

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



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March 3, 2024

Third 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

God's House Is Not a Marketplace

In the world of commercialism, this weekend's Gospel reading sheds light on the truth for our personal reflection. In the long history of human life, people have been influenced by various philosophies like pragmatism, idealism, existentialism, etc. But in recent years we are knowingly or unknowingly guided or misguided by a new philosophy of commercialism. Though, none has been the direct proponent of this philosophy, but we have adopted it in our daily life by the clandestine influence of 'great marketing' science and the strategies of selling. Modern consumers are conditioned by tactics of marketing strategies and made to think that they are the 'little gods' of the malls. In other words, the modern consumers are made 'kings and queens' within their own selfish 'boxes'.

This dangerous self-centered consumerism has led the people to a modern form of what is called Epicureanism and Utilitarianism: people become merely 'end users' of products rather than producers. Likes and dislikes of the consumer become the moral code of our society. It is sad to see that such philosophical notions have crept into our families and church communities even without being realized by many of us.

A consumer goes to the market to see what he or she can get to please themselves. He/she is not going there to show the spirit of commitment or give a great sacrifice of love, but to get something. If he/she is not satisfied with the goods then he/she goes to another store. This may be all right with material things. But when it creeps into families and communities, we are in danger of what Jesus is talking about in the gospel today, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul writes, "Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own" 1Cor:6:19.

When we are looking for our families and communities merely to get something to gratify us, then we are making God's temple, which is our body, a marketplace. When a husband or wife is looking for something to receive without giving, then he/she is making the family a 'marketplace'. We cannot make our home or church a marketplace where we only 'get' something to gratify us as 'end-users'. Rather, we learn to enjoy sacrificial giving. Our families should be founded on the

sound sacrifices for one another. Our human body is the 'temple of the Holy Spirit', so we cannot make it a marketplace by 'selling' it for mere sensual pleasures.

Lord, help us to make our body, family and community as your sanctum sanctorum of your presence among us where we find love, justice, peace and forgiveness. Amen.

Adult Faith Formation



Holy Adult Mind
Follow Soul Faith Spirit Believe
Catholic Formation Christ 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 Mar 3

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

Group 3: Tuesdays, 10 am to 11:30 am with facilitators Pat Lord and Doris Thimmesh on March 5

Before the third meeting, please read the material for Week 3 on pages 25 through 35 of the 2024 Lenten Small Group Study Guide which explores the cleansing of the Temple, how we are the temple of God, and the inspirational person, Sister Joan Chittister, OSB.

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

Stations of the Cross Good Friday, 3:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29th, 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil, March 30th, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st: 10:00 am

Reconciliation Service

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March 2—March 10

Saturday, March 2

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass† Chet Huntley

Sunday, March 3 Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Mass† Arokia Mary Rayar

Tuesday, March 5

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

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10 Third Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Mass† Leo "Butch" Rosas

† deceased * living

Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you to Adrienne Riley for faithfully watering our in-door plants each week. Thank you to Adrienne for taking care of our plants!

Social Ministry



March items needed:

Pantry staples, food and cash

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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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

First Community Building Dinner



Traditional Irish Dinner
March 16th at 5:00 PM
Visitation Hall

All are welcome to join our parish family for the first community building dinner in Visitation Hall on Saturday March 16th after the 4:00 pm Mass. We will be offering a traditional Irish meal with corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots, soda bread, beverages, and dessert.

A free will offering will be asked.

Please use the signup sheets in the back of the Church to RSVP to help us accommodate the number attending.

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.



Spring Flower Sale

SPRING FLOWER SALE

Spring is in the air and it is time for the spring flower sale. Flowers will be ordered from Gerten's. The order form for flowers will be in the bulletin, the back of Church and on our website. Orders will be taken before and after Mass on the weekends of March 9th and 10th and March 16th and 17th.

If you wish to look at pictures of the flowers offered, go to the Gerten's website under Spring Flower Fundraiser or see pamphlets located in the back of the Church.

There will also be a form to donate a memorial to the parish gardens. Money collected will be used for planters on the Church grounds. Please write separate checks to St Margaret Mary's Church for the flower sale and the parish memorial garden offering.

The plants will be available for pickup at the parish office garage on Monday May 13th from 3-7 pm and Tuesday May 14th from 4-7pm.

Questions call Nancy Huntley at 763-522-9437

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