

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

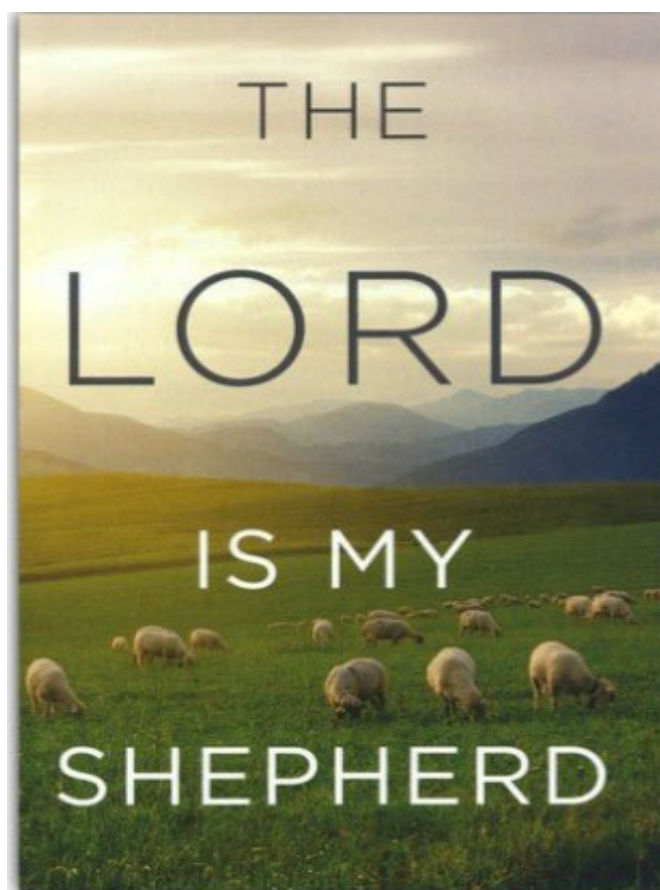
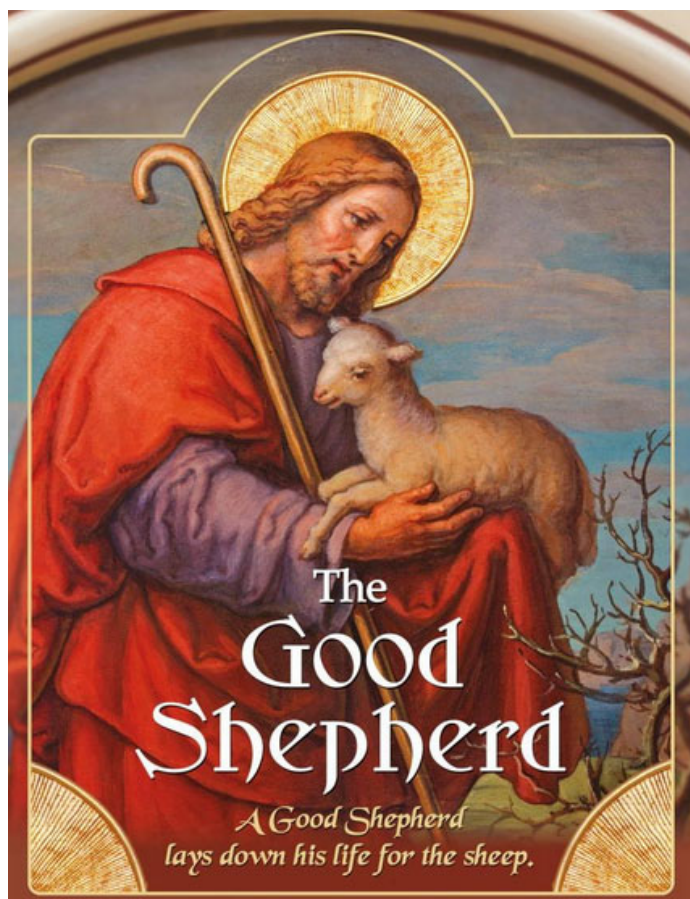
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July 21, 2024
July 28, 2024

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th 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

**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

Modern-Day Shepherding

Shepherding or leading a community of people has never been easy in the long history of our life. It is much more challenging in the modern times with the advent of information technology and spirit of individualism and freedom. Knowledge and freedom are tools of leadership as well as its challenge. The work of a leader is to navigate the means and ways efficiently to effectively attain the goals.

Parenting is Shepherding: As parents of our children, we are also called to lead or shepherd our children in the right path. I hear, now and then, from the parents that parenting was easier in the past compared to the present time. As I mentioned before, leading others is challenging in modern times, but we know that parenting our children is rewarding as well as demanding. It makes it more meaningful when we realize that God called us for this great vocation of shepherding. As we hear from the first reading of today from prophet Jeremiah that God appoints us to continue to take care of our children and the people in the community. "I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD." (Jer.23:4)

Along with the psalmist we need to constantly believe in God to gain more strength in leading our wards. *"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing we shall want...He guides me in the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me strength."* These are the strengthening words of God in this time of ever-growing communities.

Let us always trust in God. The works that we do by shepherding others are not for our glory but that His name be known to people. He is our supreme Shephard. Let us move forward as He guides in the valleys to the verdant pastures to refresh our souls (Ps 23). He is God of love and he will never desert us. Let the compassionate words of Jesus linger in our minds when we are weary and beaten down, *"When he (Jesus) disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things (Mk:6:34)."*

Loving God, lead us and guide us to the restful waters! Amen.

Risen Savior Missions

We will have the Risen Savior Missions speaking at our Masses on the weekend of July 20 and 21. A second collection will be taken on the weekend of July 20th and 21st, 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. 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 or call Jerry Krosnowski at 952-432-3359.

Parish Festival September 15th

Mark your calendars! The Parish Festival will be on Sunday, September 15th, after the 10:00 am Mass. Preparations are being made for music, raffle, games, silent auction and delicious food!

If you would like to volunteer to help make this a successful event, please see Steve Gleason or Mary Muntifering.

Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you to Rich Kramer for cleaning up the planter boxes in the parking lot. They are looking so much better!

Thank you to Michael and Cheryl Bloberger and Molly Anderson for the wonderful ballpark picnic style dinner last weekend.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with serving and clean up: Lloyd and Laurie Geving, Steve Gleason, Patrick Doyle, Jack and Barb Olinger, Joleen Buck, Doris Thimmish and Dayle Schnack. I apologize if I have forgotten anyone! Your help in making this a success has not gone unnoticed!

Everyone truly enjoyed the community dinner gathering and visiting with friends and family.

July 20th—Aug 4th

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

.....† Jason Cervantes

Tuesday, July 23

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Saturday, July 27

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass.....† Aleda Blixt

.....† Jim Ryan

Sunday, July 28 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Edward Doll

Tuesday, July 30

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Saturday, August 3

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass.....† Lawrence Aubart

Sunday, Aug 4 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Lucy Anne Karels

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry

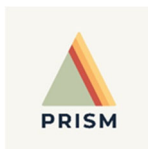
PRISM needs for July: Kid Snack Packs

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

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.

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) in the parish office to schedule your Mass Intentions. Suggested minimum donation is \$7.00 or more per Mass.

