

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday



**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

From Tomb to Bloom, Alleluia!

Easter is not merely an external celebration of Jesus' resurrection in our Christian Faith; it is a celebration of our life through death and resurrection of Jesus. It was the first solemn feast commemorated in our Christian tradition. Ironically, the celebration of Christmas, which seems today more vibrantly celebrated than Easter, was started only in the third century. The Death and Resurrection of Jesus was the nucleus of the early Christian community. The Resurrected Christ is found in the Eucharist. In Acts of the Apostles, the apostles and disciples celebrated the Eucharist: "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42). Easter is the continuation of the feast of 'Passover' in the Jewish tradition that the people of Israel celebrated their political liberation from slavery under the Egyptians. Later it became the spiritual celebration of liberation from the slavery of sin to a life of holiness.

Easter is not merely a commemoration of the historical event of the past but the celebration of our present life. As Jesus passed to the glorious resurrection by way of death, we celebrate the liberation of ourselves from sin to holiness, from fear to joy, from death to life, and from pain to gain, and from tomb to bloom. Thus, the history of Jesus becomes the mystery of our daily life in this ever-challenging world. By this celebration, we bring death to our sinful nature and rejuvenate resurrection to life in Jesus with total freedom: Our Salvation.

But the road to our salvation through resurrection was not cheap, as we see in the life of Jesus. It cost him his life. He died so that he could resurrect to life. It is like "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit" (John 12: 24-26). If we are not ready to die to our sinful nature we cannot gain eternal salvation. This feast is a call to us to pass from our anxieties and fears of death to the life of joy in the grace of God. It gives hope in our journey of faith.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!

My Heartfelt Thanks: I thank everyone including our staff, Mary Muntifering and volunteers who did a marvelous work during this Lent and Holy week. I thank those of you who regularly participated in the Lenten reflection group reflecting the

mysteries of this Holy Season. I take this opportunity to thank, Michael McDonough and volunteers for decorating our Church throughout the Lenten season, the liturgical ministers, our dedicated Sacristans, Lectors, Altar Servers, Money Counters, Greeters/ushers, Church cleaners, and everyone who one way or the other helped in promoting liturgical ministry in our parish. Finally, I thank our musicians for their inspiring and uplifting music during this holy season and especially to Mary Bur for excellently singing the Paschal Proclamation.

Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

We thank Michael McDonough for decorating our Church so beautifully this Lenten and Easter season. There is a lot of work in changing out the Church during the Paschal Triduum and Michael has done so in a beautiful and liturgical way. Thank you Michael!

Church Garden Memorials

Donor:	In Memory of:
Esther Cruz	Dr. Delfin Cruz
Dianne Drumm	Darrell Drumm
Diana Fodstad	Robert and Evelyn Fodstad
Jeanette Larson	Earl and Fran Larson
Carl Orstad	Mary Traxor-Orstad
Jean and Tony Plucinski	Marilyn and Vern Launspach
Doris Thimmesh	Bob Thimmesh
Margaret Webinger	George Paul Webinger
Georgeann Wobschall	Nickerson and Wobschall Deceased Family Members

Contributions were made to assist in keeping the parish grounds beautiful! Thank you!

March 30 — April 7

Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

8:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, April 2

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Saturday, April 6

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Sunday, April 7 Divine Mercy

10:00 am Mass† Emmanuel James Holly

† deceased ★ living



Social Ministry

PRISM needs: March is Food Share Month
Needed supplies are pantry staples and food

Thank you for your generous donations!

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Pastoral Team

Pastor:

Fr. Thomas Rayar
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For Pastoral Emergencies and Anointing of the Sick
Call 763-515-2005

Business Administration

Mary Muntifering
marym@smm-gv.org

Music Ministry

Mary Bur
mbur@smm-gv.org

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*.....

FINANCE COUNCIL

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

PRAYER CHAIN

Laurie Geving 763-772-7762

SAVE THE DATE FOR PRISM'S ANNUAL

This event offers two venues: The Metropolitan Ballroom and Clubroom and Frankies Chicago Style Restaurant.

METROPOLITAN
BALLROOM & CLUBROOM
5418 Wayzata Blvd.
Golden Valley, MN 55416

Ticket Information:

- April 1st-14th: \$125
- April 15th: \$150
- VIP TICKET: \$225

includes VIP reception,
exclusive seating, the first
choice of parking, and
fundraising activities.



VIP RECEPTION: 5:30PM

GENERAL GUESTS: 6:15PM

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH, 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION: PRISMMPLS.ORG/EVENTS/TOB24

FRANKIE'S

3556 Winnetka Ave N,
New Hope, MN 55427

Ticket Information:

- April 1st-14th: \$60
- April 15th: \$75

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Monday: Office Closed
Tuesdays through Thursdays : 9:00am
to 3:00pm
Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:00pm

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.

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.



Lenten Schedule

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

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

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



Healing Mass and Soup Luncheon

The Healing Mass and soup luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, April 18th at 11:00 am.

Please watch for sign up sheets in the back of the Church for opportunities to help with set up and clean up and soup and dessert donations.



Spring Flower Sale

SPRING FLOWER SALE

Thank you to everyone who generously supported our spring flower sale and donations to the Church Gardens.

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

Youth Faith Formation

We will have a Mass of Sending for our Confirmation Students on Sunday, April 14th at the 10:00 am Mass. Cake and coffee reception in Visitation Hall will follow. The Confirmation Mass will be at the Cathedral of St Paul at 2:00 pm that day.