

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



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October 6, 2024

27th 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

Marriage-Covenant of Love

As the Gospel today invites us to reflect on the permanence of marriage, we should remember that the dignity of marriage is founded in the unity of hearts of the couple. This unity of love makes the marital relationship transcending time. It gives purpose to life and leads to perfection. Reflecting on the Gospel message today about the perpetuity of marriage, I would like to quote what W. Shakespeare wrote about love 500 years ago on marriage:

“Let me not to the marriage of true minds Admit impediments. Love is not love, Which alters when it alteration finds, Or bends with the remover to remove: O no! it is an ever-fixed mark that looks on tempests and is never shaken; It is the star to every wandering bark,

Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken. Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks Within his bending sickle's compass come: Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks, But bears it out even to the edge of doom.” (Extract from Sonnet 116)

“So, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate.” (Mk. 10: 9)

What is Marriage: Marriage is a covenant between God and the couple. It is not a contract between two people. It is the sacrament of Love. So, it is founded in the total commitment for one another rather than finding in one's convenience born out of selfishness. Marriage is not about adjustment of your comforts but advancement of your commitment for an eternity of happiness.

The secret of a successful marriage is not a secret. It is all about love. It calls for an action. It is like an exercise that one needs to practice to be healthy. Here are a few simple practical Secrets for successful Marriage: 1) Pray: A family that prays together will stay together. Prayer is the cheapest way of having your expensive marriage counselling. Pray with gratitude especially when you are joyful. Pray when you are in sorrow which will narrow your pain of tomorrow. 2) Having a Sense of Humor with humility: Tragedy of our life is that we miss the comedy of our life. Tease each other and at the same time treat each other with utmost respect. 3) Do not let the sun go down in anger: Anger breaks the anchor of love in the ship of your marriage. During any misunderstanding between you, before you see the tears in the eyes of your beloved one, just say ‘Sorry’ which is a preventive medication for the long-term tragedy of your life.

In my 32 years of priestly ministry, I might have officiated more than 300 weddings celebrating the Sacrament of Love with the new couples. I keep these couples and all the married couples in my prayers that God would continue to bind them together with cords of love. I am

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happy to see young people genuinely entering this Sacrament, being united in God's presence. Please continue to pray for all the married couples and especially the newlyweds that God will continue to unite them. May the Lord hold them in the palm of his hand, protecting them and their children!

Married Couple's Prayer:

Loving God, we thank you for uniting us in the covenant of love that cannot be broken. In the storms of struggle and amid misunderstanding, you continue to anchor us with your protection. Continue to bless our children, who are your gift to us for our unconditional love for each other. Guide us to be good models to our children in their journey of their faith in you. Amen.

Minneapolis Institute of Art

Susan Drummond, a guide at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, 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**.

Limited spots are still available. Please contact Susan at smsdrummond@gmail.com to make a reservation asap.

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.

Adult Faith Formation Fall Bible Study



The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Thank you to the 16 people who attended our first Fall Bible Study meeting on Sunday, September 29th!

On Sunday, October 6th, our second meeting will be from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall.

To those who were unable to attend our first meeting, please remember to bring \$13.00 to pay for the cost of your study guide and consider signing up to bring treats for future sessions.

In preparation for the October 6th meeting, Father Tom would like you to review the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians chapter 3 on pages 20-21 in your study guide, and read chapters 4, 5, and 6 on pages 21-24.

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

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Saturday, October 5

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass * Jenishton Family

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 * Michele Stegeman

Tuesday, October 15

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

Saturday, October 19

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

Sunday, Oct 20 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass † Ralph Reger

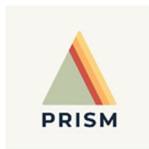
† deceased * living

Social Ministry

PRISM needs for October: Diapers and Wipes

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.



Suspicious Activity

We have had an increase of suspicious activity on the Church grounds. Tools left outside by the windows, trash left on the school grounds and a camp site in the wooded area. If anyone sees suspicious activity on the Church grounds, please call 911 and report the incident. We cannot protect our Church without the help of everyone.

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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 this weekend to attend the dinner. All are welcome!

Parishioner Volunteer Thank YOU!

This week we thank Jean Plucinski and Peter Aurbart for serving as lectors every Tuesday for our evening Mass.

Your dedication to the daily Mass is so much appreciated!

If you have not already done so, please join us for Adoration and Mass on Tuesday evening. It is the perfect time to reflect and pray in the quietness of the Church.

Daily Bible Readings are available online at the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' 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.

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will be starting again on Sunday, October 13th for the children ages 3-6 years of age.

Thank you to Amanda Rosas for taking care of this ministry.

