

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

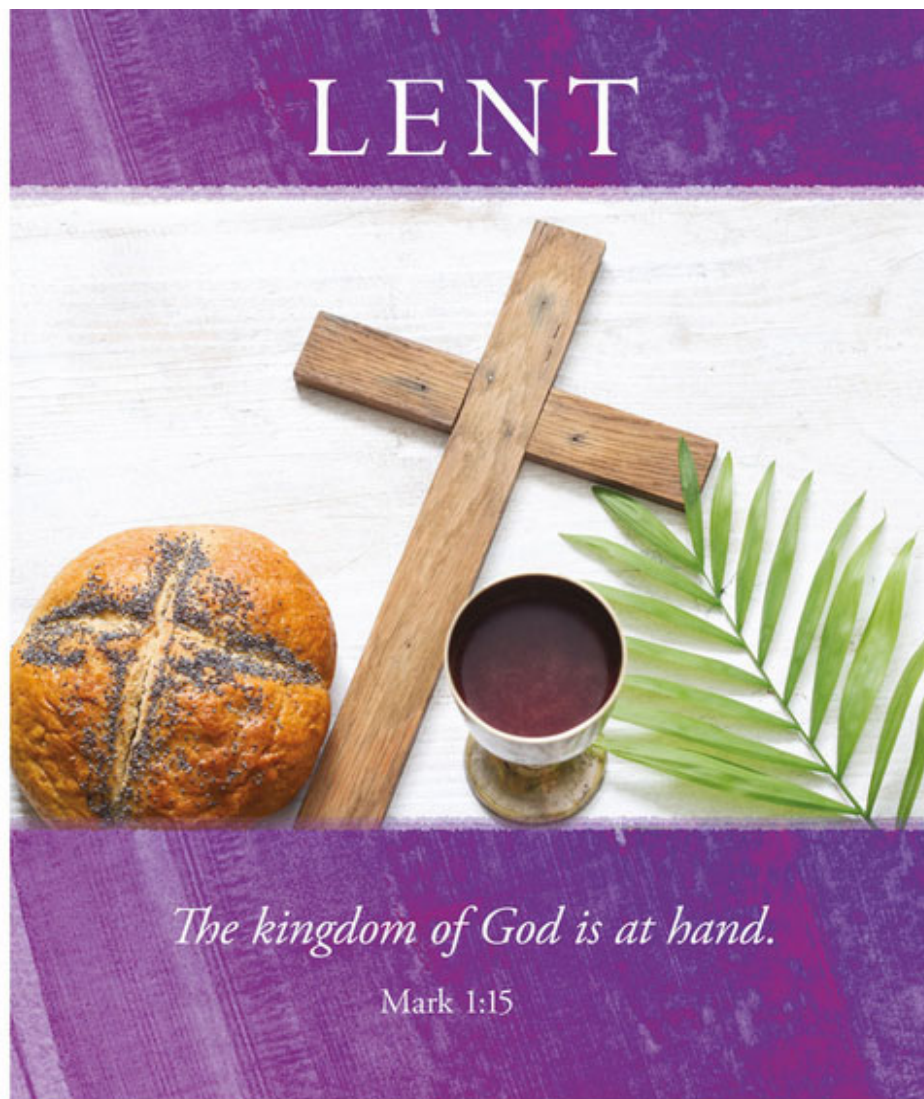
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March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent



The kingdom of God is at hand.

Mark 1:15

**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 Unconditional Love and Conditional Salvation

Sometimes we may hear people say, "whatever I may do and whoever I may become, God will still love me and give me salvation." It is true that God's love is unconditional. But our ultimate salvation of our soul is conditional. We need to understand God's love is not the same as our salvation by him. They are two different realities. God's love is unconditional that he loves us irrespective of whatever we may do and whoever we may become. But God who created us without our help cannot save us without our cooperation.

In other words, God's unconditional love does not guarantee us an unconditional salvation, because God's love is the road by which we must travel towards our gift of salvation. Salvation is the ultimate gift from God for our faithfulness to His love. Let us read once again what today's gospel tells us about God's Love and his salvation for us. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. (John 3:16-18)

God gave his son, Jesus, to provide us the road to heaven. But through our faith we are to travel on the road so that He could save us. "Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." So, if any one of us is to experience condemnation, it is not God who brings condemnation but it is our self-condemnation. We ourselves bring such a disastrous end by our disbeliefs in His Son. Unconditional Love of God and his gift of freedom are not the excuses to our sinful or dreadful lives, but they should be experiences through which our salvation is delivered to us. This theological concept has been affirmed by St. Paul's writing to Romans, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: for Jew first, and then Greek. For in it is revealed the righteousness of God from faith to faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous by faith will

live" (Rom:1:16-17). The ultimate faith in Jesus is the only condition for us to receive the everlasting gift of our salvation through the mercy of God.

Prayer: Deliver us Lord from our disbeliefs to faith that we keep moving on the road of love to attain salvation. Amen.

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

Easter Flower Memorials

Donor:	In Memory of:
Esther Cruz	Dr. Delfin Cruz
Louise Hyser	Chuck, Florence and John Hyser
Jennifer & Steve Erickson	Joseph and Mary Rolek Melvin and Viola Erickson
Joe Gindele	Mary, Otto, Thomas, & Eileen Gindele
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Barb and Rich Kramer	Rosemary & Fidelius Weilert Ann & Cletus Kramer
Jean and Tony Plucinski	Marilyn & Vern Launspach
Vonnie Reilly	Ray and Louise Sauer
Margaret Webinger	George Paul Webinger
Kathryn Siem	Parents and Grandparents
Pat Lord	Bill and Agnes Lord Marianne Kerr Darlene Rolling
Norine Stimart	Margaret & Russell Stimart
Teri Murphy	Alphonse & Agnes Wencel Kevin Murphy
Marge McLaughlin	Kathleen Spartz
Jolene Buck	Gregory & Evelyn Hellmann Patricia Palacheck Bob Evers

March 9—March 17

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10 Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Mass† Leo "Butch" Rosas

Tuesday, March 12

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

Saturday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 17 Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Mass† Pushpa Mary
 † deceased ★ living

Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you for our AV volunteers, Paxon Myers, Louise Hyser, Jim Franzen, Barb Kramer, Celeste and Savannah Buck, and the Brincks family! We would be lost without them! Thank you for your dedication to making the Mass run smoothly and providing us with recorded Masses for our homebound parishioners!



Social Ministry



March items needed:
 Pantry staples, food and cash
 The Prism food shelf is also in need of diapers and wipes: infant, toddler and adult.

SAVE THE DATE
 EMPTY BOWLS SOUP SUPPER
 TUESDAY MARCH 19

4:00-7:00 pm
 Cooper High School
 8230 47th Ave N
 New Hope
 Free will donation
 Prism and nearby food shelves will benefit

Thank you for your generosity!

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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

PPC COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

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

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- Peter Aubart
- Michael Ficks
- Jeb Myers, *Trustee*.....
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- Jim Sherburne

PRAYER CHAIN

- Laurie Geving 763-772-7762

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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

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.

This is the last weekend to sign up and RSVP for the dinner. Please use the signup sheets in the back of the Church.

A free will offering will be asked.

Adult Faith Formation



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

Lenten Small Group members, please check your group listed below for the correct date and time of your fourth 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 10

Group 2: Sundays, 2 pm to 3:30 pm with facilitators Jean Plucinski and Georgeann on March 10

Group 3: Tuesdays, 10 am to 11:30 am with facilitators Pat Lord and Doris Thimmesh on March 12

Before the fourth meeting, please read the material for Week 4 on pages 36 through 46 of the 2024 Lenten Small Group Study Guide which explores why we celebrate Laetare Sunday during Lent and rejoice, how God's presence and faithfulness are "light in the darkness", and the inspirational person, St. Paul, the Apostle.

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



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

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