

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary

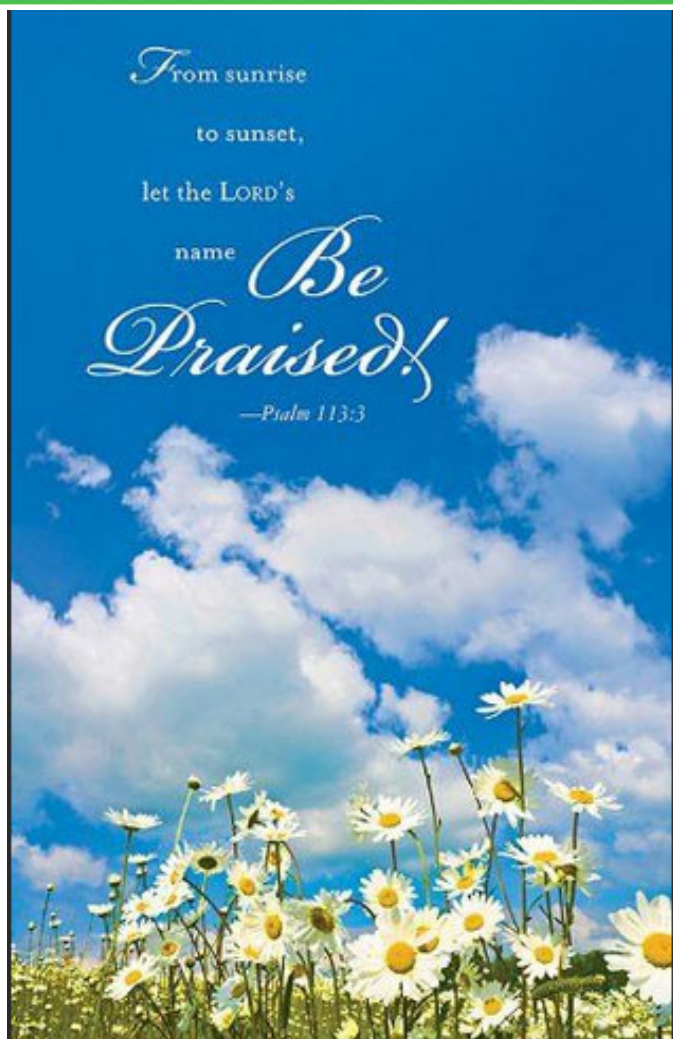
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July 7, 2024  
July 14, 2024

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
15th 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:  
[www.smm-gv.org](http://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

### Prophet in the Native Place

**Who is a Prophet?** Prophets in the Old Testament played the role of a spokesperson for God. The English word 'Prophet' is derived from the Greek word, 'prophetes', which means 'one who speaks before others'. The prophets, in the biblical understanding, were not foretellers of the future, but they predicted the future fall of Israel if they failed to listen to God. They were warning voices of a future fall rather than mere fortune-tellers.

**Prophets Today:** God continues to send prophets and warning voices through various people. Such prophets are cautionary of our future-falls when we fail to follow God's ways. These prophets are leaders of today into the life of tomorrow. These prophets translate our history into future vision. As Jesus said, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." The visionary prophetic leaders are not honored not only in their native place, but they are not honored in their own time for they live in the present, but act and dream of the future with faith. Such acts of faith cannot be answered by reason alone. Anyone who cares for others and provides guidance for the betterment of their life is a prophet. *Let us not take those great advisories as adversaries just because they may challenge our status quo to grow and glow.*

**Prophet without Honor:** We read in the Old Testament that the Prophets were insulted or persecuted just because they were mouthpieces of God. A prophet does not work for honor. He/she works for God by speaking His words and performing His acts. But we, His people, should honor them as we would honor God. Jesus was not looking for honor as a prophet, but looking for faith in His native place. But 'He was amazed at their lack of faith.' Honor to the prophet is the expression of faith in God. Pride of the people blinded their eyes in Nazareth so that they could not see Jesus beyond 'being a carpenter's son'. They claimed to know Him just because they knew of Jesus' parents and His family. The people took offense at Him, just because He was too good for them beyond their perception. The people of Nazareth claimed knowledge of familiarity about Jesus.

We have heard 'Familiarity begets contempt.' Faithlessness leads us to fall. Fear of the future frustrates our faith. Pride blinds our vision. Faith in Jesus liberates us and leads us into the future of freedom as God's children. Let not Jesus be amazed at our lack of faith, but rather see our faithfulness.

**Prayer:** *Lord, open our eyes to see your works in prophets of today, open our ears to hear your words through them, open our minds to understand your truths in them and open our hearts to honor your prophets. Amen.*

## Reflection on Independence Day (Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>) !

**Faith gives us the freedom to be slaves of love and friends of Jesus.**

### Risen Savior Missions

We will have the Risen Savior Missions speaking at our Masses on the weekend of July 20 and 21. Please see their message. Being hungry is an everyday nightmare for so many children in the Philippines. A second collection will be taken on the weekend of July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, of 2024 for Risen Savior Missions (RSM) to help these poverty-stricken families. Faced with incredible economic hardships, thousands of poor families in the 85 Catholic Dioceses of the Philippines suffer from the shattering effects of starvation, disease, and severe unemployment. Hearing of RSM's great success on the island of Marinduque in the Philippines, Cardinal Advincula has worked with RSM to establish feeding programs in many dioceses, and RSM is answering God's call to help. Through RSM, every \$100 donation will ship 9,100 meals to these starving people. Your financial gift will have a big impact and change children's lives, because almost **100%** of your donation goes to send much needed food. On behalf of these Philippine children and their families, Risen Savior Missions thanks you for your generosity and prayers. For more information about RSM, visit our website at [www.RisenSaviorMissions.org](http://www.RisenSaviorMissions.org) or call Jerry Krosnowski at 952-432-3359.

### 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.

Please RSVP by July 7th to help us plan accordingly for food.

### Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you to all of our Eucharistic Ministers! Rick and Adrienne Riley, Diana Fodstad, Lee Burke, Georgeann Wobschall, Nancy Huntley, Karen Brantner and Steve Gleason. Thank you for serving the Parish Family in the most precious of ministries.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Fr Tom at the Parish Office.

**July 6th—July 14th**

**Saturday, July 6**

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass .....† Carrie Bernhagen

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

10:00 am Mass .....† Marie Tiffin

**Tuesday, July 9**

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass .....★ People of SMM

**Saturday, July 13**

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass .....† Lee Bernhagen

**Sunday, July 14 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am Mass .....† Chinnappan Rayar

**Tuesday, July 16**

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass .....★ People of SMM

**Saturday, July 20**

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass .....† Dean Blixt

**Sunday, July 21 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am Mass .....† Edward Doll

† deceased ★ living

**Social Ministry**

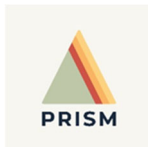
**PRISM needs for July: Kid Snack Packs**

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**

**Pastor:**

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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*.....

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

- Peter Aubart .....
- Michael Ficks .....
- Jeb Myers, *Trustee*.....
- Rick Riley .....
- Jim Sherburne .....

**PRAYER CHAIN**

- Laurie Geving ..... 763-772-7762

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Monday: Office Closed  
Tuesdays through Thursdays : 9:00am  
to 3:00pm  
Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:00pm

## Knights of Columbus

The Crystal Women's Clinic Annual "Walk/Ride for Life" is Saturday, August 3, 2024.

Please help the **Knights of Columbus #3656** to reach our goal of raising \$5,000.00 for the **Crystal Women's Clinic** to continue reaching vulnerable women by offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasound services, material aid and mentorship programs. Your support helps provide accurate information and compassionate assistance to the clients.

This year our Knights council team consists of members Tony Bangasser, the Rusinko Family and the Ryan Family.

The walk/ride for life will be at French Regional Park. The meeting location at the park is the Moraine Picnic Shelter with check-in beginning at 10:00AM.

The easiest way to contribute to this walk is by going to the **Walk for Life** at [www.rwcinfo.org/event/walk-for-life](http://www.rwcinfo.org/event/walk-for-life)

Click on "Sponsor A Walker", then "Give", then pick one of our team members, then again on "Give" to record your pledge.

## 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 \$5.00 is appreciated to defray the increased cost of the candles.

**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).

## Silent Auction "Baskets from Heaven"

Get ready, get set, and choose your basket!

"Baskets from Heaven" is off to a great start! Please be sure to pick up a basket in the back of the Church and use your imagination for a theme, such as movie night, game night, kids, car care, etc. Please include a description and a value amount with your basket.

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. If you would like to help with the baskets, please contact Louise Hyser or Mary Muntifering.

## 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. We are looking for many volunteers to make this a successful event!

Please consider helping our faith family by volunteering time, talent or treasure by contacting Mary Muntifering at the Parish office.

Thank you in advance for your much needed support!

## 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](mailto:marym@smm-gv.org)) in the parish office to schedule your Mass Intentions. Suggested minimum donation is \$7.00 or more per Mass.

