

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter



**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

The Good Shepherd

It will be challenging to understand the concept of 'Shepherd and Sheep' in the modern Western culture where we have farm-raised cattle in confined fields. However, we can easily fathom this episode of 'Good Shepherd' from John's Gospel, if we would know the Eastern culture and the farming community in Jesus' time. The shepherds in the Middle East and Eastern countries move the sheep from one place to another looking for green pastures and water. The shepherds walk ahead of the sheep to lead them to the green pasture and safe places. Even today we can see this way of herding sheep in the countryside of India and other Eastern countries.

Jesus takes these ordinary happenings of 'shepherding the sheep' to explain the greatest concept of leadership. He had shown the disciples the principle of His leadership by washing their feet on Holy Thursday. He preached that the Son of Man came to serve and not to be served. He told them that He came to show the way to the Father by dying on the cross and being resurrected on the third day. By this parable of the 'good shepherd' Jesus portrays the qualities of leadership that the leader should be ready to lay down their life for the people. The leader should call the followers by name, which means knowing the 'sheep' deeply and being close enough to call them by name. The leader should be loving so that the people recognize him/her as their leader who loves them and cares for them.

We are called to be leaders in various walks of our life. As parents or as older siblings or in our workplaces we exercise our leadership. How do we exemplify ourselves to others as good leaders? Do we abuse our power or are we ready to sacrifice ourselves for our 'sheep'?

Lord, help us to be leaders of love and help our followers to recognize Your voice through ours. Amen.



Cinco de Mayo Dinner



The second Community Building Dinner will be in celebration of Cinco de Mayo on Saturday, May 4th after the 4 PM Mass.

Menu will include traditional Mexican food, beef and chicken tacos, chips and salsa and Tres Leches cake!

Please use the signup sheets in the back of the Church to RSVP as well as signing up for serving and clean up.

We cannot build a community without you and your help is greatly needed!

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Bloberger or Molly Anderson.

A free will offering will be asked. All are welcome!

Congratulations Confirmation Class

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class! We look forward to continuing to celebrate our faith with them! We also thank Jim Franzen and Jon Kleist for helping our youth faith formation to grow in faith and love of our Church. Thank you Jim and Jon!



April 20—April 28

Saturday, April 20

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass † Mary Traxor-Orstad
..... * People of Ukraine

Sunday, April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass * People of SMM

Tuesday, April 24

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass * Expectant Parents

Saturday, April 27

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass * People of SMM

Sunday, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass * People of SMM

† deceased * living



Social Ministry

PRISM needs for April: Cleaning Supplies

Alternative items: Sugar, oil, flour, cereal, pasta, soups, canned tuna and chicken, syrup, peanut butter and jelly.

Thank you for your generous donations!

Spring Flower Sale

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

Healing Mass and Soup Luncheon

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Healing Mass and soup luncheon! Thank you to Mike and Cheryl Bloberger, Pete and Karen Aubart, Molly Anderson, Norine Stimart, Kathy Linden, Nancy Huntley, Joyce Reha, Mary Ellen Bruski, Lucille Cervantes, and Vonnice Reilly for donating soups, desserts and time for clean up. Thank you to everyone that participated in the Healing Mass. We thank you for celebrating with us!

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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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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.

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



Neighboring Events

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 July 11, 2024, and ends Sunday evening, July 14, 2024. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com.

Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you Lee Burke! Lee cleaned the boiler room in the Parish office and also changed out all the vent filters in every room in the office. Thank you Lee!
Lee also has been fixing the broken kneelers in the Church. If the kneeler is fixed in your pew, please thank Lee for fixing them!

Knights of Columbus



Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive will be after both Masses on May 4th and 5th.

The Knights will be handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting free will donations. Cash, check and Venmo will be accepted. Profits support individuals with development and intellectual disabilities in Minnesota. Please support our Knights!