

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

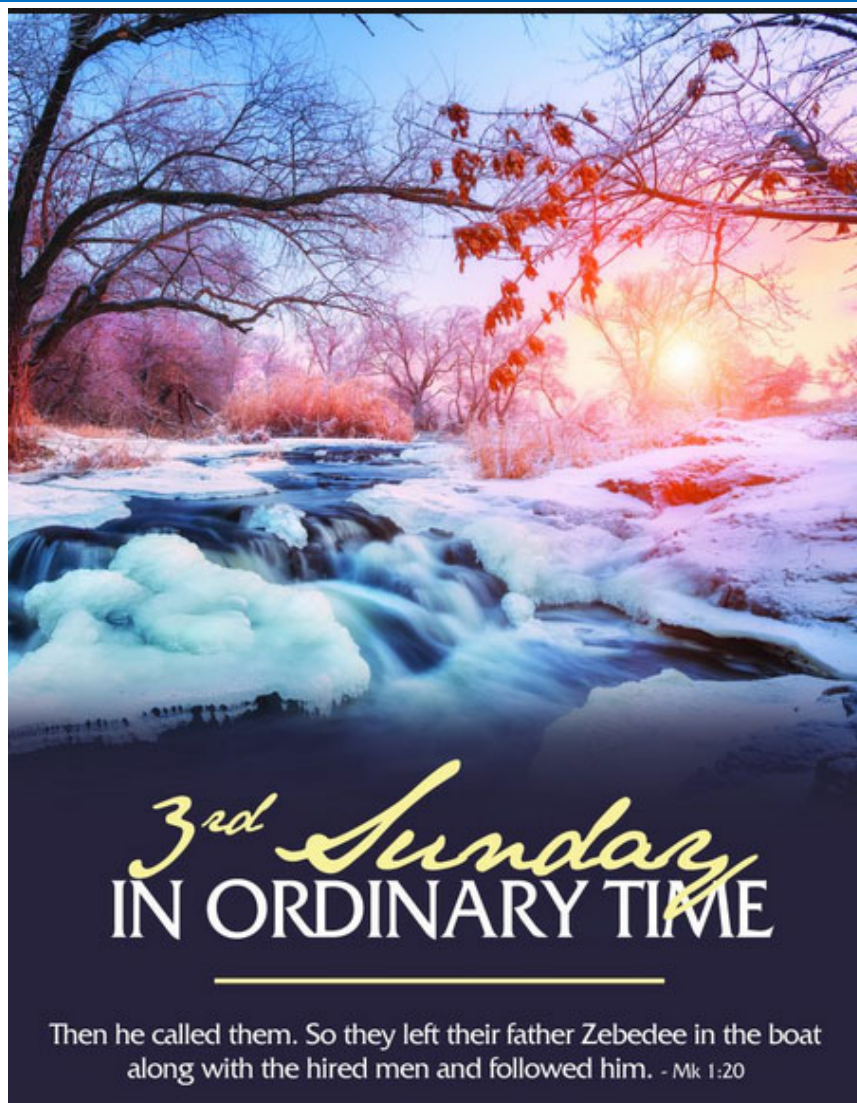
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January 21, 2024

3rd 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

A Call to Follow

The readings of this weekend invite us to reflect on 'Vocation.' Last week we reflected on our Baptism. On the day of baptism, God calls us for the mission. The word, 'vocation' derives from the Latin word, 'vocare' which means 'to call.' God calls us for his prophetic mission. We have our professions which we selected according to our interest and for which we got educated. Professions are what we want to be. Whereas our vocation is where God wants us to be. When our Master calls, we merely report to duty without fail.

We hear, in the first reading, how Jonah was called by God to preach to the great city of Nineveh against his willingness. As we see in the reading, Jonah was not happy about going to Nineveh. But he did it, because God forced him to go there to bring the good news of repentance. God's announcement was not comfortable to the people of Nineveh. But they listened to Jonah "When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil ways, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out."

In the Gospel, we read how Jesus called the Apostles for his mission. These men followed Jesus, leaving everything they had to take up the mission of announcing the good news and to be fishers of men. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Are we ready to take the challenge of God's call in our lives through the Sacrament of Baptism? He calls us for the same mission not only by the vocation of being priests or nuns, but also through the vocation of marriage and dedicated single life to bring the good news to the people. As parents we are called to bring the Good News to our children by our commitment to the call to parenthood. He calls us to be fishers of people. Let us not run away from His call like Jonah tried. Let us take up the cross and follow Christ to Calvary: not to be doomed in death, but bloomed with resurrection.

Give me Lord the strength to leave my junky belongings to follow your Call. Amen

Adult Faith Formation



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

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Lenten Small Group **Sign-Up** Starts This 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 adultfaith@smm-gv.org.



Classes resume for the Confirmation students. Please meet Jim and Jon in the Parish Center after Mass on Sunday, January 21st.

Daily Bible Readings are available online at the United States Council of Catholic Bishop's website www.usccb.org/bible/readings.

January 20—January 30

Saturday, January 20

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

Sunday, Jan 21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Rupert Visaya

Tuesday, January 23

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

Saturday, January 27

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass.....† Genevieve Muntifering

Sunday, Jan 28 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Henry Cremers

Tuesday, January 30

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 Michael McDonough and other Tuesday evening volunteers for taking down all the Christmas decorations and transitioning the Church to Ordinary Time. Thank you for your quick and efficient work!

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Pastoral Team

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Call 763-515-2005

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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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Michael Bloberger, First Chair.....
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Monday: Office Closed
Tuesdays through Thursdays : 9:00am
to 3:00pm
Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:00pm



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.

Wintertime Prayer

*Heavenly Father,
walk through my house
and take away all my
worries and any illnesses,
depression and sadness.
Watch over and protect
my family and friends.
Bring quiet where there
is chaos, bring light where
there is darkness and put
love in our hearts. In
Jesus' name, Amen.*

History of St. Margaret Mary



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.

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