

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary

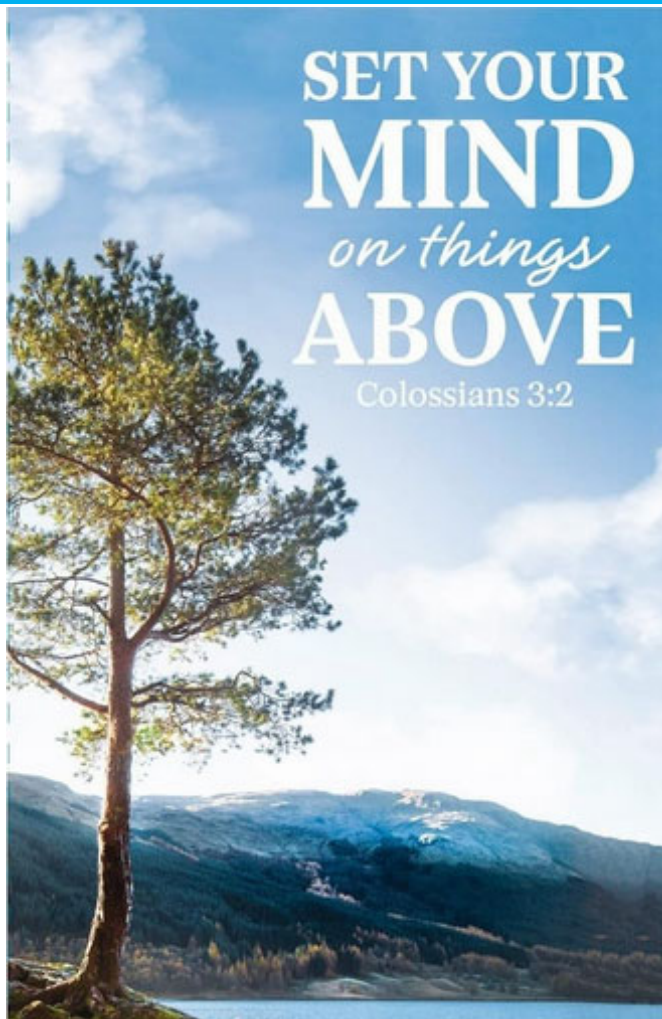
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June 23, 2024  
June 30, 2024

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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:**  
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**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

### Fear and Freedom

The readings of this weekend and the celebration of July 4<sup>th</sup> (Our Independence Day) have a common theme we can reflect on in the coming weeks: Fear and Freedom.

There is a constant conflict between 'Fears of the Flesh' and 'Freedom of Faith.' Our fears take away the 'gears' of our life that our life engines run at high RPM going nowhere. Fear filled with the passions of our flesh push us down, whereas the power of Faith pulls us up. Many of us are torn between these forces. We are aware that the emotions of the flesh lead us to fall. But the freedom of Faith guides us to gain the eternal truth, because "we walk by faith, not by sight" as St. Paul writes to the Corinthians (1Cor. 5:7).

The disciples, in the Gospel narration of today, were filled with a similar fear of the flesh that "A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. (Mk. 4: 37) The fear of death was more powerful in them than their faith in Jesus. They have been blinded by the fear of the flesh and they have forgotten to have faith in Jesus, the Master of the universe, who was just sleeping in their boat. "He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" (Mk. 4: 39-10)

This is exactly what St. Paul writes in the second reading today, "Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So, whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come." (2Cor. 5: 15 -17) We are called to move on to 'new things' of freedom through our faith, from the 'old thing' of our fear of the flesh.

*Prayer: Lord, while the 'Fears of the unknown' torture my mind, set the torch of faith in my heart, to lead me from the darkness of fear to the light of freedom in truth. Amen.*

### Our Freedom is to Serve the Nation

St. Paul's letter to Galatians (Gal: 5: 13-18) explains about true freedom. Those words of St. Paul is more appropriate for our reflection during this

## Reflection Continued

week as we celebrate Independence Day. "*For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love.*"

As sons and daughters of God we are called to live in freedom not with fear. Our ancestors fought for the great freedom we enjoy today. But the way we sometimes live may exhibit that we might have used our freedom as an opportunity to take advantage of selfish causes and may get enslaved to the concept of misconceived freedom 'into fragments by narrow domestic walls.' That is why St. Paul reminds us, as he wrote to Galatians, that freedom is not an opportunity for the flesh but for the service of others with love. National freedom is not for one's selfishness but for the welfare of the nation. We, citizens of free America, are called in freedom to serve one another with love in gratitude to our ancestors who made many sacrifices for our freedom.

*Where the mind is led forward by thee  
Into ever-widening thought and action  
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my  
country awake. (R. Tagore)*

May God bless America! Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>!



### Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you to **Patrick Doyle**, who installed our temporary A/C units! The Church has been very comfortable thanks to Patrick.

We also thank **Lee Burke, Rich Kramer, Lloyd Geving, Dick Karels and Fr Tom** for helping with the large tree limb that fell on the Parish grounds. Thanks for many hands to help make it quick work! Thank you! It's a great sense of relief and comfort to have parishioners that take such great care of our parish!

**June 22nd — July 7th**

**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

**Tuesday, June 25**

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass .....★ Expectant Parents

**Saturday, June 29**

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass .....★ People of SMM

**Sunday, June 30 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am Mass .....★ People of SMM

**Tuesday, July 2**

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass .....★ Expectant Parents

**Saturday, July 6**

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass .....★ People of SMM

**Sunday, July 7th 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am Mass .....† Marie Tiffin

† deceased    ★ living

**Social Ministry**

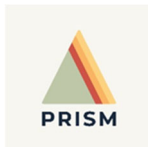
**PRISM needs for June: Breakfast Cereal  
July: Kid Snack Packs**

Items always needed: peanut butter, jelly, crackers and cheese, applesauce and prepackaged fruit. Also, sugar, oil, flour, cereal, pasta, soup, canned chicken and tuna, pancake mix and syrup.

**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 .....
- Brenda Brincks,.....
- Hannah Ficks, *Second Chair*.....
- Steve Gleason, Secretary .....
- Molly Anderson .....

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- 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

## Community Dinner July 13th

The community dinner, Ballpark Picnic Style, will be on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, starting after the 4:00 pm Mass. Come enjoy some favorites! Hotdogs, brats, potato salad, ice cream sundaes, and root beer!

Please bring your family, neighbors and friends to a community building dinner!

A free will offering will be asked.

Sign up sheets will be in the back of Church for Rsvp and for helping with clean up.

## 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.**

**Daily Bible Readings** are available online at the United States Council of Catholic Bishops website [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings).

## 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.

## 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.

## Parish Festival Volunteers

As all of you know, no Church can function without volunteers. It is our Church and our Faith Community. We own and build this community by joining hands in working together.

Our biggest fund raiser is our festival. Please help by volunteering to help where ever you are able.

Please watch for sign up sheets for the various areas to help or contact Mary Muntiferer at the office.

We are in need of many volunteers! Please consider helping our faith family by volunteering time, talent or treasure.

## Westside Parish Softball League

Are you interested in playing softball? Please see the flyer in the back of Church for information on starting a wood bat baseball team with other parishes in our area.

There will be a softball Jamboree at Our Lady of Grace fields on July 15th from 6:15 to 9:30 pm. All parishes are invited to see how the league works and how much fun multiple parishes can provide! Hamburgers, brats and drinks will be served. See the bulletin board in the Church for more information.