

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary

2323 Zenith Ave N., Golden Valley, MN 55422 # 763-588-9466



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January 15, 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*Now I have  
seen and  
testified that  
he is the*

**Son of God.**

John 1:34

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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.**

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass: 4:00pm  
Sunday Mass: 10:00am  
Tuesday: 5:00pm Adoration  
6:00pm Mass

**View the weekend Masses online at:  
[www.smm-gv.org](http://www.smm-gv.org).**

**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

### Baptism of the Lord

This year, as Christmas and New Year were on Sunday, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord on last Monday as per the liturgical calendar. However, the reading this weekend calls for the same theme of Baptism. As our Baptism pivots the core of our life's existence, I would like to focus on the very important sacrament of Initiation.

We may wonder and ask the question: why did Jesus let himself be baptized? He needed no baptism, no repentance, since he was without sin. No wonder John the Baptist was surprised: I have to be baptized by you, and yet you have come to me (Mt. 3.14). Jesus wanted to show his solidarity with all of humanity, to associate himself fully with all that is human except sin. It was an act of self-abasement. Actually Jesus' baptism foretells his own death, his resurrection and the descent of the Holy Spirit, as John writes, "*He will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.*" Jesus' baptism was a baptism unto suffering and death. His baptism was to tell us of Jesus' mission in the world. "*The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*" (Lk. 4:18-19). Luke rightly puts this passage right after Jesus' baptism.

As Jesus was called, "this is my beloved son" when he was baptized, we have become the beloved sons and daughters of God through our own baptism. We put on Christ and become a new creation in Christ. Through baptism we enter into the life of grace. We also become the light of the world by proclaiming the gospel to our family members and the poor who are in need. Baptism is not merely a naming ceremony. By baptism we are called to the mission of Christ. We are commissioned to proclaim the glad tidings to our brothers and sisters. Only by responding to the call of God that we received through the sacrament of Baptism, we will be called 'the beloved sons and daughters of God'. May the Spirit of the Lord be upon us to guide us to bring the glad tidings to our children and the poor!

Come, O Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts with the fire of love. Amen.

Daily Readings are available online at the United States Council of Catholic Bishop's website [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

## Pastoral Care



### Homebound Communion Ministry

Every Sunday, The Eucharist is brought to those parishioners who cannot attend Mass. If you or someone you know is homebound, please call the parish office to get on the schedule to receive the Eucharist.

## Electronic Fund Transfer

**Electronic Funds Transfer:** To authorize St Margaret Mary to withdraw a dollar amount you designate, complete and sign below.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of each month, please deduct \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from my checking account. ***Deductions will continue until I notify St. Margaret Mary of my intention to change my contribution.*** \*Monthly deductions will be made on the 26th day of each month (or on the next business day if the 26<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach a voided check. If you are able, scan your voided check and this signed document and send it to [marym@smm-gv.org](mailto:marym@smm-gv.org)*

## Cue from the Pew

We are looking for parishioners to share a message from their own spiritual journey and we will publish it in our "Cue from the Pew" section of the bulletin. It is by sharing our appreciation and thankfulness of our own journey that we can encourage others to do the same.

Please consider sharing a message with our faith family. If you would like to contribute a "Cue from the Pew" message, please email Mary Muntifering at [marym@smm-gv.org](mailto:marym@smm-gv.org) or mail directly to the Parish Office. All messages will remain anonymous unless otherwise specified.

## Youth Faith Formation

Confirmation Students will be serving coffee and donuts in Visitation Hall this Sunday after 10:00 am Mass. Please join with our youth and faith community for fellowship and conversation.

## St Margaret Mary Parishioner

*Rest in Peace*

Barbara Blackey

## January 14—January 22

### Saturday, January 14

3:30pm Reconciliation  
4:00pm Mass.....★ People of SMM

### Sunday, Jan 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass .....† Lucy Anne Karels

### Tuesday, January 11th

5:00pm Adoration  
6:00pm Mass .....★ Expectant Parents

### Saturday, January 21st

3:30pm Reconciliation  
4:00pm Mass † Margaret and Russell Stimart

### Sunday, Jan 22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass .....★ People of SMM  
† deceased ★ living

## Social Ministry

### HOLIDAY TOY SHOPPE



PRISM

St Margaret Mary filled 2 vans with toys December 7th. Many gift cards were given from parishioners. During the toy giveaway, gifts were distributed to 874 children from 297 families. Leftover toys were put in the "birthday room" at Prism to be given to needy families throughout the year.

### God Answers Prayers

**Mass Intentions:** St. Margaret Mary is pleased to include daily and weekend mass intentions for our beloved dead, special intentions, in thanksgiving and for our parish community.

To schedule a mass intention, please contact the office by phone, email ([marym@smm-gv.org](mailto:marym@smm-gv.org)), or in person. We will do our best to schedule on the date(s) you wish.

## Devotional Candles

*"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).*

In today's culture, lighting devotional candles signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The vigil candle that is lit remains so for a period of time and symbolizes how the person desires "to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily business."

Devotional candles and votive candles are located near the Mary and Joseph statues. Your donation of \$3.00 is appreciated to defray the cost of the candles.

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## Pastoral Team

### Pastor:

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For Pastoral Emergencies and Anointing of the Sick  
Call 763-515-2005

### Business Administration

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### Music Ministry

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### Faith Formation:

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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.

## Parish Pastoral Council

### AT LARGE MEMBERS

Michael Bloberger, Second Chair .....  
Karen Brantner, *First Chair*.....  
Brenda Brincks.....  
Hannah Ficks, *Secretary*.....  
Steve Gleason .....

### PPC COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

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

### FINANCE COUNCIL

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