

The Church of
St. Margaret Mary



January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord



John said, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."
Luke 3:16

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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
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with Children's Liturgy of the Word

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**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 the Gospel

Baptized with the Spirit

In today's Gospel according to Luke, when John the Baptist clarified that he was not the expected Messiah, the Christ, he distinguished his baptism with water from the baptism "with the Holy Spirit and fire" that would be offered by Jesus.

John's baptism with water signified the surrender of one's own agenda and the opening of one's heart to God. The baptism with fire and Spirit describes God's power entering and transforming the human heart. When Jesus was baptized in water, he publicly displayed his own full commitment to following God's path for him. When the Spirit descended upon Jesus, he was empowered to begin his work. In effect, Jesus received both kinds of baptism described by John. He would go on to "baptize" those whose hearts were open through his ministry, death, and resurrection. Later, at Pentecost, the new community received a "baptism" of Spirit with tongues of fire.

This week's Gospel not only tells of Jesus' baptism, but dramatically describes God as the Holy Trinity: Jesus in prayer, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father's voice from heaven. The nascent church linked its earliest understanding of God as Trinity to Baptism as the initiation into Christian life and community. New Christians were baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit.

Jesus was proclaimed Beloved by his Father, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to begin his mission. Mission is a sending; to accept a mission is to be sent. After this ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus' mission continued through the Spirit beginning at Pentecost. The Father sent the Son and Spirit, who together now send the church into the world. Baptism, then, is the sending of the newly baptized to join the Trinity in this mission. We the baptized are empowered to proclaim that all are God's beloved. Our triune God is already ahead of us in the world, inviting our participation.

Is 42:1-4, 5-7

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Mediation: God has given us the gift of creativity, so let's think and act creatively—and humbly, lest, having bitten off more than we can chew, we give it all up and go home in despair. Let's start with making amends with alienated relatives, speaking respectfully to neighbors with different accents, and putting away hurtful words. If we paint in small strokes with the brushes and colors we've been given, God can finish the big picture.



Tomorrow is Monday.
Time to get started!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes resume this week. Classes are held from 6:30 - 7:45pm in the school building.

First Reconciliation classes begin January 23rd.

The program consists of 6 sessions that will meet on Wednesdays from January 23rd to February 27th from 6:30 to 7:45pm in the school. Students who fulfill these classes will receive their First Reconciliation on Saturday, March 9.



First Holy Communion: Students preparing to receive their First Communion will begin preparation on March 6.

First Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of April 27-28. For more information or to register, please contact Josh (jdiaz@smm-gv.org) in the Parish Office.

The Children's Choir resumes rehearsal again this Wednesday. The choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 5:30 - 6:15 pm (new members are always welcome). After practice, the students will be given a break and a snack before heading to their Faith Formation classes. The choir will sing once a month at the 10am Mass on Sundays. For more information, please contact Josh (jdiaz@smm-gv.org) in the Parish Office.

Confirmation

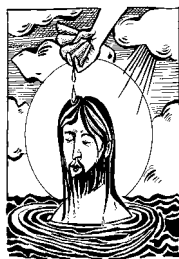
Please hold our Confirmation students and their catechist in prayer as they soon will be on retreat. The retreat offers the students an opportunity to unplug from everyday routines and reflect on who they are and their relationship with God. The retreat includes large group talks and small group discussions; prayer, upbeat music and Mass as well as personal reflection time.

Confirmation will be at the Basilica of St Mary on May 4.



Prayer: O God, you make all things new in Christ. Pour out your Spirit upon us so that we may take our assigned places and persevere in your work.

January 5 ~ January 13



Saturday, Jan 12

4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass ★People of SMM

Sunday, Jan 13

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

Tuesday, Jan 15

2:00 pm Adult Faith Formation Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 16

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

Thursday, Jan 17

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, Jan 19

4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass ★ David Blank

Sunday, Jan 20 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am Mass ★People of SMM

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry



Thank you to all who supported St. Margaret Mary's Giving Tree with gifts and gift cards for PRISM. 365 families were served which included 1,058 children.

Your generosity is appreciated.



January Needs includes: Personal hygiene items such as deodorant, toothpaste, shaving cream, etc. as well as cleaning supplies (pails, toilet bowl cleaner, window glass cleaner, etc.)

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MOBILE PACK

Calvary Lutheran (7520 Golden Valley Rd) is hosting a mobile pack to package food for 3rd world countries. The dates are Friday, January 18 through Saturday, January 26. Shifts are 2 hours long. There is a Wobschall (St. Margaret Mary) group Saturday January 19 from 10:00-noon. For more information contact Georgann Wobschall 763-545-7026 or FMSC.ORG/MOBILEPACK



Peace Coffee orders are due January 27. Order forms are on the table in back of church. Please make checks payable to Peace Coffee.

CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as "one mightier than I." But he did as Jesus asked, and the "Holy Spirit descended" and heaven's voice spoke to Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today's second reading, he announces the heart of the message, "peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all." Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God's word.

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Thank You

Many thanks to all who provided help and assistance to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.

Christmas Memorials 2018

Thank you to all who honored loved ones during this Christmas Season with contributions to the Memorial Fund. The following memorial is in addition to the memorials listed in last week's bulletin. *May they all rest in peace!*

IN HONOR OF ...

FROM ...

Deceased Wobschall/
Nickerson Family Members

Georgann & Gerald Wobschall

Parish Events

SAVE THE DATE

Cana Dinner — Saturday, February 23

More details will follow

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



MCCL March for Life Join thousands of people at the State Capitol in St Paul on Tuesday, January 22 beginning at noon. Your prayers and presence will help show elected officials and the public the depth of support for pro-life legislation protecting women and unborn babies.

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
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call Father Tom at 763-515-2005

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