

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary

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



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**November 26, 2023**

**Christ the King**



**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

### Thanksgiving

Though we celebrated our Thanksgiving Day a couple days ago, I wish to reminisce a few thoughts on the importance of the day.

The spiritual life of our joyful communities is reinforced by our spirit of gratitude. We grow as a community of love by thanking one another. I feel the lack of gratitude or taking our family and people around us for granted is a sin against our community, as the ungratefulness of one may kill the spirit of giving on the part of the giver. By being grateful we intrinsically encourage others to a life of dedication and commitment. Thanking blesses the one who gives and the one receives. As the recipient is required to thank the donor, the donor should be grateful for the opportunity to share his/her gifts with others; because we are not the 'owner' of what we give. The happiness that comes out of our sharing with others is the greatest of all happiness. One of the greatest Tamil poets who lived about two thousand years ago wrote, "the one who never tasted the happiness in giving is the one who lost everything by his/her cruel life of possessiveness. The same Poet, Thiruvalluvar explains about Thanksgiving, "There may be redemption to the one who failed in all the virtues, but there is no redemption to the one who killed the spirit of gratitude."

The very word, 'Thanksgiving' calls for an action of giving not merely saying a word of 'Thanks.' It is not Thanks-saying day but it is Thanks-giving Day. We need to give thanks, not merely say 'thanks.' Thanking is the foretaste of heavenly bliss. Let us thank God for the 'spirit of giving' in us. Let us have that spirit to the full during this season of Thanksgiving. I thank you for your love and support for me as your pastor and the great sacrifices you make for the betterment of our faith community. I wish you and your families a very 'Happy Thanksgiving Day'!

### Christ, Our King

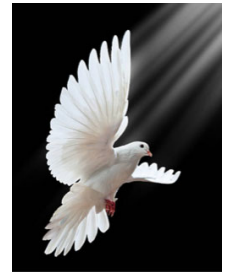
The culmination of the liturgical year is solemnized with the Feast of Christ the King. Christ is our Master and Leader who leads us to our heavenly Father. He showed us the primary quality of being a leader is to serve and not to be served. His death on the cross teaches us that the surrender to God's will is the victory of life. He followed His Father before He called His followers. He humbled Himself to God's will before being the Master. The master expects us to be good stewards helping others in need. By taking care of the little ones, we bring God's Kingdom materialized in this world.

We are called to take the role of leadership in our various walks of life. How do we claim to be good leaders like our Master? A successful leader is a good follower. And a faithful follower will be a fruitful leader. We learn to lead others by faithfully following our Heavenly Master. We exercise our leadership by listening to the needs of the people who are under our care. For, a

leader is a protector and provider to everyone who is in need. So, we are called to care for our families especially our children, the people in our workplaces and friends in our communities.

Lord, let our attitude be with a heart-filled gratitude which will take us to the altitude of life. Let all our thinking be thanking and let our thanking unite us with the King of the universe. Amen.

May Christ the King rule our hearts with love and mercy!



### Fall Bible Study

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

Thank you to the 22 people who attended our fourth meeting on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>!

On Sunday, November 26, our fifth meeting will be from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall. Father Tom would like you to review Romans chapters 9 and 10 and read chapters 11 and 12 in preparation.

At the request of several participants, Father Tom is adding a sixth meeting on Sunday, December 3rd from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall covering Romans chapters 13, 14, 15, and 16.

We look forward to further enlightening presentations and discussions with Father Tom!

### Advent Reflection

Advent is a time to pause and reflect on the coming of Christ! Please remember to sign up in the back of church after Mass this weekend, November 25/26, for the Advent Reflection, "Mary on the Road to Bethlehem" scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd from 2:00 pm to 3:45 pm in Visitation Hall. Joni Sandlin, our reflection leader, whose background includes being a chaplain, a retreat leader, and a pastoral minister, will focus on the Virgin Mary and the Advent scriptures. All are welcome!

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

## Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you Nancy Becker and Michael McDonough for decorating the Church and changing out the seasons! It is a tremendous amount of work and we are so fortunate to have them!

## November 25 –December 3

### Saturday, November 25

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

### Sunday, Nov 26 Christ the King

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

### Tuesday, November 28

5:00pm Adoration  
6:00pm Mass .....† Betty Weidendorf

### Saturday, December 2

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

### Sunday, Dec 3 First Sunday of Advent

10:00am Mass .....† Betty Weidendorf

† deceased \* living

## Social Ministry



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.



## Advent Booklets

Advent is a time to pause and reflect on the coming of Christ! To help you prepare spiritually, "Waiting in Joyful Hope" booklets are available in the back of church. A donation of two dollars per booklet will help defray the cost.

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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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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



### 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).

### Christmas Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday, December 2nd**  
**Advent Reflection 2:00-3:45 pm**  
**Visitation Hall**

**Friday, December 8th**  
**Immaculate Conception**  
**Mass at 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, December 9th**  
**Communal Reconciliation Service**  
**3:30 pm**

**Sunday, December 10th**  
**Communal Reconciliation Service**  
**9:30 am**

**Sunday, December 24th**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**  
**Mass at 10:00 am**

**Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve Mass**  
**3:30 pm Christmas Carols**  
**4:00 pm Mass**

**Monday, December 25th – Christmas Day**  
**10:00 am Mass**

**Monday, January 1st**  
**Feast of Mary Mother of God**  
**9:00 am Mass**