

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

February 18, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent



**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- A Season for Holiness

With Ash Wednesday we have begun our Lenten Season. As we have various seasons in a year, we have the Lenten season in the liturgical calendar during which we are called to pray with fasting, and share the fruit of our fasting with others who are in need.

Prayer with fasting gives us strength in the time of temptation. We read in the Gospel of today that Jesus went to the desert to pray and his prayer with fasting gave him the strength to fight against the devil, which came to test Jesus in the time of hunger. So let us continue to pray that we win over the devil and his temptation, that we will lead a holy Christian life.

The focal theme of the Gospel this weekend is "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (MK:1:15). We are called to repent for our sins and live a holy life. In the book of Leviticus, we read God saying to Moses and Aaron, "For I, the LORD, am your God; and you shall make and keep yourselves holy, because I am holy." (Leviticus 11:44) The reason we have to be holy is that our Heavenly Father is holy. If we wish to be united with God after this earthly life, we have to strive to be holy. St. Paul calls us to be holy by imitating him, "Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us." (Phil: 3:17)

Way to holiness is always an uphill battle. As we struggle to climb higher on the 'mountain of holiness', our bodily passions pull us down with 'earthly gravities'. St. Paul rightly mentions, "Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their 'shame.' Their minds are occupied with earthly things." (Phil: 3: 19) To instill the truth of our struggles to climb the 'mountain of holiness', Jesus took his three disciples to the mountain to pray where they could witness the glory of God.

May God be our strength during this joyful Lent to prepare for a Glorious Easter!

Adult Faith Formation



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

Neighboring Event

Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House invites you to a men's three-day silent retreat on the beautiful grounds of Lake DeMontreville guided by the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius. The retreat begins Thursday evening February 29, 2024, and ends Sunday evening, March 3, 2024. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com.

Catholic Service Appeal

Thank you for listening to Archbishop Hebda's message about the Catholic Service Appeal. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

February 17-February 25

Saturday, February 17

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

Sunday, Feb 18 First Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Mass † Doug and Etta Phenow

Tuesday, February 20

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

Friday, February 23

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24

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

Sunday, Feb 25 Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Mass † Mary Garvey

† 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 to all of the volunteers and the Knights of Columbus members who helped with parking in our Church and School lot for this weekend's Loppet World Cup event! Thank you to all of you that helped make it run so smoothly.

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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

Confirmation classes resume at the Parish Center on Sunday, February 18th after the 10:00 am Mass.

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

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.