

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



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October 13, 2024

28th 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

On October 16, we celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint, St. Margaret Mary. It will be great to know some facts of the Saint whose name our parish bears. Wish you a Happy Feast of St. Margaret Mary. May her intercession be with us always! Fr. Tom Rayar

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque's Story

Margaret Mary was chosen by Christ to arouse the Church to a realization of the love of God symbolized by the heart of Jesus.

Her early years were marked by sickness and a painful home situation. "The heaviest of my crosses was that I could do nothing to lighten the cross my mother was suffering." After considering marriage for some time, Margaret Mary entered the Order of the Visitation nuns at the age of 24.

A Visitation nun was "not to be extraordinary except by being ordinary," but the young nun was not to enjoy this anonymity. A fellow novice termed Margaret Mary humble, simple, and frank, but above all, kind and patient under sharp criticism and correction. She could not meditate in the formal way expected, though she tried her best to give up her "prayer of simplicity." Slow, quiet, and clumsy, she was assigned to help an infirmarian who was a bundle of energy.

On December 21, 1674, three years a nun, she received the first of her revelations. She felt "invested" with the presence of God, though always afraid of deceiving herself in such matters.

The request of Christ was that his love for humankind be made evident through her.

During the next 13 months, Christ appeared to her at intervals. His human heart was to be the symbol of his divine-human love. By her own love Margaret Mary was to make up for the coldness and ingratitude of the world—by frequent and loving Holy Communion, especially on the first Friday of each month, and by an hour's vigil of prayer every Thursday night in memory of his agony and isolation in Gethsemane. He also asked that a feast of reparation be instituted.

Like all saints, Margaret Mary had to pay for her gift of holiness. Some of her own sisters were hostile. Theologians who were called in declared her visions delusions and suggested that she eat more heartily. Later, parents of children she taught called her an impostor, an unorthodox innovator. A new confessor, the Jesuit Claude de la Colombière, recognized her genuineness and supported her. Against her great resistance, Christ called her to be a sacrificial victim for the shortcomings of her own sisters, and to make this known.

After serving as novice mistress and assistant superior,

Reflection Continued

Margaret Mary died at the age of 43, while being anointed. She said: "I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."

Cited from: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-margaret-mary-alacoque/>

Facts of St. Margaret Mary of Alacoque

Feast Day: October 16

Patron: of those suffering with polio, devotees of the Sacred Heart, loss of parents

Birth: July 22, 1647

Death: October 17, 1690

Beatified: September 18, 1864, Rome by Pope Pius IX

Canonized: May 13, 1920, Vatican City, by Pope Benedict XV

Further Reading: https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=443

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 19 people who attended our second Fall Bible Study meeting on Sunday, October 6th!

On Sunday, October 13th, our third meeting will be from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall. In preparation for the October 13th meeting, Father Tom would like you to review the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians chapter 6 on pages 23-24 in your study guide, and read chapters 7, 8, and 9 on pages 24-30.

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

Oct 12--Oct 27

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

Tuesday, October 22

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

Saturday, October 26

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

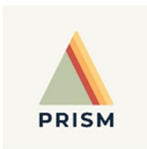
Sunday, Oct 27 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Virginia Komarek

† 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.

Parking Lot Vandalism

Someone has damaged the parking lot planter that held the sign for the Church and Office. It appears they have driven over the planter and demolished the sign. If anyone sees any suspicious activity or vandalism 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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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

St Margaret Mary Alacoque



What is St Margaret Mary the patron saint of?

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque is the patron saint of **devotees of the Sacred Heart, of polio patients, and against the death of parents.** The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was formally recognized and approved by Pope Clement XIII.

Lord Jesus Christ, who revealed to St. Margaret Mary the merciful designs and most holy will of your Divine Heart, grant that, by her example and merits, we would love you in all and above all, and would be zealous apostles of your Most Sacred Heart. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Parishioner Volunteer Thank YOU!

We would like to thank Dan and Debbie Kubes for cleaning the Church! It is a huge space to clean and we appreciate their efforts in doing so! If you would like to donate some time and energy and help to clean the Church, please contact Mary M at the office.

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.

Knights of Columbus Dinner

Knights of Columbus Mostaccioli Dinner

It's October, and that means it will soon be time for our annual Mostaccioli Dinner!

Saturday, October 26th from 4:00-7:00 pm
Sacred Heart Church/School Gymnasium
Adults \$12 per person and Kids 10 and under \$7

Includes: All you can eat mostaccioli, bread, salad, water/lemonade/coffee, and dessert.

Wine is available for an extra cost

The Knights of Columbus are putting on a tasty dinner which helps us to support our parish, school, and charities in our community. We're looking to have a full dining room. Tickets will also be available at the door.