

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

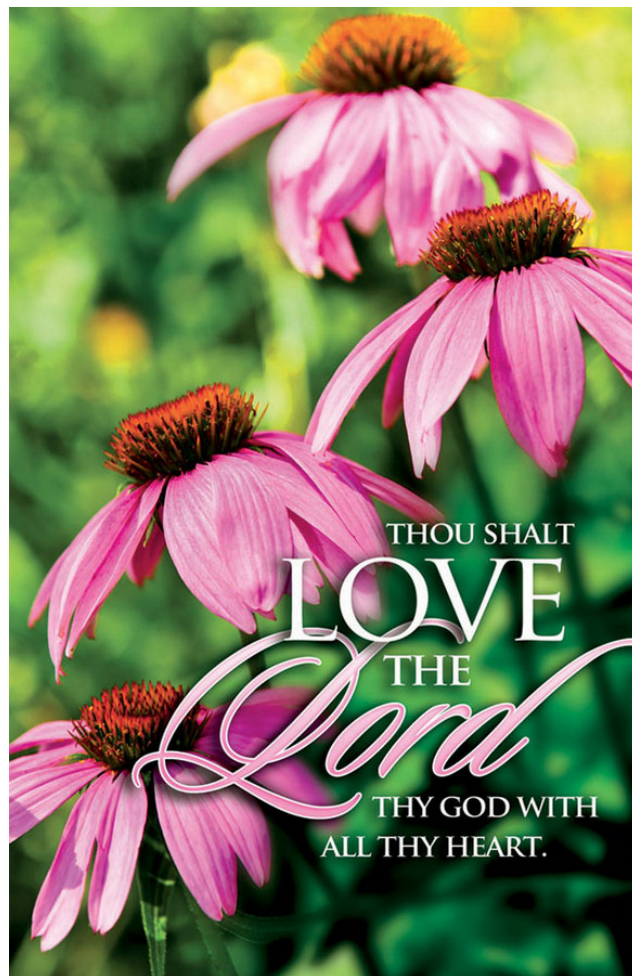
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August 18, 2024
August 25, 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
21st 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

The Source of Wisdom

The first two readings of this weekend invite us to reflect on wisdom. Wisdom has prepared the meal and invited the people; “Let whoever is simple turn in here.” (Prv. 9:4) This means that the people who are simple in mind and humble in heart can learn from this wisdom. “To the one who lacks understanding, she says, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed! Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding.” (Prv. 9:5-6) Wisdom calls us to live a life of understanding not of foolishness.

St. Paul addresses this in similar words to the Ephesians “watch carefully how you live not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Do not continue in ignorance but try to understand what is the will of the Lord.” (Eph 5:16-18) Where is this wisdom and how can we get it? Wisdom is always in our life of faith, hope, love, and humility. The love of God and our neighbor is the mirror in which we see the will of God. Moreover, surrender to the will of God is the beginning of wisdom. It is nourished by our life of appreciation and gratitude. “... Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord with praise in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to God the Father.” (Eph: 5:18-20)

But sometimes our lives could be likened to this old saying in my language. “Wisdom is like a comb; one gets it only when he loses all his hair.” So, let us search for this wisdom through the will of God and use it before we may lose it. The divine wisdom is derived from divine food from heaven, which is Jesus himself. Once we receive him, we find eternal life. He is the source and summit of life.

“Knowledge is knowing there is opportunity knocking at your door and wisdom is readily opening your door when it knocks”.

Reflection Continued

Prayer: Lord, take away the darkness of our arrogant ignorance, and give us the light of wisdom by surrendering to Your Will. Amen.

Chuck-A-Luck is BACK

For those of you that remember this popular and fun game of festivals from the past, Chuck-A-Luck is back. Thank you to Tom Lang who suggested the revival of the old game! Tom will be running the game at the festival. Be sure to check your luck at this oldie but a goodie game!

Thank you Tom for bringing it back!

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!

Gift baskets for the silent auction can be dropped off at the parish office or to the back of the Church.

We are also looking for people to donate bottles of wine, alcohol or non alcoholic bottles for the ring toss game. For the non-alcohol, you may choose any food item in a bottle. Examples would be ketchup, BBQ sauce, salad dressings, etc...

Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

We would like to thank Michael Bloberger and Brenda Brincks for serving on the Pastoral Council for the past three years. Thank you for your time and dedication to our parish faith family. Thank you for listening to the needs of our parishioners.

We will also take this time to thank Jim Franzen and Sue Buck for being selected and accepted as our newest Parish Council members! We look forward to having them on our council to share their ideas and voice for the parishioners. Please thank Michael and Brenda, and please welcome Jim and Sue!

Aug 17th — Sep 1st

Saturday, August 17

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Dean Blixt, Jr.

Sunday, Aug 18 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Edward Doll

.....† Thomas Mechels

Tuesday, August 20

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Saturday, August 24

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass.....† Joseph Reger

Sunday, Aug 25 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Edward Doll

Tuesday, August 27

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass† Florence Reger

Saturday, August 31

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass.....† Cheryl Gransee

Sunday, Sep 1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry

PRISM needs for August: Backpacks & School Supplies

Lined paper, notebooks, pencils, art supplies and calculators

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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Call 763-515-2005

Business Administration

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Mary Bur

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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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Nancy Huntley, *Trustee*

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Georgeann Wobschall, *Social Ministry*.....

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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 Thank You

Thank you for helping the Knights of Columbus #3656 TEAM raise \$6,063 for the Crystal Women's Clinic, "Walk for Life" on August 3, 2024 at French Regional Park.

As of August 5th, 110% of the overall goal of \$75,000.00 has been received.

The Crystal Women's Center was founded in 1992 in Robbinsdale and relocated to Crystal in 2023. The Clinic provides compassionate and free care to women facing unplanned pregnancies at all stages of their pregnancy. Because of individual support, CWC has been able to save 4,487 babies.

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.

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.

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 and running. You can start dropping off your *filled baskets* in the Parish Office or in the back of the Church. Please include an estimated value on the price of the basket.

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

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. 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!

Sign up sheets will be available in the back of the Church on the weekend of August 24 and 25.

Ring Toss Game

Please start dropping off bottles of all kinds and shapes. For the non-alcohol ring toss, you may donate any food item in a bottle. Suggested items would be ketchup, ranch dressing, olives, BBQ sauce, etc...

For the adult ring toss, please donate any wine, beer, and liquor of various shapes and sizes. The more variety we receive, the better the challenge!

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Muntifering at the Parish Office.