

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

October 1, 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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.**

**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

Who Does the Father's Will?

The Gospel today reminds every one of us to 'walk the talk' and 'talk the walk'. It is not enough to say that we are going to do it. But we have to do it. We may be like the first son who said he would go to the vineyard to work, but never went. But the second son, who refused to go, repented for his rudeness to his father and went to work in the vineyard. God is not looking at our failures or counting our sins to punish, but looking for us to come back to His home. Even though we have failed many times, He wants us to fulfill His will at the end.

St. Paul exhorts the Philippians in the second reading, which would aptly be relevant for anyone who wants to lead others. "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vain glory, rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others."

Serving others is a call from God. A calling is a command not a request. God has called every one of us to follow the command of leading by following His commandments. As parents, teachers, managers, or ministers let us do everything for the glory of God not for our selfishness or for our vain glory.

Prayer: Lord, give me your grace to know Your will that I could do it selflessly. Amen

Parish Directory 2023

Pictures are now being scheduled for our Parish Directory! Our directory won't be complete without you! **We are asking for 100% participation in the directory!**

Please see the poster in the back of Church for instructions on how to schedule on line. Or go to www.ucdir.com. Click on schedule appointment. Church Code: mn342 Password: photos.

If you prefer to schedule in person, contact Mary Muntiferer at the Parish Office or use the sign up sheets in the back of Church.

We are in need of people to help with phone calls and scheduling as well as greeters for the pictures. If interested, please contact Mary Muntiferer at the Parish Office. Thank you!

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Success of the Festival

We thank God for another successful fall festival. Thank you to all the generous donations and raffle sales for the success of our Church! We were able to raise approximately \$15,480.00!

Thank you all for your generosity of time, talent, and treasure! May God Bless You All!

Catholic Community Foundation

Plans are being made for an estate planning luncheon and presentation by the Catholic Community Foundation. Luncheon and presentation will be on Sunday, October 22nd in Visitation Hall after the 10:00 am Mass. Please watch the bulletin for further details.

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Mary Muntiferer at the Parish Office for more details.

Neighboring Invitations

Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. Join us for a three-day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The retreat begins Thursday evening November 16, 2023 and ends Sunday evening November 19, 2023. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com

Neighboring Invitations

The Resurrection of the Dead, and the Life of the World to Come: Oct. 13, presentation from 9am-1pm, Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Free event. Registration is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

Our faith tells us that with Christ's resurrection comes the promise that one day we, too, like him shall bodily arise. Yet, this belief in the resurrection also leaves us Christians with many questions: What will we look like in the life to come? Will we recognize our loved ones, and will they recognize us? What kind of existence can we expect? What is the difference between immortality, reincarnation, and resurrected life? How do judgment of the dead, hell, purgatory, and heaven fit into the picture? Drawing from Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Michael Patella will discuss the Christian doctrine of the resurrection of the dead along with its implications for us now and in the hereafter.

Sept 30– Oct 8

Saturday, September 30

3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass * Tina Ives

Sunday, Oct 1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass † Mary Harty
 † Chuck and Florence Hyser

Tuesday, October 3

5:00pm Adoration
 6:00pm Mass * People of SMM

Saturday, October 7

3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass..... † Barbara Blackey

Sunday, Oct 8 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass * People of SMM
 † deceased * living

Social Ministry

SEPTEMBER DONATION FOCUS

Winter clothing - coats, mittens, scarves,
 hats and gloves



OCTOBER DONATION FOCUS

Baby and Adult Diapers and Wipes

Ministry Weekend

Ministry weekend is back! Saturday, October 14th and Sunday, October 15th after each Mass. We will have sign up and informational booths for the following ministries: Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, Children's Liturgy, Altar Servers, Environment, Greeter, Lector, Hospitality and AV Operation.

We are in need of many volunteers! Please consider helping our faith family by volunteering for a ministry. Please plan to join us for fellowship after signing up for a ministry!



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Pastoral Team

Pastor:

Fr. Thomas Rayar
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 Call 763-515-2005

Business Administration

Mary Muntifering
 marym@smm-gv.org

Music Ministry

Mary Bur
 mbur@smm-gv.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.

Parish Pastoral Council

AT LARGE MEMBERS

Michael Bloberger, First Chair.....
 Collin Abram
 Brenda Brincks,.....
 Hannah Ficks, *Second Chair*.....
 Steve Gleason, Secretary
 Molly Anderson

PPC COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

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

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Peter Aubart
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Monday: Office Closed
Tuesdays through Thursdays :
9:00am to 3:00pm
Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:00pm

History of St. Margaret Mary



Mass was celebrated in the basement of the school



Our Faith Formation program will continue to combine with St. Joseph's of New Hope for grades K through 8th. Please remember, though our children attend the classes at St. Joseph's, the Sacraments (First Reconciliation and First Communion) will be celebrated in our Church.

Our parish will pay St. Joseph the registration fee of \$85.00 (each) for our children. In order to assist you, please contact Mary Muntiferung at marym@smm-gv.org.

Jim Franzen will continue the Confirmation class in our parish. He will be in contact with the parents of the Confirmation students.

May God bless you all and our children!

Church Donation Envelopes

If you are not currently using the weekly donation envelopes and prefer not to receive them, please contact the Parish office to have your name removed from the mailing list.

The envelopes are very costly to print and mail, so please help us to avoid unnecessary expenses. Monthly ACH donations are an excellent way to donate as well as help the Church to save expenses.



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.

Mass Intentions

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), or in person. We will do our best to schedule on the date(s) you wish.

Daily Readings are available online at the United States Council of Catholic Bishop's website www.usccb.org/bible/readings.