

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)

**November 5, 2023**

**31st Sunday in Ordinary**



*We remember in prayer those who were buried through St. Margaret Mary's this past year.*

*Lucy Anne Karels*

*January 3, 2023*

*Barbara Blackey*

*January 9, 2023*

*Shirley McMonagle*

*April 25, 2023*

*Virginia M Fern*

*August 25, 2023*

*Bosco M Pereira*

*September 18, 2023*

**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

### Remembering the Loved Ones!

Our spiritual life begins at our birth and goes on till our death. But our Christian faith, reminds us that our life which begins at our birth changes at our death and lives forever with God. God who created us in his own image will not desert us but deliver us from death and give the eternal reward of heavenly life. To instill this theological truth, we, on the first of November, celebrate All Saints Day and on the second we commemorate all the departed souls.

All Souls Day is a reminder to remember our beloved ones who have gone to eternal rest. During November, the last month of our liturgical calendar, the Church reminds us to focus on the life to come after our death. Those who lived a holy life will inherit heaven (All Saints Day) and those who failed by their sin to eternal punishment. But our spiritual life should be based on the faith in Christ rather than on the fear of death or punishment. By meditating upon the reality of death we should mitigate our burdens of our life; by remembering our departed beloved ones, we exhibit our gratitude for them; and by praying for them we affirm our journey of faith that they have treaded.

Death is a mystery and reality. Death is not what we should be afraid of, but it is a way through which we enter into eternal life. So, we, as believers of Jesus, should courageously face death with our great faith in Jesus Christ. During the month of November, we are called to pray for our departed brothers and sisters. Let us pray for all those our loved ones passed during the last one year in our parish family:

Lucy Anne Karels, Barbara Blackey, Shirley McMonagle, Virginia Fern and Bosco Pereira.

May they rest in Peace! Amen.

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### Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

We thank Lloyd and Laurie Geving, Tom Lang, and Michael and Cheryl Bloberger for volunteering to help with welcoming and signing parishioners in for the pictorial directory. Thanks to their smiling faces, the picture sessions were a success!

### Healing Mass November 16th



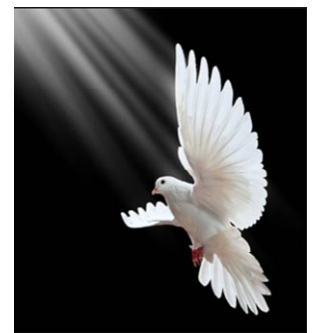
Thursday,  
Nov 16th  
11:00 am  
Mass



The Healing Mass is for all who need healing of mind, body and spirit. Please consider joining us! The Healing Mass and Soup Luncheon will be on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be at 11:00 am with Soup Luncheon to follow. Please consider to joining us for healing of the mind, body and spirit.



### Fall Bible Study



#### Fall Bible Study

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Thank you to the 24 people who attended our first meeting on Sunday, October 29th!

For our second meeting on Sunday, November 5th from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall, Father Tom would like you to review Romans, chapters 2 and 3, and read chapters 4, 5, and 6.

We look forward to another enlightening presentation and discussion with Father Tom!

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

## November 4-November 12

### Saturday, November 4

3:30 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Mass .....† Velma C Hageman

### Sunday, Nov 5 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Tuesday, November 7

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

### Saturday, November 11

3:30 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Mass .....† Velma C Hageman

### Sunday, Nov 12 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass ....† Marguerite "Reet" Burke  
† 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.



## 2024 Calendars

2024 St Margaret Mary Calendars are available for everyone. Thank you to Gearty Delmore Funeral Chapels for sponsoring the annual calendar. Please consider delivering one to an elderly parishioner.

## Prayer for the Departed Souls

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Like the seed buried in the ground, you have produced the harvest of eternal life for us; make us always dead to sin and alive to God.

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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



### 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).

### Help Needed for Altar Cleaning

#### Altar Care Workers Needed

We are in need of people to clean the church. Generally, people work in groups of two to clean the church once a month. It involves such things as vacuuming the altar carpet, dusting the furniture, cleaning the Baptismal font, etc. The time commitment is 45-60 minutes. Training will be provided. It is a relatively easy and satisfying job. If interested, please call Mary Muntifering at the office.

### Endowment Fund

#### *"A Gift that Keeps on Giving, Year after Year."*

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Parish Endowment Fund. Ongoing contributions of cash and stock helps grow the fund where the principal amount is always at work for the parish and cannot be removed. The parish can elect to spend the interest earned to fund special projects or programs of the parish.

### 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.