

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

June 09, 2024

June 16, 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Welcome



**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

Father's Day

Since, during the summer we publish our parish bulletin fortnightly, I have to write wishing all fathers a Happy Father's Day in advance. So, this week, my column reflects on Father's Day.

In the Old Testament, we see the prophets speaking about God as King, warrior, judge, or a taskmaster who would punish the evildoers and save the innocent. However, Jesus gave us the final revelation of God in the New Testament that God is our heavenly FATHER who loves and forgives us. JN: 3:16 "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." Jesus taught us to call God, "Our Father who art in heaven". God was considered a distant Being in the Old Testament, but Jesus, the Son of God, brought God close to us with the correct concept of Fatherhood. In the New Testament, God is no longer a transcendental reality beyond comprehension, but a tangible truth in our daily life. God is our Father who loves us every day and forgives us every time we turn to him (ref. The story of the prodigal son: Luke: 15:11ff).

God is the creator and he is described as *protector and provider* to all creatures. So, following this construct, in every family a father is known traditionally as the one who protects and provides for the family. The modern understanding of the word 'protector' not only means the physical and material protection, but also it means protecting the spiritual values, as the father is the first teacher of faith to his child/children. The fathers have the responsible duty to protect their children from the dangers in their life, not only by words but also by their exemplary life.

A father as a **provider** does not mean merely that he is a material provider, but he, along with his wife, provides a family of love to their children. It may not be an exaggeration, if I were to state that many of the social problems our children are facing today is due to the unstable home they come from. The home is the first university where the children learn to love, moral values, and develop social skills/behaviors. If the homes are broken into pieces, then the learning or the desired modification of behaviors may not take place in the minds of our children. As we celebrate 'Father's Day' I invite all the fathers to reflect on what kind of fathers we are to our children? And as the sons and daughters of our fathers, how have we respected and loved our fathers?

Father's Day is not only reminding the responsibilities of the fathers, it primarily reminds the obligation of the children to their fathers. Father's Day should not be the only time in the year we appreciate our fathers, who were instrumental in giving us life. We are to be grateful to them all through our life for the sacrifices they made for us. Father's Day is a reminder to thank our

fathers in a special way. We read in the book of Sirach: 3:1-16. "*He who honors his father atones for sins... he who honors his father is gladdened by children and when he prays, he is heard. He who reveres his father will live a long life ...he who fears the Lord honors his father and serves his parents as rulers. In word and deed honor your father and his blessings may come upon you; for a father's blessing gives a family firm roots, but a mother's curse uproots the growing plant. Glory not in your father's shame, for his shame is no glory to you! My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fails, be considerate with him; revile him not in the fullness of your strength. For kindness to your father will not be forgotten, it will serve as a sin offering -it will take a lasting root.*" The words of the Bible are very direct about how to treat our parents. The fourth commandment of God tells us the same.

The problem of neglecting parents in their old age is not new in society. It may be getting worse as lives today get busy and we may take things for granted more and more. We all need to be concerned about the future if it takes us away from our family and its values. We need to take care of our parents as they did when we were children. Whatever we do for our parents helps to pay back for the sacrifice they made with love. This kindness will not be forgotten by God. We received life from our parents. May we give the same to the future generation.

Wish you all fathers, A very Happy Father's Day!

Happy Father's Day!

A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.
Amen.

- Author Unknown

Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you to all of our Parish Council Members! We thank Michael Bloberger, Hannah Ficks, Steve Gleason, Brenda Brincks, Molly Anderson and Collin Abram for their time and dedication to the Parish! For more information or to volunteer for this amazing group, please call Michael Bloberger.

June 8th — June 23rd

Saturday, June 8

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Marge Johnson

Sunday, June 9 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass* People of SMM

Tuesday, June 11

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass* People of SMM

Saturday, June 15

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Cheryl Gransee

Sunday, June 16 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass* People of SMM

Tuesday, June 18

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass* People of SMM

Saturday, June 22

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass* People of SMM

Sunday, June 23 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass* People of SMM

† deceased * living

Social Ministry

PRISM needs for June: Breakfast Cereal

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

Fresh produce distribution

First and third Tuesdays from June 18-October 1
2:00-4:00 pm

Prism parking lot: 1220 Zane Ave N
Golden Valley, MN
Everyone is welcome!



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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
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Hannah Ficks, *Second Chair*.....
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Monday: Office Closed
Tuesdays through Thursdays : 9:00am
to 3:00pm
Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:00pm

Measure of our Treasure To the Lord	
Revenue (Actual) YTD 05-31-2024	\$205,431
Budgeted Fiscal Year	\$220,000
Net Difference	(\$14,569)

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. **We have several days available. Please consider a Mass Intention for a loved one.**

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.

Silent Auction Baskets from Heaven

This year's silent auction will be called "**Baskets from Heaven**" in honor of Tom Greve, who passed away unexpectedly this year. Tom was faithfully taking care of our silent auction with unwavering dedication! Please help to keep Tom's memory and ministry alive in our parish! The baskets will be available in the back of the Church starting next weekend. If you have baskets at home that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Church! We will put them to good use!

Thank you for all your support towards the parish festival.



Neighboring Event Fr Paul Jarvis Retirement

Fr. Paul Jarvis, currently serving our neighboring parish in Minneapolis, will be retiring as of July 1.

Father Paul Jarvis's retirement reception in the school gym (handicap accessible, and across from St. Bridget's, 3811 Emerson Avenue N, Mpls 55412) is on Saturday, June 15, after St. Bridget's 4:30 pm Mass. Come enjoy a spaghetti dinner and good conversation.