

The Church of
St. Margaret Mary



December 23, 2018 and December 30, 2018



*The King of Israel, the LORD,
is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.*

— Zephaniah 3:15b

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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
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

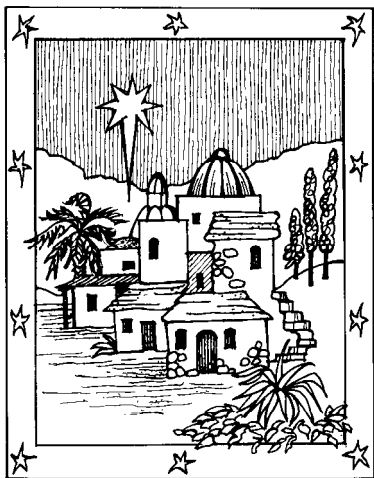
in outreach and justice.

Reflection from Father Tom

Meaningful Christmas

During these holy days, our body and minds are busy (with or in) buying gifts, wrapping them and mailing them to our family members and friends. At this time I would like to remind all of us what Jesus told to Martha and Mary when he visited them at their home. "As they (Jesus and his disciples) continued their journey he entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary (who) sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (Luke 10:38-42)

I think these words of Jesus should reverberate in our ears during these busy days, "Martha, Martha you are anxious and worried about many things." One thing we need to do during this Christmas is to listen to Jesus. We celebrate the incarnation of the Eternal Word that became flesh to dwell among us. ("And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" John 1:14) Like Mary, the sister of Martha we should take the better part of listening to Jesus who comes into our hearts during this busy time. It is not a time to worry about what we did not get for Christmas as a gift, but it is a time to think about what we need to share with others with a spirit of gratitude to God. Let us not miss the real meaning of Christmas among the meaningless material things. Moreover, let us not miss the voice of God in the midst of noises of our life. I wish you all a Merry Christmas! May God bless you and your families during this great season of Joy!



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Liturgy



Vigil of Christmas

December 24 - 4:30 pm

Carols at 4:00 pm

Christmas Day Mass

December 25 - 10:00 am

Carols before Mass

Mary, Mother of God

January 1 - 9:00 am Mass

Christmas Memorials



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.

Memorials will be listed in the January bulletin.

Mass Intentions

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

Mass Intentions can also be offered for someone facing an illness or surgery. The Mass Intention can be listed by name or by initials for privacy preferences.

Please call the parish office to schedule your Mass Intentions.



December 22 ~ January 6

Saturday, Dec 22

- 1:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass † Gary Bernhagen

Sunday, Dec 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



Monday, Dec 24 Vigil of Christmas

- 4:00 pm Carols begin
4:30 pm Mass

Tuesday, Dec 25 Nativity of Our Lord

- 10:00 am Mass

Wednesday, Dec 26

- NO Mass Today

Thursday, Dec 27

- 8:00 am Mass



The Holy Family

Saturday, Dec 29

- 4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass † Florence Reger

Sunday, Dec 30

- 10:00 am Mass.... *People of SMM

Tuesday, Jan 1 Mary, Mother of the Church

- 9:00 am Mass

Wednesday, Jan 2

- 8:00 am Mass

Thursday, Jan 3

- 8:00 am Mass



The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, Jan 5

- 4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass ... *People of SMM

Sunday, Jan 6

- 10:00 am Mass... † June Blanski

Tuesday, Jan 8

- 2:00 pm Adult Faith Formation Meeting
7:00 pm Council for Mission and Ministry

Wednesday, Jan 9

- 5:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm Faith Formation

Thursday, Jan 10

- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal



The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, Jan 12

- 4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass *People of SMM

Sunday, Jan 13

- 10:00 am Mass.... † Anne Potvin
Hospitality

† deceased * living

Stewardship

Each year, during our annual stewardship renewal, you are asked to prayerfully renew your financial commitment to the parish. It is with your support, both physically and financially that the parish can maintain and grow parish programs.

Stewardship is not merely about money. It is about managing and sharing the gifts that God has entrusted to us with our community. The very life we live, the talents we have, the treasure we possess and the time we have are generous gifts from God. It is an opportunity to give back to God from what he has provided us with. St. Francis of Assisi reminds us that it is by giving we can receive.

If you wish to begin contributing electronically, please find a form in the vestibule of the church. (Look for a lavender form.) This a convenient and safe way to contribute to the parish. If you have questions, please contact Diane Mareck at dmareck@smm-gv.org or call the parish office 763-588-9466.

In order to claim donations on your 2018 tax return, please have your donations to the parish office by Dec 31 or postmarked in 2018.

Updates

Heading South for the Winter?



If you plan to go some place warmer for the winter season, please notify the parish office at 763-588-9466 so that we can forward your SMM mail to your winter home. Let us know the dates you will be away.

Also inform the office of changes in phone numbers, emails, etc.

Faith Formation

Dec 26 and Jan 2 No classes - Christmas Break
Wed, Jan 9 Classes resume

Children's Choir

December Schedule

Sat, Dec 22	1:00pm	Rehearsal w/ Adult Choir
Sun, Dec 23	10:00am	Sing at 10:00am Mass
Mon, Dec 24	4:00pm	Sing at Christmas Eve Mass
Wed, Jan 9	5:30 pm	Rehearsal

Parish Needs

NEEDED: Many times the parish needs to move chairs and tables from the sheds or office garage to the church or we need to pick up large items from retail stores. If you have an older truck or van that you could donate to the parish to make these moves easier, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please call the parish office.

Neighboring Events

Good Shepherd School - Uniting Academics, Faith, and Family - K-6th Grade Learn what it's like to be part of our award winning school and vibrant community? Open Houses will be held on Jan 10 and 15th at 6 pm. RSVP by calling 763-545-4285 or school-info@gsgvschool.org

Abria Pregnancy Resources offers a **safe, non-judgmental and supportive environment** for women and couples facing an unexpected pregnancy. Abria Pregnancy Resources seeks volunteers to join in their mission. We need volunteers and training is provided. Locations in St. Paul and North Minneapolis. For more information call Gwen at 651-348-7799 or visit our website supporters.abria.org.

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.

The Church of St. Margaret Mary
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

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

Parish Leadership

COUNCIL FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

At Large Members

Tina Gorgos
Brittney Hynes
Mark Hastie
Susan Hoke
Richard Kramer
Kayleen Taffe

COUNCIL FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Nancy Huntley, *Trustee*
Jean Plucinski, *Adult Faith Formation*
Georgeann Wobschall, *Social Ministry*

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jeb Myers, *Trustee*
Rick Riley
Gene Blanski
Jim Sherburne

PRAYER CHAIN

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