

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

October 15, 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary



Feast of St. Margaret Mary, Our Patron Saint

**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

Many Are Invited, But Few Are Chosen!

A few weeks ago, we reflected that 'redemption and salvation from God is a gift and none of us can claim it as our right. Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the truth that our entry to heaven is based on invitation, but not a matter of our right. Living in a democratic world, we sometimes get a delusive impression that we are entitled to many things and thus, even to heaven. The truth is that our fundamental existence in the world is a gift. It is not an entitlement. Our existence is to fulfill the Will of our Creator. It is not an option but an obligation. Has anyone had an option to be born or not to be born? Who had the option of selecting our parents or families? God planned our life and planted it in the place he wished. All that we have is because of God's gift.

The God who gave everything has also given us a free will. He invites everyone to partake in the heavenly banquet voluntarily. This invitation is sent to all, but the invited refuse the invitation. There is no discrimination in God's invitation. The excuse each one gives becomes the self-inflicted punishment for declining the invitation.

When God invites us to the Heavenly Dinner, it does not mean that we go to the reception dressing or behaving improperly. We are invited, but need to follow the protocol and decorum so that the 'wedding festival' is celebrated with delight and dignity. So, are we ready to open the invitation from God and to RSVP for the banquet? Let us clean up our life and dress up with good deeds to celebrate our Heavenly banquet!

Reflecting on the reality of our life as God's gift, we understand that it is our obligation to give back what we receive from God. God himself does not need anything, but he created our brothers and sisters with whom we are called to share. Whatever we do to the least of our brothers and sisters we are doing it for God. Whenever we share our time and talents for our community we repay to God what he has gifted to us. Serving our community is the Heavenly Banquet for which we are invited. Let us make use of every opportunity to serve God by serving our Community. I invite all of you to participate in serving our community by fully participating in the Ministry SignUp weekend today.

May the God of Joy be with us in the journey of our life!

October 16th is the Feast Day of St. Margaret Mary, our Patron Saint of our Parish! My prayerful wishes to all of you and your families! May St. Margaret Mary pray for us!

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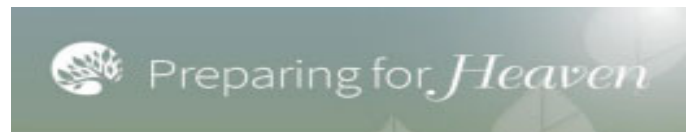
Fall Bible Study



The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

After a vote of 16 people for Sundays and 6 people for Wednesdays, Father Tom is planning to lead a Fall Bible Study on the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans on Sundays only starting Sunday, October 29th from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall once a week for 5 weeks. A copy of "The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans: Ignatius Catholic Study Bible" will be ordered for each participant at a cost of \$14.00 each. If you would like to still sign up for the Fall Bible Study, use the sign-up sheet in the back of church to sign up by Sunday, October 15th. All are welcome!

For more information, contact Jean Plucinski at 763-593-0664 or at adultfaith@smm-gv.org.



You're invited!

As Catholics, we have a sacred responsibility to prepare for our journey home to God. To guide us in this process, The Church of St. Margaret Mary is partnering with the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota to present a Preparing for Heaven seminar.

The event will feature speakers and presentations discussing Sacramental preparation, funeral and burial planning, estate planning, and legacy charitable giving.

Sunday, October 22nd Visitation Hall
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

A light lunch will be served at 11:15 AM.
Register for free by October 18th at 763-588-9466 or email marym@smm-gv.org

RSVP forms are located in the back of Church

Oct 14--Oct 22

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

Tuesday, October 17

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

Saturday, October 21

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

Sunday, Oct 22 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass† Alvin Vsetecka

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry

October targeted items are personal care items:

Diapers
feminine hygiene
toiletries, etc.



PRISM

Basic items always needed: Peanut butter, flour, oil, and sugar.



Greetings Parents and Teens!

Confirmation classes will begin with Mass and Class on Sunday, October 15th starting with the 10:00 Mass followed by class in Visitation Hall. James Franzen and Jon Kleist will be the catechists for this program year.

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

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Pastoral Team

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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

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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



Parish Directory 2023

Pictures are now being scheduled for our Parish Directory! Limited times are available, for October 26th, 27th, and 28th. Our directory won't be complete without you! **We would like 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.



Christmas Wreaths

Sacred Heart students are selling Christmas decor that will arrive just before Thanksgiving and can be delivered at church or to your home. If you missed us in the back of church the first weekend of October, orders can still be accepted until Sunday, October 22nd by contacting Frances at 612-916-9419 (text or call) or email francesrivera19@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support through this fundraiser!

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."

Your donation of \$3.00 is appreciated to defray the cost of the candles.

Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions are offered in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as birthday or anniversary), or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

Please contact Mary (marym@smm-gv.org) in the parish office to schedule your Mass Intentions. Suggested minimum donation is \$7.00 or more per Mass.