

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 19, 2023

33rd 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

### Stewardship

This weekend Gospel fittingly calls us to reflect on “The Parable of the Talents.” God gives us the ‘talents’ or resources according to our ability. “To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability” (Mt:25:15). Stewardship weekend is a reminder to all of us that the **Time** we live in this world, the **Talents** we have and all the **Treasures** we possess are gifts from God. We are mere stewards who are entrusted with these resources. So, we are called to use them for the glory of God by sharing with our sisters and brothers. Our wealth is a means by which we could regain the paradise that we lost by our pride and selfishness.

Whenever I think about stewardship, I can remember very many great benefactors in my ministry. I am always impressed by the large donors and their generosity not by how much they gave, but how they gave it. It is like the story of the widows in the Gospel. “Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you; this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on” (Mt:12:43-44).

Reflecting what Jesus had said to his disciples we understand that the Stewardship is not about merely giving money to the Church or Charity. It is our way of life. How generous are we with the wealth that God had entrusted to us? Are we good stewards of God’s wealth? How do we use our talents? The measure with which we measure, it will be measured to us! “Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2Corinthians: 9:6-7).

I sincerely thank you for your generosity in supporting our community of St. Margaret Mary. As you know, the demographic of our parish has changed and continues to change in our neighborhood. The numbers of our parishioners are down as well as our Sunday collection. But the cost of maintenance of the building and the price of utilities are not going down. On the contrary, they are going up. I leave to your decision how and how much you could render more support to keep our Church ministries to thrive despite our financial challenges. May God be with us and bless us for our continued ministry in his vineyard!

*Prayer: Lord, thank you for providing us with a generous heart. Continue to bless our heart with the spirit of commitment that we will continue to be good stewards in fulfilling your commands. Amen.*

## Financial Report to Parishioners

If you would like a copy of the financial report given to the parishioners this weekend, please contact Mary Muntifering for a copy.



### Fall Bible Study

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

Thank you to the 25 people who attended our third meeting on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>! On Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, our fourth meeting will be from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall. Father Tom would like you to review Romans chapter 7 and read chapters 8, 9, and 10 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 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 pm to 3:45 pm in Visitation Hall! Joni Sandlin, whose background 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 this weekend, November 18/19, and next, 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)

## Attention: All Altar Servers

The training session for altar servers has been canceled for this weekend. Please watch for details about a rescheduled date in the near future. Thank you for understanding.

## Thanksgiving Mass

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**  
**Thursday, November 23**  
**9:00 am**

## November 18-November 26

### 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

### Tuesday, November 21

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

### Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day

9:00am Mass ..... \* People of SMM

### Saturday, November 25

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

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

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

† deceased \* living

## Social Ministry



PRISM

Prism's Gift Tree will be in the back of the Church starting November 17th. Boxes will be near the tree to collect gifts. Gift cards can be placed in the offertory baskets. Most gifts needed are: gift cards, ear buds, hair items, toiletries, and gifts for teens.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

November items needed:

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

## St Margaret Mary Parishioner

*Rest in Peace*

Rita Hovorka

## Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you to our funeral luncheon volunteers! Vonnie Reilly, Kathy Linden, Mary Ann Divala, Debbie Kubes, Nancy Huntley, and Margaret Webinger.

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## Pastoral Team

### Pastor:

Fr. Thomas Rayar  
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 Call 763-515-2005

### Business Administration

Mary Muntifering  
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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



### 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).

### Parking Lot Snow Removal

Due to limited use of the parking lot and buildings this winter, snow removal will be done as needed. In most cases, it will be done on Saturday and Sunday before Mass. Thank you for your patience as we adjust to winter.

### Thanksgiving Day Prayer

*Lord, we thank you  
for the goodness of our people  
and for the spirit of justice  
that fills this nation.*

*We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the  
land and the challenge of the cities.*

*We thank you for our work and our rest,  
for one another, and for our homes.*

*We thank you, Lord:*

*accept our thanksgiving on this day.*

*We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.*

### 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.