

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary

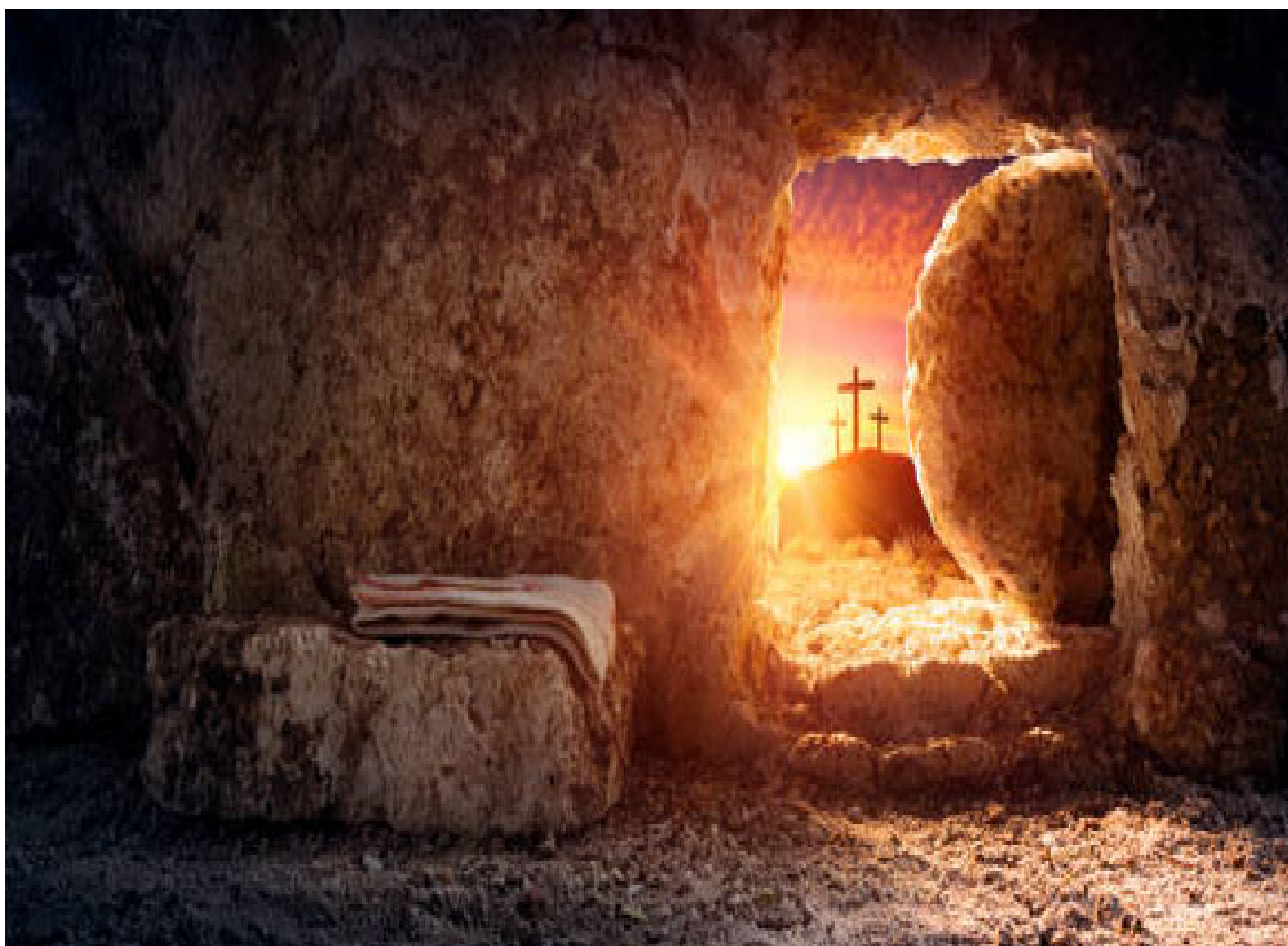
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April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday



**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

### Easter and Evangelization

The Holy week ends with the solemn celebration of Easter which is the greatest festival of our Christian Faith. Easter is the reminder of what we shall be after this earthly life of struggles and challenges. Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). When Jesus said 'I am the Way,' he meant that the way to heaven is to carry our crosses and to imitate him. He could have shown His 'Way' to heaven in any different way. But he had chosen the 'way of the cross' to cross the valley of death by setting an example for us. This means we are called to take our crosses and follow him to be qualified for the gift of salvation from God. Easter is not a mere historical event that happened two thousand years ago, but it is the event that happens every day in our life by carrying our crosses and caring for one another: (care and carry).

The time of Easter is to free us from the fear of death and focus on the resurrection of our life here on earth and the life to come. This feast gives us hope through our faith in Jesus. When we find ourselves amid despair, Easter fills our hearts with hope of victory and salvation. Easter reminds us, as Christ came out the tomb to life, we should come out of various 'tombs' we are buried in: fear, despair, unforgiveness, sloth, gluttony, selfishness, pride, ego-centeredness, greed, lack of love for others, etc. Are we ready to come out of our 'tombs' to taste the life of resurrection?

Easter is the festival of our victory over death that we gained by the death and resurrection of Jesus. That joy will never be completed until we share the joy with others. That is why Jesus, before he was taken up to heaven, said to the disciples, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20). These are the final verses of Matthew gospel which summarize the whole mission of Christ and the purpose of his incarnation. We are called to continue the work of Jesus by our life of resurrection in this world. We, as the community of St. Margaret Mary, are happy to welcome the Moore family into our Faith in the resurrected Jesus by fulfilling his commandments of preaching.

My Heartfelt Thanks: I thank everyone including our staff (Mary Bur and Mary Muntifer) and volunteers who did a marvelous work during this Lent and Holy week. I thank those of you who regularly participated in the Lenten reflection group and Tuesday Adoration for their dedicated time spent before the Eucharistic Lord. I take this opportunity to thank all the liturgical ministers: greeters (ushers), extraordinary Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, sacristans, lectors, AV operators, the head of each ministry and everyone who one way or the other helps in promoting liturgical ministry in our parish. Our special thanks to our decoration committee headed by Nancy Becker and Michael McDonough! Finally, I thank all our music ministers for their inspiring and uplifting music during this holy season.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter! May the Resurrected Lord raise us above from the narrow mindedness, fear, and anxiety! May He fill your hearts and your families with the Joy of His resurrection!

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## Easter Flower Memorials

Donor:	In Memory of:
Lucille Cervantes	Jason Cervantes
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## The Catholic Cemeteries

The Catholic Cemeteries is sponsoring *free* Cemetery and Funeral Pre-Planning Seminars. Select the seminar that is most convenient for you to attend or call 651-228-9991 to make a reservation or visit [Catholic-Cemeteries.org/events](http://Catholic-Cemeteries.org/events). Planning packet, tours, and refreshments are available at each seminar. Resurrection Cemetery (Mendota Heights)

Gethsemane Cemetery (New Hope)

## Upcoming Events

### Thriving Where You're Planted: Benedictine Stability in a Rootless Time

In the last decade, authors like Rod Dreher and Patrick Henry have portrayed the Rule of Benedict as an antidote for the ills of our society. These authors often single out the virtue of stability: the choice to identify and remain with one community. In today's extremely mobile culture, Benedict shows the wisdom of putting down roots. This presentation will examine how stability can be a gift for contemporary American Christians. We will examine what Benedict taught about stability as well as how one particular community - the Trappist martyrs of Tibhirine, Algeria - help us to understand stability as an antidote to fear and division today.

**Apr. 14, presentation from 9am -1pm, Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Free event. Registration is required: [www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday](http://www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday), 320-363-3560 or [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu).**

## April 8– April 16

### Saturday, April 8 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

8:00pm Mass.....★ People of SMM

### Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday

10:00am Mass.....★ People of SMM

### Tuesday, April 11 — Cancelled

5:00pm Adoration

6:00pm Mass .....★ People of SMM

### Saturday, April 15

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass.....† Lucy Anne Karels

### Sunday, April 16 Sunday of Divine Mercy

10:00am Mass .....★ People of SMM

† deceased ★ living

## Social Ministry

PRISM Most needed items:

- Canned protein
- Rice
- Pasta
- Oatmeal
- Pancake Mix



“Taste of the Burbs” event is Tuesday, May 9th. Please see the invitation in the back of the Church if you are interested or [prismmpls.org/tob2023](http://prismmpls.org/tob2023)

## Youth Faith Formation

No meeting this Sunday. Mass and class will resume next Sunday.



## Thank You !

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Spring Flower Sale. Thanks for being willing to try something new. It was a huge success!

Reminders for the pickup dates (May 16<sup>th</sup>/ 17<sup>th</sup>) will be published in the bulletin and announced in Church as we get closer to the dates.

Thank you again for your support of the Spring Flower Sale.

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## Pastoral Team

### Pastor:

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### Business Administration

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### Music Ministry

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### Faith Formation:

OPEN

## 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.....

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