

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

February 25, 2024

Second 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

Transfiguration and Transformation

The gospel today narrates the story of Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain. The disciples were excited about this unique experience, but could not understand what Jesus wanted to communicate to them through this instance. While Jesus wanted to explain to them through his transfiguration the glorification of every believer after death, the disciples were questioning what "rising from the dead" meant. Jesus teaches us today that 'Death' is the way to glorification and He is the way through whom we reach that glorification through our transfiguration that happens on our death.

The story of Jesus' transfiguration is a foretaste of our glorification after death. It is a reminder to all of us to transform our lives so we will be with Jesus with 'dazzling clothes' in heaven. And we could say along with Peter, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here". And God would say to us, "This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased".

This needs our faith and commitment to follow Jesus and to transform our life of sin to a life of holiness. The call to holiness of our life is the central theme of the Lenten season. At the end of Lent we need to check ourselves, how well we have transformed to celebrate Easter, which is our Passover from sin to Holiness. Let us faithfully follow Jesus to understand the meaning of death and rising to life, and to learn to live a life, filled with hope, led by faith, and energized in love.

Prayer: Transform us, O Lord, that we will be transfigured in your presence to the endless Joy of eternal life. Amen.

Easter Flower Memorials

Easter Memorial Flower envelopes can be found in the pews and in the back of the Church. If you would like to make a donation for the Easter flowers and request a memorial for a loved one, please fill out the envelope and place it in the collection basket.

St Margaret Mary Parishioner

Rest in Peace

Thomas Greve

Adult Faith Formation



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

Lenten Small Group members, please check your group listed below for the correct date and time of your second 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 25

Group 2: Sundays, 2 pm to 3:30 pm with facilitators Jean Plucinski and Georgeann on Feb 25

Group 3: Tuesdays, 10 am to 11:30 am with facilitators Pat Lord and Doris Thimmesh on Feb 27

Before the second meeting, please read the material for Week 2 on pages 14 through 24 of the 2024 Lenten Small Group Study Guide which explores how Lent is a time for transformation, and the inspirational person, St. Francis of Assisi.

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

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

Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes resume at the Parish Center on Sunday, February 25th after the 10:00 am Mass.

Stations of the Cross

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

February 24-March 3

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

Tuesday, February 28

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

Friday, March 1

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 2

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

Sunday, March 3 Third Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Mass† Arokia Mary Rayar

† 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 Prism food shelf is also in need of diapers and wipes: infant, toddler and adult.

Thank you for your generosity!



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

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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

AT LARGE MEMBERS

Michael Bloberger, First Chair.....
Collin Abram
Brenda Brincks,.....
Hannah Ficks, *Second Chair*.....
Steve Gleason, Secretary
Molly Anderson

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Nancy Huntley, *Trustee*
Jean Plucinski, *Adult Faith Formation*.....
Georgeann Wobschall, *Social Ministry*.....

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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.

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Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Building and Grounds Update:

Many of our volunteers play a major role in our up keeping of parish facilities. We have large buildings to be maintained for a small parish. Our volunteers' contribution is more and more valuable and their dedication to serve our parish is very much appreciated.

LED: We have changed all fluorescent lights into LED lights in our Parish Center and the School Building including Visitation Hall. We will eventually change our Church lights into LED bulbs. This will reduce the cost of our electric bills. Xcel Energy has provided the rebate that all our school lights are changed to LED at no cost to us. It was totally free, including the labor. Thanks to Premier Lighting Company.

Our Parish Center lights are changed to LED. Our special thanks to **Dennis and Nancy Becker** who worked so hard in changing the fluorescent bulbs to LEDs. They have been involved in helping our parish in various capacities: Altar decoration, sacristan, cleaning, AV system and many more. We appreciate their dedication.

Parking: We thank the volunteers who helped with parking in our Church lot last weekend: **Steve Gleason, Patrick Doyle, Jeb Myers, Michael Ficks, Brincks family, Collin Abram, Rick Bruski, Dick Karels, and Tom Hammerich of the Knights of Columbus.**

Church Regular Cleaning: We thank **Dan and Debbie Kubes, Mary Ann Divala and Bill Komarek.** Thank you for keeping our Church so clean and bright!

There are numerous volunteers who contribute their time and talents and treasure to our parish. Please remember that everyone is appreciated and thanked for their love and dedication for our parish. May God bless you all!