

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



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February 11, 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.” - Mk 1:44

**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

Lent: Time of Prevention and Preparation

Lent is the time to leave our busy life to move to an internal solitude to examine our life. It is time to check our souls. It is like going for a regular physical check up to prevent a major catastrophe in our bodily health.

If we do not go for regular physical checkups, then we may not know what kind of problems we have. Similarly, if we do not check our spiritual life, we may not know what kind of trouble we are in. So, Lent is a time of prevention and preparation. It is a spiritual 'Checkup'. We prevent ourselves from sins and prepare ourselves for the great feast of Easter.

As we are entering this holy season, the Gospel of these days (Ash Wednesday) invites us to pray, fast and share with the needy. Prayer is the greatest prevention and preparation tool for our spiritual life. I highlighted the real meaning of prayer during my homily last week: listening to God's will and asking Him for strength to fulfill His will on earth should be our prayer.

Both personal prayer and community prayer are equally important. We come to gather as a community to pray in the Eucharistic celebration. So you know the importance of participating in the weekly Eucharistic celebration. Besides this community prayer, Jesus calls us by his example and words to pray individually (personal prayer). I do not need to tell you the great miracles that can happen and are happening because of the power of prayer. Let us continue to pray with faith. Our prayers will be answered as per God's plan.

Prayer becomes more effective when it is accompanied with fasting. There is greater power for the prayer with fasting. Let us read what Jesus said about prayer with fasting: "But this kind of demon does not come out except by prayer and fasting (Matt.17:21)" Prayer with fasting gives us the power to drive out demons from us. Fasting is the way to control our physical desire. Controlling our physical passion is the way to control our passions of mind. That was why Jesus asked us to fast and pray.

The fruit of our genuine prayer and persistent fasting is charity. We share with others who are less fortunate with what we gained by fasting and prayer. Let us fast, pray and share with the joyful spirit of Lent for the glory of God.

During this Lent I encourage you to participate in Masses. Please sign up for our Lenten Groups to share our spiritual journey with others and spend some time in your personal prayer and family prayer in the evenings. Let us make this Lent a time of prayer and meditation. I wish you all Joyful and Fruitful Lent!

Lord, lead us through the deserts of our passionless hearts to the oasis of your love. Amen

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

February 14, 2024
8:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

Adult Faith Formation



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

Adult Faith Formation

"Not by Bread Alone" booklets with daily reflections for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter based on the daily Scripture readings are in the back of church. Please take one to enrich your prayer life! A donation of two dollars may be put in the collection plate in the enclosed small envelope found in each booklet.

Lenten Small Group members, remember to pick up your printed copy of the 2024 Lenten Small Group Study Guide, "Following in the Footsteps of Jesus", in the back of church after Mass this weekend, February 10/11. Also, please check your group listed below for the correct date and time of your first meeting. All meetings will be held in **Visitation Hall**.

Group 1: Sundays, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm with facilitators Steve Gleason and Margaret Webinger on Feb 18

Group 2: Sundays, 2 pm to 3:30 pm with facilitators Jean Plucinski and Georgeann on Feb 18

Group 3: Tuesdays, 10 am to 11:30 am with facilitators Pat Lord and Doris Thimmesh on Feb 20

Before the first meeting, please read the material for Week 1 on pages 1 through 13 of the 2024 Lenten Small Group Study Guide which explores the original meaning of Lent, the benefits of silence and solitude in deepening our relationship with God, and how the Holy Spirit inspires and empowers us.

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

February 10-February 18

Saturday, February 10

3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass ★ People of SMM

Sunday, Feb 11 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass ★ People of SMM

Tuesday, February 13

5:00 pm Adoration
 6:00 pm Mass ★ Expectant Parents

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

8:00 am Mass ★ People of SMM
 6:00 pm Mass ★ People of SMM

Saturday, February 17

3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass † Richard Sullivan

Sunday, Feb 18 1st Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Adoration
 6:00 pm Mass † Doug and Etta Phenow

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry



February items needed:
 Kitchen spices

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 Pat Lord and Tony and Jean Plucinski for preparing and printing the Lenten Study Guides. Their dedication to this ministry is a benefit to all of us! Thank you!

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Pastoral Team

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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



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.

Confirmation Class and Hospitality

Please join our confirmation students for hospitality in Visitation Hall after Mass on Sunday, February 11.

Lenten Booklets

Lenten booklets, "Not by Bread Alone", are available in the back of the Church.
Please use the prayer booklet to help your spiritual journey through Lent.
A suggested donation of \$2.00 is asked to help defray the cost. Please take one booklet per household.

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

History of St. Margaret Mary



Mass was celebrated in the basement of the school

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.

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Mass: February 14th at 8:00 am and at 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross will be at noon (12:00 pm) each Friday.

Reconciliation Service: Sunday, March 10th at 9:30 am before Mass

Holy Thursday, March 28th , 7:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29th, 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil, March 30th, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st: 10:00 am

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be at 12:00 pm on each Friday during Lent.