

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

September 29, 2024

26th 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

Sin of Causing to Sin

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea” (MK:9:42)

‘The little ones’ Jesus is talking about in the Gospel are not only little children but everyone who is simple in life and humble with faith in Jesus. Everyone’s faith journey is long and varied. However, I have found the great faith of simple people has been the source of my humble faith in God. I have not learned faith in God through theological studies or even from theologians. I have experienced lively faith from simple people like my parents who never had any formal education. “A simple farmer is greater in the eye of God than a proud philosopher” (Imitation of Christ).

So, with the simple faith we live, we are called to inspire the same in the little ones. Such knowledge comes from the deepest experience of faith. However, our ‘claimed knowledge’ from academics without faith in God could be dangerous, as we might mislead innocent people to stumble. Knowledge without faith will lead to arrogance. Such arrogance is the way to ruin oneself and others, especially the innocents around them. These simple people depend upon us with trust for their life of faith. This is what was emphasized by Jesus in the gospel today that we should not lead anyone, especially the little ones, to sin.

When Jesus mentions that we must cut off our hands or any parts of our body that cause sin, he means that we should remove anything or anyone who could be the cause of sin in our lives. Jesus is serious about the sin of misleading others to sin. That is why he said the one who causes the little one to sin would be thrown into the sea with a millstone around his neck. If our TV is a cause of sin, let us turn it off. If the Internet is causing trouble in our families, let us disconnect it. If our selfishness causes us to sin, let us throw it out. If our pride blinds us not to see Christ in others, let us uproot it from our minds. By removing the barriers of God's grace, we open the gates of joy and holiness for ourselves and for others around us.

“Lead us, Lord, not into temptation and deliver us from the cause of evil.” Amen

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. There will also be a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring treats for future sessions.

Father Tom would like you to read the introduction and chapters 1, 2, and 3 of The First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, pages 13 to 21, in preparation before the September 29th meeting.

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

Minneapolis Institute of Art

Susan Drummond, a St Margaret Mary parishioner, is a guide at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. She will be giving a free private tour of some of the highlights of the museum for St. Margaret Mary staff and parishioners on **Saturday, October 19th**. If you are interested, contact Susan Drummond at smsdrummond@gmail.com to make a reservation. The group will be capped at 20 people.

Participants will meet in the SMM parking lot at 12:30 pm, carpool with each other, and be back to the Church by 3:30 pm.

Wheelchairs are available at the museum for those with mobility issues.

Festival Thank You!

Thank you to **Tom Lang** for bringing back the “Chuck A’ Luck” game to the Parish Festival. Many people had fun and enjoyed playing the game. Thank you to Tom for making the festival even more fun! We look forward to playing the game again next year!

Sep 28—Oct 13

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

Tuesday, October 8

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass† Marie Donnelly

Saturday, October 12

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass* People of SMM

Sunday, Oct 13 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass* People of SMM

† deceased * living

Social Ministry

PRISM needs for September: Winter Coats, hats and gloves

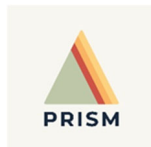
Items always needed: peanut butter, jelly, crackers and cheese, applesauce and prepackaged fruit.

Also, sugar, oil, flour, cereal, pasta, soup, canned chicken and tuna, pancake mix and syrup.

Prism serves about 1600 households a month. Prism distributes 80,000-95,000 pounds of food a month. Donations of food and money have decreased, but Prism getting food from grocery stores has become more common.

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

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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

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Monday: Office Closed
Tuesdays through Thursdays : 9:00am
to 3:00pm
Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:00pm

Community Building Dinner



Please join us for our Community Building Dinner as we celebrate Oktoberfest! Dinner will follow Mass on **Saturday, October 12th** at **5:00 PM** in Visitation Hall.

Sign sheets are available in the back of Church. You must RSVP to attend the dinner. All are welcome!

Parishioner Volunteer Thank YOU!

Thank you to Mike and Cheryl Bloberger and Molly Anderson for organizing and planning our community dinners! We thank them for their hard work and time in preparing our dinners. Their efforts allow us to come together as a faith community to celebrate a meal and fellowship with each other. We also thank them for preparing creative and delicious dinners!

Thank you Cheryl, Mike and Molly!

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

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.

Priesthood Sunday

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.