

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 12, 2023

32nd 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

### Being Prepared

“Rome was not built in a day.” Everything we do needs good planning for the best process. The work that is well begun is half done. This is true even in our spiritual life. When we begin our life well, it goes well. If we did not start our life well, you know how that ends. Through the story in today’s gospel, Jesus explains the same concept. We, like the wise virgins, should be prepared and ready.

To be prepared needs very good planning. We are good planners when we want to have a celebration or any other events in our life. We like to have good financial planning for our retirement. But when it comes to our spiritual life, we sometimes like to procrastinate our preparations. Procrastination is a ‘high way’ to our unplanned destination.

It may look uncharitable that the wise ones in the story did not share their oil with the foolish ones. A deliberate failure of one does not constitute an emergency for others. There may not be enough ‘oil’ once we start our journey to keep our ‘spiritual lamp’ burning. So let us be prepared with diligence and meet the Lord for redemption. It needs vigilant prayer and God’s strength.

The story of ten virgins calls us to be wise. The five wise virgins took their lamps with oil. But the foolish ones took their lamps but no oil. This could be the story of our life. Everyone in the world wishes to be with God in heaven. So, we take the lamps of our wishes but do not take the oil of ‘faith, hope and love’ to keep our wish moving forward. Our wisdom is not only to have the wish to be in heaven, but take our ‘oils’ of virtues to keep our lamps burning, so that we could enter the wedding hall, the heaven, when God calls us. St. Paul in the second reading reminds us how we should be people of hope while focusing on the life after death. “We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.” (I Thes 4:13)

Prayer: *Lord, fill us with the wisdom to have our faith in you with the hope filled with acts of love! Amen.*

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### Fall Bible Study

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Thank you to the 22 people who attended our second meeting on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> !

On Sunday,

November 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be Donut Sunday refreshments for the parish from 11:00 am to 11:30 am followed by our third meeting from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall.

Father Tom would like you to review Romans chapters 4, 5, and 6, and read chapter 7 in preparation.

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

### Advent Reflection

Save the date for the Advent Reflection on Saturday, December 2nd from 2:00 pm to 3:45 pm in Visitation Hall! Joni Sandlin, whose experience includes being a chaplain, a retreat leader, and a pastoral minister, will lead this reflection entitled “Mary on the Road to Bethlehem”. She will focus on the Virgin Mary and the Advent scriptures. Sign up will be after Mass the weekends of November 18/19 and November 25/26 in the back of church. All are welcome!

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

## 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.

## November 11-November 19

### 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

### Tuesday, November 14

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

### Saturday, November 18

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

### Sunday, Nov 19 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass .....† DonnaMae Muntifering

† deceased \* living

## Social Ministry



### A message from Prism:

The holiday season is just around the corner, and our annual Holiday Toy Shoppe is gearing up to bring joy to approximately 1,000 local children this year.

PRISM

We invite our incredible community, including generous volunteers and donors, to join us in making this holiday season unforgettable. Your contribution allows families to continue the tradition and spirit of holiday gifts this year. We are actively seeking donations of money and new, unwrapped toys and gifts to ensure every child experiences the magic of the holidays. Please watch for "The Giving Tree" in the back of the Church for ideas and gift ideas for those in need.

November items needed:

Peanut Butter, Cereals, Baking Supplies, Diapers and wipes.

## Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

This week we thank Jim Franzen and Jon Kleist and all of the confirmation students. We will have coffee and rolls in Visitation Hall after Mass on Sunday. The confirmation students will be hosting and serving the Parish Community . Please thank them for serving us!

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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



### 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).



Mass was celebrated in the basement of the school

### Attention: All Altar Servers

All altar servers (new and experienced) are asked to attend a training session after Mass (4 pm Saturday or 10 am Sunday) next weekend, November 18th or 19th. Please meet Mike Bloberger in the altar area after Mass.

#### A Prayer for Veterans

God of peace,

We pray that you bless all those who have served their country through service in the armed forces. Grant healing to those veterans who have been wounded, be it in body, mind or soul.

We pray especially for those young men and women who come home to lives of suffering and loneliness. Offer them the solace that only You can, and may we pray for them often, especially when they feel they cannot pray. Echoing John Paul II, as a way to honor all the veterans of past wars, we ask for an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace.

Lord, have mercy. Bring peace to our hearts, the hearts of all veterans and to the regions in which they fought. Grant, we pray, the creative vision to see a world that, weary with fighting, affirms the life of every human being and so moves beyond war.

Prince of peace, hear our prayer,

Amen.