Homebound Eucharistic Ministers

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

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes Wed, January 31

Stewards chart their course, guided by faith, hope and charity, with steady eyes on Jesus Christ.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7;
Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;
Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,
22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Liturgy

All Liturgical Ministers!

Time is running out on the existing schedule. Please let Jean Plucinski know by Tuesday, February 6 when you are NOT available from March 1, 2018 through July 1, 2018. Email Jean at daplucinski@comcast.net, or if you don't have access to email, call Jean at 763-593-0664.

Social Ministry



Fair Trade Coffee Orders due January 28

Please make checks payable to Peace Coffee



PRISM requests basic items this month:
Peanut butter, Rice, Instant Oatmeal,
Sugar, Macaroni
(Note: these items spell PRISM)



Parishioners packed food for Feed My Starving Children.



The 2018 Catholic Services Appeal will begin in early February. Your financial gift to the CSA is restricted for the benefit of 18 Collective Ministries within our Archdiocese. Some of these ministries include helping the homeless, the hungry, the imprisoned, students in financial need, seminarians and many others. These designated ministries cannot be funded on their own or by any one single parish but rather need support from all of us.

Dear people of St. Margaret Mary: I am most grateful for the wonderful farewell reception in honor of my ministry! Your kind words and gracious send off will remain in my heart as I continue to serve our church in new ways.

Christina Maas

Upcoming Parish Events

- January 27/28 Sign up for Lenten Small Groups
- January 28 New Parishioner Brunch: An opportunity to get to know one another. A mix of newer parishioners with some who have been at SMM for a longer time.
- February 10 Cana Dinner for Married Couples
RSVP by Feb 4
- February 14 Ash Wednesday
Mass at 8 am and 7:00 pm

Neighboring Events

Free Half-day Retreat by Bishop Andrew Cozzens,
“Discipleship-Growing and Overcoming”
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbia Heights
Saturday, February 3 from 8 - noon

2018 World Day of the Sick

All are welcome to join Archbishop Bernard Hebda for Mass at 10 am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in West St. Paul, for the 26th World Day of the Sick on Saturday, Feb 10, 2018. This Annual Mass reminds us to pray and honor those who are sick, those who work in health care and those who serve as caregivers. Special blessings with water from Lourdes will be available. Following Mass there will be a reception and a talk by Fr. Altier.

All In God's Plan: Part I Chastity Program for Mothers and Daughters (girls ages 10-13), Sat, Feb 24 from 2:00 – 4:30 pm, St. Raphael's Church in Marian Hall, 7301 Bass Lake Road, Crystal.

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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2323 Zenith Ave. N., Golden Valley, MN 55422

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: myparish@smm-gv.org

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Pastoral Team

Pastor Father Thomas Rayar
frtom@smm-gv.org

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Children & Adults** faith@smm-gv.org

**Liturgy, Music &
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Administrator** Diane Mareck
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Pastoral Emergencies and Anointing of the Sick
call Father Tom at 763-515-2005

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