

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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

www.smm-gv.org



September 22, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Fall Festival
2024
Thank you!**



**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

Servant Leader

Leadership in modern times is becoming more and more challenging than in the past, due the advent of Internet and Information Technologies. It seems that the followers of today, because of the availability of abundant knowledge, can challenge the leaders. But when knowledge refuses to become wisdom with humility, it could be blinded with pride. That is why; Jesus says in the Gospel today, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Only by serving others, we can become leaders, as Jesus brought salvation by his dying on the cross. We are called to serve to lead; and lead to serve. One who is humble in heart and simple in mind becomes the greatest leader, not by his/her self-proclamation, but by her/his profound service to others.

One of the greatest passions of our life is to be the greatest and to have control over others. This has its origin from our pride and self-importance. As St. James states in the second reading of today that where such selfish ambitions exist, there we find disorder and every foul practice. Even the Apostles had a similar problem of wishing to be the greatest while following the humblest Jesus. The core revelation of God through the incarnation of Jesus, as we know, was that 'the highest Heaven' came down with humility to die on the cross that we will be lifted to heaven. Jesus constantly reminds us that we can be the first only when we are the least of all and by being the servant of all. This may sound paradoxical to us. But the truth is that we are not the Masters but mere followers.

It is by emptying ourselves we become rich; by losing, we gain life; by giving, we receive; by dying we live; and by sharing we multiply our joy.

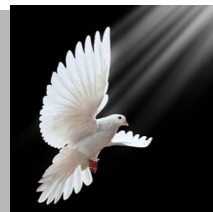
Prayer: Lead us Lord, though the struggles of our life and bruises of our service that we may become leaders by our imitation of you. Amen!

Thanks a Million! Great Festival!

We thank God for the wonderful weather. I sincerely thank all of you who did a marvelous and dedicated work for the success of our Parish Fall Festival last week. I saw everyone having a great time and fun. I do not have the adequate words to express my sentiments of gratitude. My special thanks to our Staff, Mary Muntifering and Mary Bur; our Festival chair Steve Gleason, and all those men and women who worked hard to set it up and take it down. Though I could not list all the names of all the dedicated people who worked hard, my heart goes to them with gratitude. I am proud of you. It is you, by your hard work that make this parish a vibrant one. May God bless you all!

Adult Faith Formation

Fall Bible Study



The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Thank you to the 20 people who have signed up for the Fall Bible Study to be led by Father Tom starting Sunday, September 29th from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall once a week for 5 weeks!

A study guide, "The First and Second Letters of St. Paul to the Corinthians: Ignatius Catholic Study Bible" has been ordered for each participant (or as requested) at a cost of \$13.00 each. Money will be collected starting at the first meeting.

Please pick up your study guide with your name on it in the back of the Church this weekend, and read the introduction and chapters 1, 2, and 3 of The First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, pages 13 to 21, before the September 29th meeting.

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

Parishioner Volunteer Thank YOU!

Great Thanks to All!

We thank God for the wonderful celebration we had last Sunday with beautiful weather. We are grateful to the people for the following:

- Our festival committee and volunteers headed by Steve Gleason and Lee Burke, Patrick Doyle, Lloyd Geving, Louise Hyser, Arnie, Brenda and Julia Brincks, Mary Ann Davila, Sue and Joleen Buck, The Buck Children, Pete and Karen Aubart, Jeb and Char Myers and many many more!
- Indian Dinner (Donated): Twin Cities Tamil Catholics (TCTC)
- Knight of Columbus for their donation of \$500.00 and their help with serving
- Adirondack chairs (made and donated): Rich Kramer
- Live music *Sonic Love Child* provided by Rich Kramer
- Molly Anderson for donated quilts.
- Tom Greve's family and friends for Silent Auction
- Pulled pork dinner and sides, organized by Brenda Brincks
- Grand Prize \$1000.00 donated by Dr. Dominic Plucinski

Our heartfelt thanks to all of you who sold raffle tickets and generously shared their time, talents, and treasure for the success of our parish festival. You once again showed a great example of commitment and service for our community of St. Margaret Mary! May God bless you all! Congratulations to those who won the raffle Prizes!

Fr. Tom, SMM Staff and Leadership

Sep 21—Oct 6

Saturday, September 21

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass ..★ Pat and Tim McLaughlin

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

Tuesday, October 1

5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass† Barbara Reger

Saturday, October 5

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

Sunday, Oct 6 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Barbara Reger

† 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: August

- 423 Households
 - 1,264 Individuals
 - 65 New Households
- 19,907 Total pounds distributed

Fresh Produce Distribution Tuesdays through
October 1 2:00-4:00 pm
Prism parking lot: 1220 Zane Ave N
Golden Valley, MN



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Pastoral Team

Pastor:

Fr. Thomas Rayar
frtom@smm-gv.org

For Pastoral Emergencies and Anointing of the Sick
Call 763-515-2005

Business Administration

Mary Muntifering
marym@smm-gv.org

Music Ministry

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

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

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!

Thank you to Diana Fodstad for her generous donation to the ring toss games! If you won a bottle of ranch dressing, BBQ sauce or other food item, please thank Diana. She fully supported the kid's ring toss game by donating countless bottles of fun food items for both kids and adults.

Thank you Diana for making our ring toss game a success! We will be sure to play this game again next year!

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 Bishop's website www.usccb.org/bible/readings.