

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

May 5, 2024

Sixth 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

We are Chosen to Love

Love of a Friend: Love is the greatest commandment of Jesus. Because of his great love, he no longer calls us slaves but friends. “I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends; because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father” (John: 15-15). By this we enter a greater relationship with Jesus that we are his friends. When we hear Jesus ‘words, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends,” we understand that Jesus, our good friend, laid down his life for us on the cross for our salvation. On the other hand, Jesus reminds us that we, as his friends, should be ready to lay down our life for him. This means we are called to make sacrifices even to the point of death for Jesus, whom we are to find in our brothers and sisters.

Chosen to Serve: In the world of democracy, we think we choose everything. We tend to think we have all the powers and rights because of our freedom. But Jesus tells the disciples, “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.” (John 15: 16-17) Jesus is the Master who chose, called, and appointed us for his mission that we bear fruit. This fruit is not for us, but to be useful for others. An apple tree bears fruits not for its benefits, but it should feed others. This means bearing fruit is not for one’ own benefit but for the use of others.

Our Fruits of Love: As disciples of Jesus, we, as a community of faith, responded to be his friends. We have made great sacrifices that we will bear fruits of our faith for our children and the generations to come. We made and continue to make the commitment to form our children in faith. For this we are called by Jesus. By praising God and appreciating others who bear fruits by their love and generosity, we grow in the friendship of Jesus.

Prayer: Loving Jesus, you are our dedicated friend who loves us unconditionally. Please give us the spirit of generosity to love others not only when it is convenient but even in times of inconvenience. Amen.

Volunteer Thank You!

We have an anonymous volunteer that has offered to maintain the Mary statue garden on the Church Grounds. We thank her for keeping the statue garden blooming all summer.



Pentecost Weekend

Do you speak a second language? We are looking for volunteers to say the “Our Father” prayer in their own language on Pentecost weekend. If you would like to share your language by saying the “Our Father” prayer during the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday or the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, please contact Mary Bur or Mary Muntifering.

Thank you!

May 4th—May 12th

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

Tuesday, May 7

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass

Saturday, May 11

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Russell Leighton

Sunday, May 12 **The Ascension of the Lord**

10:00 am Mass * People of SMM

† deceased * living

Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you to Michael and Cheryl Blobberger and Molly Anderson for taking charge of the community building dinners! We thank them for their time and commitment to making the dinners a success!

It is by coming together to share a meal that we can build our faith community.

Thank you Michael, Cheryl and Molly!

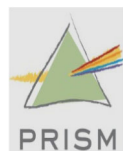
Social Ministry

PRISM needs for May: Paper and plastic bags

School will be out of session in a month, hot lunch will not be available. Items like peanut butter, jelly, crackers and cheese, applesauce and prepackaged fruit will be needed.

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

Thank you for your generous donations!



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Pastoral Team

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Call 763-515-2005

Business Administration

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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 Blobberger, First Chair.....

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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!

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.

If you are unable to pick up your flower order on either of these two days, please enlist a friend, neighbor or family member to pick them up for you.

Questions call Nancy Huntley at 763-522-9437

