

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



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September 1, 2024
September 8, 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET MARY

ALL ARE WELCOME

Fall Festival

09.15.24
10 AM

LIVE MUSIC BY SONIC LOVE CHILD
FOOD | SILENT AUCTION | GAMES

TICKETS FOR PURCHASE
\$2,000 IN CASH PRIZES

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ST. MARGARET MARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

JOIN US FOR
FUN AND
FELLOWSHIP!

SUNDAY
Sept 15, 2024
Starts with 10:00 am
Mass

2323 ZENITH AVE N,
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN

CASH RAFFLE PRIZES

- 1ST: \$1000
- 2ND: \$500
- 3RD: \$250
- 4TH-8TH: 5X \$50 WINNERS

RAFFLE DRAWING AT 2PM

FOOD • DRINKS • SILENT AUCTION • RAFFLE • BINGO

**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

Labor Day

In his letter to Thessalonians St. Paul writes, *“In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. We hear that some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others.”* As a matter of fact, St. Paul worked hard, beside his challenging and demanding mission work, for his food so that he could be an example to others. He never wished to be a burden to the people for his basic needs, though he deserved to receive from them for his dedicated labor for them.

Work- Continuation of God’s Creative work: In Genesis, the first book of the Bible, we read that God worked for six days to bring out this orderly creation from the chaos and took rest on the 7th day. The six days of God’s work was not finished on the 7th day but continues to eternity through every human being. Through God’s creative work he sanctified our labor. Our labor is the continuation of God’s creation. God created us in his own image and gave his spirit that we continue to be *pro-creators* by participating in the creative work of God in this world. So, everyone has a role to play in the world of natural order and is responsible for the creation of God. So, our labor is not a burden but a divine opportunity to be part of God’s continued creative work.

Idle Mind: We are commissioned by God to continue his creative work with joy of Godly labor. Our work is not a punishment but a privilege of being God’s instrument of creation because God continues to create through every one of us. The failure to work is walking away from God’s presence and refusal to participate in God’s creative work. Thus, evil gets into our mind. That is why we have the saying, “An idle mind is the devil’s workshop.”

Being busy to avoid troubles: This is what happened in the community of Thessalonians, instead of participation in the creative work of God they were idle and minding the business of the other people. If we are to be busy and work harder to do good, we will not have enough time to do anything bad.

The yearly Labor Day celebration is a reminder to all of us that our work is the continuation of God’s creative work and we are pro-creators. This is the time we appreciate one another for the great sacrifice and contribution we make to bring this world

Reflection Continued

livable to all creatures and lovable in the eye of God. As St. Paul mentions in the second reading today, “He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures” by participating in his work of creation through our productive labor.

Prayer: *Lord, we are not the Master builders, but called to build this world with your ‘master plan’ of our salvation. So let us add my ‘bricks’ to your ‘building’ with simple faith in a humble way. Amen.*

May God bless you for your great work! Thank you for your great sacrifices for our community of faith!

Adult Faith Formation

Fall Bible Study



The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Father Tom is leading a Fall Bible Study on The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians starting Sunday, September 29th from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall for five weeks.

A copy of “The First and Second Letters of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: Ignatius Catholic Study Bible” will be ordered for each participant at a cost of \$13.00.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the back of Church to sign up starting next weekend, September 7th and 8th.

All are welcome!

For more information, contact Jean Plucinski at 763-593-0664 or at adultfaith@smm-gv.org

Neighboring Event



Enjoy a Grace filled Fall Weekend Retreat

September 27-29th 2024

Fr. Columba Thomas OP, MD (priest & physician) presents -

“The Art of living: Union with God for Healthcare Professionals”
Beginning to end be renewed with fellowship in kind, daily Mass, confession, spiritual guidance, time in silence with the Lord, Adoration & a series of talks & lakeshore walks. Join us - Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN.

Register or event info - CURATIOAPOSTOLATE.COM
of Catholic Healthcare Professionals

Aug 31— Sep 15

Saturday, August 31

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass † Cheryl (Muntifering) Gransee

Sunday, Sep 1 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass* People of SMM

Tuesday, September 3

5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass* People of SMM

Saturday, September 7

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass* People of SMM

Sunday, Sep 8 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Edward Doll

Tuesday, September 10

5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass† Marie Donnelly

Saturday, September 14

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass....† Margaret & Russell Stimart

Sunday, Sep 15 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Edward Doll

† deceased * living

Social Ministry

PRISM needs for September: Winter Coats, hats and gloves

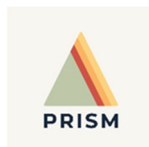
Items always needed: peanut butter, jelly, crackers and cheese, applesauce and prepackaged fruit. Also, sugar, oil, flour, cereal, pasta, soup, canned chicken and tuna, pancake mix and syrup.

Prism distributed fresh produce to 145 households in June and 322 households in July. They continue to welcome new families in need.

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:

Fr. Thomas Rayar
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For Pastoral Emergencies and Anointing of the Sick
Call 763-515-2005

Business Administration

Mary Muntifering
marym@smm-gv.org

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Mary Bur
mbur@smm-gv.org

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

Molly Anderson
Collin Abram, *Secretary*.....
Sue Buck
Jim Franzen
Hannah Ficks, *Second Chair*.....
Steve Gleason, *Chair*

PPC COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Nancy Huntley, *Trustee*
Jean Plucinski, *Adult Faith Formation*.....
Georgeann Wobschall, *Social Ministry*.....

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Peter Aubart
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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

The AC is almost ready!



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.

Parish Festival Updates

Please consider helping our faith family by volunteering time, talent or treasure for the Fall Festival!

Sign up sheets are available in the back of the Church. Please consider volunteering some time to food service, games, or setup and cleanup.

Please continue to drop off your filled gift baskets for our "Baskets from Heaven"!

We are in need of more bottles, both alcohol and non-alcoholic bottles for drink or food items for the ring toss games.

Items may be placed in the back of the Church or dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

Homebound Ministers Needed

Are you looking for a meaningful and rewarding ministry? We are in need of Homebound Ministers to bring the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners. It is a rotating schedule, once or twice a month, and Virtus training required. Please contact Mary Muntifering or Georgeann Wobschall.

Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you to Troy and Karen Brantner for their hard work and dedication to the flower beds on the Church Grounds! Beautiful! Thank you!



Daily Bible Readings are available online at the United States Council of Catholic Bishop's website www.usccb.org/bible/readings.