

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 29, 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary



**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

### Halloween

This week, our children (some adults too) will be excited about Halloween. We have celebrated Halloween for many years. I invite you to reflect on the history and the focus of this festival.

First of all, Halloween has nothing to do with devils or witches. The word 'Halloween' means 'Eve of All Saints Day'. Here is a brief history of Halloween. "By the 800s, the influence of Christianity had spread into Celtic lands. In the seventh century, Pope Boniface IV designated November 1<sup>st</sup> as All Saints' Day, a time to honor saints and martyrs. The celebration was also called All-hallows or All-hallowmas (from Middle English Alholowmesse meaning All Saints' Day) and the night before it, the night of Samhain, began to be called All-hallows Eve and, eventually, Halloween. It was celebrated similarly to Samhain, (Celtic Festival) with big bonfires, parades, and dressing up in costumes as saints, angels, and devils. Together, the three celebrations, the eve of All Saints', All Saints', and All Souls', were called Hallowmas." (History.com)

So, it is not the day that our children should dress up like devils or any other costumes to scare others. But it is the day that our children should dress like saints and angels to remind them of what they will be one day when they live a holy life. Our children are the angels and saints of the future and we should help them to understand the life of numerous saints who modeled the way of following Jesus. We all need to celebrate Halloween (the eve of All Saints Day) with a spirit that the saints of the past will show the way of Jesus.

In this context of Halloween, let us reflect on the words of St. Paul to Thessalonians (from the second reading of this weekend), "You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia" (1 Thes: 1:6). St. Paul and his companions, while living in Thessalonica, modeled their life that the Thessalonians could imitate in living the faith and practicing the core command of Jesus: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt: 22:39).

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This reminds us that we are called to imitate our Lord Jesus to model the way of holiness to our children and grandchildren that they all be counted among the saints of modern times.

Wish you all a Very Happy Halloween.

**Wednesday, Nov 1st**  
**All Saints Day**  
**(Holy Day of Obligation)**  
**Mass at 6:00 PM**

## Congratulations Catherine Mamer!

Catherine Mamer recently received the Outstanding Volunteer Award for 2023 from the Minnesota Social Service Association (MSSA) Metro Region Chapter. MSSA recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the health and human service field in Minnesota. Congratulations to Catherine's lifetime commitment to helping others.



### Fall Bible Study



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

Thank you to the 26 people who have signed up for the Fall Bible Study to be led by Father Tom starting this Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall once a week for 5 weeks! Please come prepared for the meeting by reading the material for Romans, chapters 1, 2, and 3 in your workbook, "The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans: Ignatius Catholic Study Bible". Money for the workbooks at \$14.00 each will be collected starting at the first meeting in the form of exact cash or checks made out to the parish. There will also be a sign-up sheet for participants to volunteer to bring treats for future meetings.

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

## Oct 28-Nov 5

### 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

### Tuesday, October 31

5:00pm Adoration  
 6:00pm Mass ..... \* Expectant Parents

### Wednesday, Nov 1 All Saints Day

(Holy Day of Obligation)

6:00pm Mass .....† Deceased parishioners of SMM

### Saturday, November 4

3:30 pm Reconciliation  
 4:00 pm Mass .....\* People of SMM

### Sunday, Nov 5 31st 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.



PRISM

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

## Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you Lee Burke for getting the heating system up and running in the Church and Parish Office. We are so appreciative of Lee's willingness to help out every time we need him!

## Women's Holiday Bazaar

Many people have inquired about the Holiday Bazaar for this year. Due to lack of time for preparation, and limited volunteers, the bazaar **will not** be held this year. If you are interested in leading the bazaar for next year, please contact Rich Kramer or Mary Muntifering by April of 2024.

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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  
 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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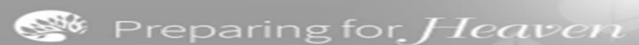


Monday: Office Closed  
Tuesdays through Thursdays :  
9:00am to 3:00pm  
Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:00pm

## History of St. Margaret Mary



**Mass was celebrated in the basement of the school**



Thank you to those that participated in the seminar, "Preparing for Heaven" with the Catholic Community Foundation and St Margaret Mary. The event was well attended, informative and successful! If there is an interest in scheduling another event, please let Fr Tom know.



### 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.

**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).