

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary

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



[www.smm-gv.org](http://www.smm-gv.org)

October 8, 2023

27th 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](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

### Respect Life Sunday-2023

Last weekend we celebrated Respect Life Sunday. I just wanted everyone to reflect on the importance of our human life and how valuable it is that we should respect every life in the world. God created everyone in a special way. He gave us the greatest gift of life. As we observe 'Respect Life Sunday', I would like to share my thoughts of searching for the truth. These are my personal reflections and you need not agree with me. But these thoughts could call us to reflect on the value of our Human life considering the Gospel values.

If we look at the animal kingdom, human beings would be the most intelligent animals. However, human beings are the longest dependent animals in the world. The little calf can run within a few hours of its birth, whereas a child needs almost a year to walk. The cognitive and motor developments of a human being are slower than any other animals. But we are the only species that has freedom of will with moral codes implanted in our conscience. This makes us unique creations of God, as we are created in his own image.

In this world of 'survival of the fittest' we need to follow the voice of our conscience rather than the philosophy of Utilitarianism or Consumerism. Our basic human instinct impels us to be selfish even to the point of destroying other human beings whether born or unborn. But we are called to respect not only our life but also the life of the unborn or born children and the vulnerable adults. Respecting life should be the basic instinct of human beings, which is the unique quality of being Human.

We are the crown of God's creation and should not abuse but use creation to promote the values of our Creator. All life, and in a special way, human life, is created by God not manufactured in a factory. We may sometimes tend to think that children or other human beings are commodities in this consumerist world. We may also have the tendency to justify immoral 'consumerism' as the ethical codes of our life with a compromise of erroneous reasoning. We may be led into the illusionary truth that mercy killing or abortion is the right thing to do with the view of consumerism, which can blind us from the truth of God.

I personally believe every life is a gift from God. Every child born or unborn is a creation of God. I have great admiration and respect for parents who have answered the call of God by being instruments of His creation.

We are called to be the builders of society with the values of God's kingdom. Let us not reject even the 'little stones', which could be the cornerstones of our life. By respecting others' lives, we respect our own.

May the God of Creation bless all parents for the life and sacrifice that they have given us. Amen.

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## Sacred Heart Marathon

Students from Sacred Heart collected \$317 in pledges for the school marathon from St Margaret Mary Parishioners. Thank you for generously supporting our youth from our parish!

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> in Visitation Hall after the 10:00 am Mass.

Please see the sign up sheets in the back of Church or contact Mary Muntifering if you are interested in attending this event.

## Christmas Wreaths

Sacred Heart students will be selling Christmas decor in the back of church this weekend, Oct 7-8. Decor will arrive just before Thanksgiving and can be delivered at church or to your home. If you are not ready to order this weekend, orders can be accepted until Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> by contacting Frances at 612-916-9419 (text or call) or email [francesrivera19@gmail.com](mailto:francesrivera19@gmail.com). Thank you for your support through this fundraiser!

## 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](http://www.ucdir.com). Click on schedule appointment. Church Code: mn342 Password: photos.

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

## 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).*

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

## Oct 7--Oct 15

### Saturday, October 7

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

### Sunday, Oct 8 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass .....† Alvin Vsetecka

### Tuesday, October 10

5:00pm Adoration  
6:00pm Mass .....★ People of SMM

### Saturday, October 14

3:30 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Mass.....† Cheryl Ann Cannon

### Sunday, Oct 15 28th 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



PRISM

### OCTOBER DONATION FOCUS

Baby and Adult Diapers and Wipes

## Ministry Signup Weekend

As all of you know, no Church can function without volunteers. It is our Church and our Faith Community. We own and build this community by joining hands in working together.

Please consider signing up for various ministries of our Church. You may find sign up and information booths for the following ministries: Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, Children's Liturgy, Altar Servers, Environment, Greeter/Ushers, Lector, Hospitality and AV Operation, Funeral Luncheon, and Church Cleaning.

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

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## Pastoral Team

### Pastor:

Fr. Thomas Rayar  
frtom@smm-gv.org

For Pastoral Emergencies and Anointing of the Sick  
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

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

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Peter Aubart .....  
Michael Ficks .....  
Jeb Myers, *Trustee*.....  
Rick Riley .....  
Jim Sherburne .....

### PRAYER CHAIN

Laurie Geving ..... 763-546-6828



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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



### Baptism and Welcome!



Please rejoice and welcome our newest member to our St. Margaret Faith Family!

*Baptism of Lilly Alexandra Abram*

Daughter of Collin and Willow Abram

### AED Instruction —Thank you!

Thank you to Michael Plucinski for the instruction on the AED device (recently installed in the hallway of Visitation Hall)! The mini class was well attended by several parishioners. Michael was able to give us a demonstration and insight on the use of the AED. Thank you Michael! We are so thankful for your time, knowledge, and care for SMM!

