

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary

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



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October 22, 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary



The Society for the  
Propagation of the Faith  
a Pontifical Mission Society

## World Mission Sunday 2023

October 22nd

Were not our hearts burning within us?

Luke 24:13-35



*World Mission Sunday*

*Hearts on Fire...Feet on the Move*

**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

### Paying Our Dues to God – Mission Sunday

The Pharisees often tried to trip Jesus up in the Gospels. We see them here, in the gospel of this weekend, making one of their most serious efforts toward entrapping him. The Pharisees were religious leaders and, in this case, they even brought in their political enemies, the Herodians, to help in their plot.

The Herodians were the political powers in Israel at this time. They were, in essence, puppets of the Romans, who had control of Israel and were enemies of the Jews. The question about the tax to Caesar was intended to put Jesus between a rock and a hard place. If he were to condemn the tax, he would be in trouble with the Herodians who could charge him with treason for opposing paying taxes to the government. If he condoned the tax, then he would be in trouble with the Pharisees for being unfaithful to Judaism and its opposition to the Roman oppressors for the sake of religious purity and national independence.

However, Jesus saw right through their plot and responded in a way that he evaded from the entrapment. Jesus asked to show the coin used to pay the tax, which was a denarius that had the image of Tiberius Caesar, the Roman emperor at the time, stamped into it. Jesus used the term image as a word play here. Because the coin had Caesars image on it, he pointed out it already belonged to Caesar. Therefore, there was no religious compromise in giving back to Caesar what already belonged to him.

In this, Jesus also affirmed that it is right to fulfill our civil duties as Christians. At the same time, he affirmed that our highest and primary duty is to serve God and give Him what is due. By using the term image and saying we are to repay to God what belongs to God, Jesus revealed that we owe God everything. We are made in the image of God and, thus, belong completely to God. Therefore, we are called to offer our entire selves to God.

In the light of owing our dues to God what belongs to him, we are called to reflect on the basic mission of our Church as we celebrate World Mission Sunday this weekend. The primary obligation of every baptized Christian is to preach the Good News and heal the sick. As Jesus sent the seventy-two disciples on their mission, he commanded them, "Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" (Lk: 10:8-9) So, the Ministry of Healing and the Ministry of Teaching were the two wheels of the Church Mission cart. As a priest from the Mission, I can share with you the dedicated stories of our Church Mission and the missionaries.

But we somehow lost the two wheels of our Church Mission in our country. If we read the history of our Church Mission, we will know that the missionaries from the continent came here and established schools (for the Ministry

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of Teaching) and hospitals (for the Ministry of Healing). But today the government took the Educational Ministry. And the Healing Ministry was taken by the HMOs. So, the mission in our great nation has become a cart without wheels.

Our Mission is not merely naming our children in the ceremony of Baptism, but to bring them up to live the Sacrament of Baptism witnessing Jesus' name to everyone. Our Mission is not done, but has just begun. We need to fix the broken wheels of our Mission given by Jesus. We, as members of St. Margaret Mary Church, should be the catalyst to bring the Mission of our Faith to our children. We need to work hard together, to teach our children the powerful name of Jesus. Such Mission is shown through our action of faith with labor of love and endurance in hope, as St. Paul writes to Thessalonians (Second Reading): "unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father." (1 Thes 1:4)

*May the Lord of Mission make us the home missionaries of our great faith! Amen*



### Fall Bible Study



#### The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Thank you to the 22 people who have signed up for the Fall Bible Study to be led by Father Tom starting

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall once a week for 5 weeks! A booklet, "The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans: Ignatius Catholic Study Bible" has been ordered for each participant at a cost of \$14.00 each. Money will be collected starting at the first meeting. Please pick up

your booklet with your name on it in the back of church this weekend, and read the material for Romans, chapters 1, 2, and 3, before the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

For more information, contact Jean Plucinski at 763-593-0664 or at [adultfaith@smm-gv.org](mailto:adultfaith@smm-gv.org).

## Oct 21--Oct 29

### Saturday, October 21

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

### Sunday, Oct 22 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass .....† Alvin Vsetecka

### Tuesday, October 24

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

### Saturday, October 28

3:30 pm Reconciliation  
 4:00 pm Mass .....† Cheryl Ann Cannon  
                         .....† Melvin & Viola Erickson

### Sunday, Oct 29 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass ..... \* People of SMM

† deceased     \* living

## Social Ministry

October targeted items are personal care items:

Diapers  
 feminine hygiene  
 toiletries, etc.

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



## Happy 100th Birthday Veva!



Happy Birthday  
 to Veva Arnold!

We are so  
 blessed to be able  
 to celebrate with  
 Veva and her  
 family on this  
 most joyous oc-  
 casion.

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## Pastoral Team

### Pastor:

Fr. Thomas Rayar  
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For Pastoral Emergencies and Anointing of the Sick  
 Call 763-515-2005

### Business Administration

Mary Muntifering  
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### Music Ministry

Mary Bur  
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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, 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



### Parish Directory 2023

Pictures are now being scheduled for our Parish Directory! Limited times are available, for October 26th, 27th, and 28th. **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](http://www.ucdir.com). Click on schedule appointment. Church Code: mn342 Password: photos.

If you prefer to schedule in person, contact Mary Munifering 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](mailto:francesrivera19@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support through this fundraiser!



### Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you Bill Komarek for volunteering to clean the bathrooms, collect the garbage, and clean the Church every weekend! Please thank Bill when you have the opportunity.

If you are interested in helping to clean the Church, please contact Bill or Mary M .



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

**Daily Bible 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).