

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

September 15, 2024

24th 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

Faith and Works

Through the second reading of this weekend, St. James calls to our attention that our faith should be **in our deeds rather than in words**. He emphasizes clearly in his letter, “So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed, someone might say, “You have faith and I have works.” Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works” (Jas 2:16-18).

We cannot claim to be believers of Jesus only by merely talking about our faith. However, our faith becomes a reality only when we act upon it. Our actions are the outward expression of our inner faith. Faith remains merely as a theological construct until we give expression to it through our actions of love. Our constant expression of faith through our life explains who Jesus is for us in our daily lives. Faith is an experience. It is through this experience we can bring Jesus to others as we have experienced who he was to us.

In today’s Gospel Jesus asks his disciple this question of experience, “who do people say that I am?” Finally, he asks ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Jesus applauded Peter for his genuine reply. But Jesus further explained to them who Christ is what he would go through in action. Christ had to suffer and die on the cross. He showed our way. Our way is the way of the cross. When we are on the crossroad, let us not forget the way of the cross. It is the cross that helps us to cross the valleys of challenges to the victory-stand of resurrection.

Our actions of faith should speak louder than our long exegesis. Let our actions of love for others be the preaching of our life.

Prayer: Lord, help us to shut our lips up from preaching to others but open our hands to reach out to others in need. Let our help in need be our deed of our life. Amen.

Cue from the Pew (and Home)

I wasn’t able to attend Mass in person last Sunday, but was very happy and impressed with the online Mass from St Margaret Mary.

Thank you for making that Mass available.

Fall Festival

Welcome All for our Fall Festival 2024!

In the name of our great Parish, I invite you all for our Fall Festival of 2024. Hope and pray that we will have wonderful weather to have a fun day. This festival is also to show our actions of love and commitment to bring out our faith in God. It is through various activities we, as a community, can grow in faith. It is a great opportunity to share our joy and talents with others. Let us always extend our Christian Hospitality to others that we can continue our great mission of our Lord bringing the Good News to everyone. I sincerely thank all those committed people helping to make this event a successful one.

With prayers for you all,
Fr. Tom Rayar

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 by Sunday, September 15th.

All are welcome!

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

Fall Festival Thank You!

Where do I begin to thank all of you that have generously volunteered your time and talent to preparing for our Fall Festival? I thank **all** of the volunteers who help with planning and setup, volunteers who donated to the silent auction and kid games! It has been so fun to see parishioners stopping in the office with their treasures!

A special thank you to Steve Gleason, our Chairperson. Steve graciously said yes to the Chairperson role on late notice! Thank you Steve! We could not do this without you! With prayers and thanks to our Faith Community,

Mary Muntifering

Sep 14—Sep 29

Saturday, September 14

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

Sunday, Sep 15 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Edward Doll

Tuesday, September 17

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

Saturday, September 21

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass† Florence Reger

Sunday, Sep 22 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Edward Doll

Tuesday, September 24

5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass† Edward Doll

Saturday, September 28

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass.....† Daniel Meyer

Sunday, Sep 29 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass ...† Chuck & Florence Hyser
.....† Michael Walz

† 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.

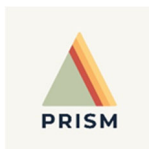
Fresh produce distribution

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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Call 763-515-2005

Business Administration

Mary Muntifering
marym@smm-gv.org

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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
Hannah Ficks, *Second Chair*.....
Jim Franzen
Steve Gleason, *Chair*.....

PPC COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Nancy Huntley, *Trustee*
Jean Plucinski, *Adult Faith Formation*.....
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

Faith Formation for Youth


Faith Formation

Ages 3yrs - 5th Grade

Preschool Faith Formation is BACK!
We're happy to announce Preschool Faith Formation is back!! Please consider signing your kid(s) up for the 2024-2025 year!

Class Times	Timeline
<u>1st-5th Grade:</u> Wednesdays 5:30p-6:30p	Registration: Mid-August First Class: Early October End of Classes: Early May
<u>3yrs - Kindergarten:</u> Every Other Sunday 10a-11a	

Pricing
\$85
(Free if guardian signs up as full-time catechist or aide)

Register Here


We Need Catechists!
Training and any supplies you would need will be provided for you. You can find sign-up information in the registration form.

Questions?
Preschool Contact:
ljohnston@stjosephparish.com
Elementary Contact:
kbyers@stjosephparish.com

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.

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.

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.

Parishioner Volunteer Thank YOU!

We would like to thank Dick Karels for his constant care towards our buildings and grounds. Dick is often cleaning up garbage in our parking lot, picking up sticks and twigs from the grounds and cleaning the sidewalks. Dick keeps our Church and grounds area clean! Please thank him for his work on the grounds, as he does this endlessly without recognition. Thank you Dick! You make the whole Church look better by your example of faith and works!

See the above graphic with more information. If people want the most up to date information, our website is the place to check.

Here is a link to our elementary classes' page:

<https://stjosephparish.com/catechesis>

And a link to our preschool classes page (new offering this year!): <https://stjosephparish.com/ff3-k>

There are also group specific calendars on each of those pages.

Here is the link to registration: <https://stjosephnewhope.wufoo.com/forms/youth-faith-formation-registration-20242025/>

This link is also on both of those webpages.

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