

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

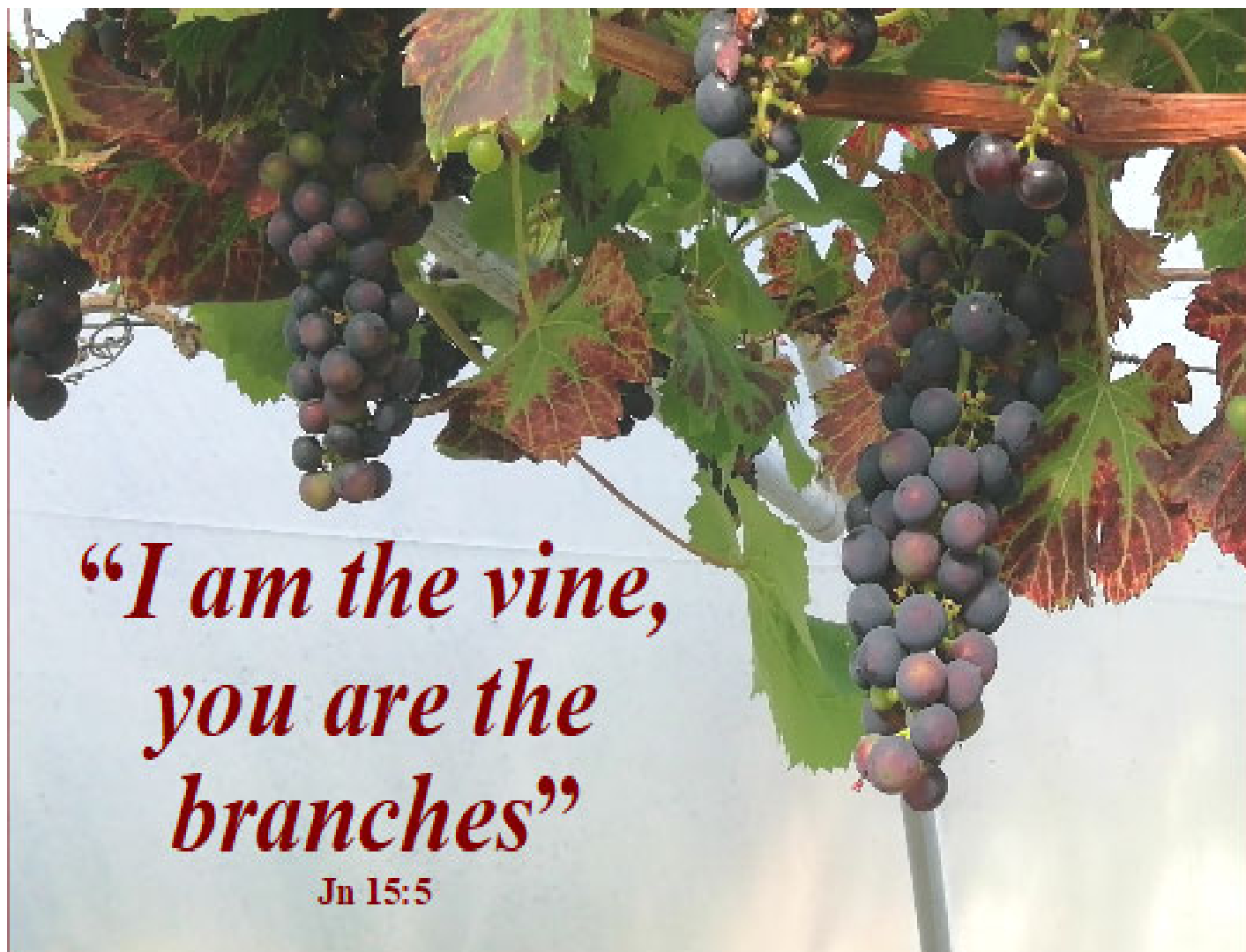
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April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter



*“I am the vine,
you are the
branches”*

Jn 15:5

**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

Indeed, Our Love should be in Deed

Through the Second reading of this Sunday, St. John, the Evangelist, instructs us, "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in Deed and Truth... and love one another just as he commanded us." He calls us not to do mere lip service but to commit ourselves to the actions of love. Having such unconditional love for one another is not an easy task.

God's Commandments and Human Law: The laws which comes from God are commandments. The commands coming from a civil government are called Law. God gives us the commandment of Love whereas a government enforces the law of justice. God's love is productive love which helps communities with love; whereas a civil government is focused on protecting people from crime and harm. A civil societal law punishes the one who hurts the rights of others. But God's commands insist on loving others. It calls for a life of productivity and peace by creating an environment of love. There could be no human law to punish the citizen for failing to love one's neighbors, but God's command does. No community can thrive only with protective laws and without proactive acts of love. This is why our political leaders should create and implement laws that would reflect human values. Law of force cannot enforce peace. But a commandment of love does bring peace, equality. It is just love that can bring real justice. It is love in action as St. John mentioned in the Second Reading of today.

Problems in our families and societies are caused by our failure to practice the commandment of love that Christ taught us. Absence of hatred does not mean the presence of Love. But it is in the presence of our affirmative actions of justice, peace, mutual respect etc. It reflects what St. Paul has enlisted what real love is: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record

of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres (1 Cor: 13).

True love should not fade away in the noise of our busy life. It should inspire us what everyone must do for one another. It is by love we can build a society of justice not by indifference.

Lord, make me a 'keeper' of my brothers and sisters and to hold them in my heart with love! 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 included 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!

You must RSVP this weekend if you would like to attend. Thank you!

April 27-May 5

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

Tuesday, April 30

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass * Expectant Parents

Saturday, May 4

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass † Richard Sullivan

Sunday, May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass * People of SMM

† deceased * living

Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you to Dan and Debbie Kubes, Mary Ann Davila and Bill Komarek! They have faithfully cleaned the Church. Please thank these volunteers for giving their time each week to make sure our Church looks beautiful and clean!

If you would like to help these volunteers with the cleaning, please contact Mary Muntifering. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



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

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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

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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 Bishop's website www.usccb.org/bible/readings.



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!

K of C Thank You!



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for repairing and patching our parking lot. The K of C hired and paid a crew to fix our parking lot for both the school and Church side.

Thank you for their generosity and dedication to helping our Church. We could not do this without them!