

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

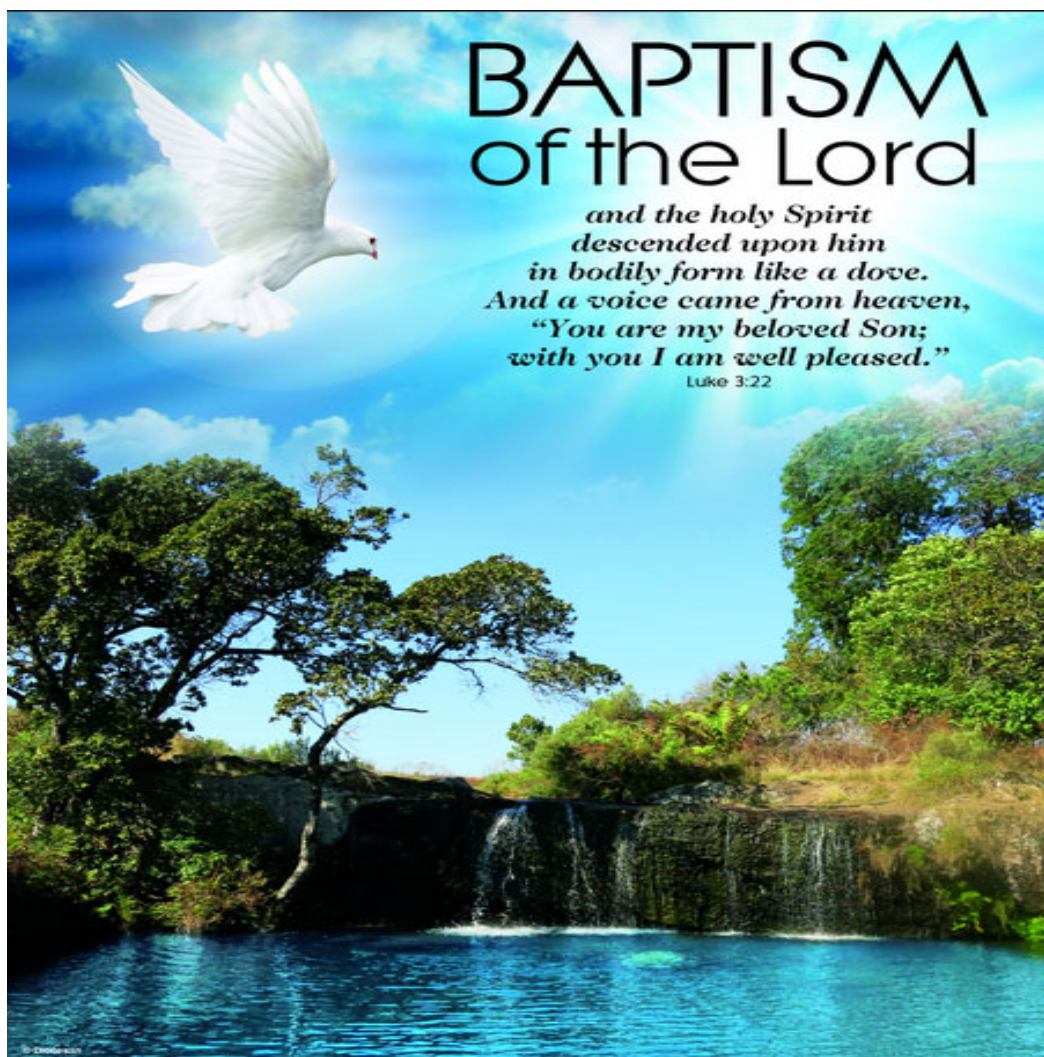
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January 14, 2024

2nd 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.**

**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

Baptism of the Lord

Though this year the feast of Baptism of the Lord was scheduled last Monday which went unnoticed, I could not but write this week on this important feast in the life of our spiritual journey. As His baptism was the beginning of his public ministry, our baptism is the beginning of our Christian life.

We may wonder and ask the question: why did Jesus let himself be baptized? He needed no baptism, no repentance, since he was without sin. No wonder John the Baptist was surprised and said to Jesus: "I have to be baptized by you, and yet you have come to me" (Mt. 3:14). By his baptism, Jesus wanted to show his solidarity with all of humanity, to associate himself fully with all that is human except sin. The very fact of the Incarnation of Jesus is to live like humans in all things except sin. It was his act of self-abasement to his Heavenly Father.

Indeed, Jesus' baptism foretold his own death, his resurrection, and the descent of the Holy Spirit, as John writes, "*He will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.*"

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" (Rom: 6:3). Jesus' baptism was a baptism unto suffering and death.

His baptism was to tell us of Jesus' mission in the world. "*The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*" (Lk. 4:18-19). St. Luke rightly puts this passage, quoting from prophet Isaiah, right after Jesus' baptism. We receive the same spirit on the day of baptism and confirmation to continue the mission of Christ: proclaiming liberty to the captives of our selfishness and sin, recovery from our blind-eye to our suffering brothers and sisters and letting our freedom flow like a river by our holiness.

As Jesus was called, "this is my beloved son" when he was baptized, we have become the beloved sons and daughters of God through our own baptism. We put on Christ and become a new creation in Christ. Through baptism we enter into the life of grace. We also become the light of the world by proclaiming the gospel to our family members and the poor who are in need. Baptism is not merely a naming ceremony. By baptism we are called to the mission of Christ. We are commissioned to proclaim the glad tidings to our brothers and sisters. Only by responding to the call of God that we received through the sacrament of Baptism, we will be called 'the beloved sons and daughters of God'. May the Spirit of the Lord be upon us to guide us to bring the glad tidings to our children and the poor!

Come, O Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts with the fire of love. Amen.

Adult Faith Formation



Holy Adult Mind
Follow Soul Faith Spirit Believe
Heart Catholic Formation Understand
Love of God Relationship

Adult Faith Formation

Lenten Small Group Sign-Up Starts Next Weekend, January 20th & 21st!

All are invited to participate in one of this year's Lenten Small Groups meeting once a week for five weeks in Visitation Hall beginning the week of Sun. 2-18-2024 and continuing through Tues. 3-19-2024!

This can be your first time joining a group—past participation is not required. Each participant will receive via email a PDF copy of the 2024 Lenten Small Group Study Guide, "**Lent 2024: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus**", which explores themes taken from the Lenten scripture readings for Cycle B, in addition to a printed copy. Sign up for one of the three groups listed below after Mass in the back of Church the weekends of January 20/21 and January 27/28, 2024:

Group 1: Sundays, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm with facilitators Steve Gleason and Margaret Webinger

Group 2: Sundays, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm with facilitators Jean Plucinski and Georgeann Wobschall

Group 3: Tuesdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am with facilitators Pat Lord and Doris Thimmesh

For more information, contact Jean Plucinski at adult-faith@smm-gv.org.

Festival Update—Silent Auction

A Festival Update... in January? Yes, we realize the festival is over nine months away, and we are in the middle of a cold winter, but the Silent Auction could already use your help! Now that the shopping frenzy is over, it is the perfect time to check out sales at your favorite stores. Find a great deal on items you can donate to our Silent Auction next fall and help us grow. Thank you in advance for your support! We can't wait for September!



Please join the Confirmation students for hospitality in Visitation Hall after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday.

January 13—January 23

Saturday, January 13

3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass.....† Mary Garvey

Sunday, Jan 14 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Richard Sullivan

Tuesday, January 16

5:00 pm Adoration
 6:00 pm Mass† Ann Lambrecht

Saturday, January 20

3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass.....† Jon Lambrecht

Sunday, Jan 21 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Rupert Visaya

Tuesday, January 23

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

† deceased * living

Social Ministry



January items needed:
 Toilet paper and paper products.

Alternative Items:
 Sugar, oil, flour, cereal, pasta, soup,
 canned tuna and chicken, pancake
 mix, peanut butter, jelly, and syrup.

The need for food continues to grow. The winter months traditionally have fewer donations. Please continue to be generous.

Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you to Norine Stimart for volunteering her time in the office each week. If you stop by the office, you will be sure to see her smiling face! Thank you Norine! It is always a pleasure to see you!

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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

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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 was celebrated in the basement of the school

Message from Joe Gindele

Over 72 billion dollars in unclaimed funds is being held in states in the U.S. (over \$600 million in MN alone). About 1 in 7 American adults have money owed to them but they are unaware of it. The average find is \$892. This is a FREE and legitimate undertaking. Type a/your name into these U.S. government websites, "MissingMoney.com" and "Unclaimed.org" to see if any of these funds belong to your, your family or friends. Check these sites a few times per year as they are regularly updated. Check out other states as well, since we are a mobile society; this can be done easily with one click. If you are lucky in finding funds (you clam it through your respective state; in MN it's the Dept. of Commerce in St. Paul) you might decide to donate some to SMM. Your tax preparer, librarian, police and attorney will all vouch for its legitimacy and free service. Find *your* missing money, *hidden in plain sight*.

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.

Saint Search

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