

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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

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November 3, 2024

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Necrology

Church of St. Margaret Mary

November 2023-2024



*We remember in prayer those who were buried through
St. Margaret Mary's this past year.
May they rest in peace.*

Rita Hovorka

November 5, 2023

Ramona Jordan

November 28, 2023

Jack Loso

December 2, 2023

Thomas Greve

February 18, 2024

Russell Leighton

April 18, 2024

Marie Tiffin

April 24, 2024

Edward Doll

May 13, 2024

Marge Johnson

May 15, 2024

**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

Election - A Call to Our Conscience

This week we will be voting to elect our President and members of Congress. As your pastor and fellow citizen, I would like to share my thoughts which may help you as you are to fulfill our duty of our citizenship.

I do not claim membership with any particular party. But you and I need to proclaim ourselves as members of Christ's 'party', the Church. As followers of Jesus, it is our primary duty to stand for the 'gospel values' that he left to us to establish his kingdom of love, justice, and equality in this world. I strongly believe that the politics or political system of every country should be based on the principles of our Gospel values. You and I have the great right and obligation to vote for a candidate who stands for such values taught by our Savior.

Democracy is not the perfect system of governance but it is the best political system available in the modern world. Democracy does not only give us the rights of citizenship, but also demands our obligation to vote and to select our leaders with our rightful conscience. Our constitution says there should be separation between state and religion, but not between God and the state. We, as a nation, proclaim and print in our dollar bills "In God We Trust." If we are people who trust in God, then we should go to the voting booths with our dutiful conscience.

The word 'conscience' is derived from two Latin words, "Com" which means "thoroughly" and "scire" which means "to know." The etymological meaning of the word, 'conscience' calls for a thorough knowledge of what we are doing. This 'conscience' is a call for our commitment to the teaching of Jesus Christ rather than economical convenience or even political favors. 'Trusting in God' is our 'shield' that provides 'Home security' and economic growth. Faith in God gives us more security in heaven and earth than what our Social Security can provide to us. Economic affluence or a secured nation means nothing when we have lost our moral values as a nation. In brief I request you as a fellow citizen of this great nation:

1. Please register to vote, because it is our civil right and obligation as citizens of this great nation.
2. Please vote for the candidate who will stand for Gospel Values protecting and respecting the lives of every human being. Only when we value life vulnerable, can we be secure.
3. Please have faith in God that He provides all the securities we need than our political candidates can promise.

May God lead our nation as we trust in him! The text quoted here is what we have heard thousands of times (*The Star-Spangled Banner*) and let these words of Francis Scott Key ring in our minds as we approach the voting places. If we are not with God, we may not have power to win the battle of life here and the one to come in the next.

***Blest with vic'try and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserv'd us a Nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!***

Reflection Continued

All Souls Day

On the first of November we celebrate All Saints Day and on the second we commemorate all the departed souls. All Souls Day is a reminder to remember our beloved ones who have gone to eternal rest. During November, the last month of our liturgical calendar, the Church reminds us to focus on the life to come after our death. Those who lived a holy life will inherit heaven (All Saints Day) and those who failed by their sin to eternal punishment. But our spiritual life should be based on the faith in Christ rather than on the fear of death or punishment. By meditating upon the reality of death we should mitigate our burdens of our life; by remembering our departed loved ones, we exhibit gratitude for them; and by praying for them we affirm our journey of faith that they have treaded.

Death is a mystery and reality. Death is not what we should be afraid of, but it is a way through which we enter eternal life. So, we, as believers of Jesus, should courageously face death with our great faith in Jesus Christ. During the month of November, we are called to pray for our departed brothers and sisters.

May they rest in Peace! Amen.

Adult Faith Formation Fall Bible Study



The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Thank you to the 16 people who attended our fifth and final Fall Bible Study meeting for 2024 on Sunday, October 27th! We ended with chapter 13 of the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians that explains how love never ends and is the most important of all the spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit. Father Tom would like you to read on your own the remaining chapters, 14, 15, and 16, of the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians on pages 36-41 in your study guide and email him at frtom@smm-gv.org if you have any questions.

I wish to thank the group members for their excellent participation, delicious treats, fellowship, and discussion, and Father Tom for his enlightening presentations and insights. Please save your study guides to use for the next Fall Bible Study planned for 2025 on the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

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

Nov 2 — Nov 17

Saturday, November 2 All Souls Day

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

Sunday, Nov 3 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Mass of Remembrance

Tuesday, November 5

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

Thursday, November 7

11:00 am Healing Mass

Saturday, November 9

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

Sunday, Nov 10 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Marguerite "Reet" Burke

Tuesday, November 12

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

Saturday, November 16

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

Sunday, Nov 17 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass ...† DonnaMae Muntifering

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry

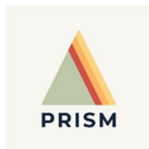
PRISM needs for November:

Holiday Toys and Gifts

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.

Holiday Toy Tree Coming Soon! St Margaret Mary has been very generous in the past. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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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

Advent Reflection Coming Soon!

Advent Afternoon of Reflection

On Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 1:30 pm to 3:30pm, spiritual director David Liedl will be leading an Advent Reflection in Visitation Hall entitled “Rejoice, O Highly Favored: Three Ways to Welcome the Word Made Flesh”. The Advent/Christmas Season celebrates the manifold ways God chooses to live among us, to be for us “Emmanuel.” Our afternoon of reflection explores three ways that enable us to better open ourselves to the Word Made Flesh and deepen our experience of joy, gratitude, and peace. Guiding us to these reflections will be one of Fra Angelico’s masterpieces from the 15th century. His painting, The Annunciation, stands at the top of a staircase in the Monastery of San Marco in Florence, Italy. The fresco was intended to inspire the monks of his monastery who walked past this image every day. Come join us as we seek to gather our own treasure of spiritual inspiration from this great work of art and for this great season.

Our reflection leader, David Liedl, was shaped by the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi having lived for 33 years as a Franciscan brother. In that capacity he served: as a contemplative in the South Bronx, a retreat director in Orlando, and a community leader in Minneapolis. He is a trained spiritual director and provided ministry as a chaplain and Director of Pastoral Care at Catholic Eldercare. The one constant in his varied expressions of ministry is his passion to help people live into the fullness of their spiritual lives. His artistic talents find expression as a musician, poet, photographer, potter, and liturgical artist. He lives in Fridley, has an active practice as a spiritual director, and offers respite care for people living with dementia.

Signup sheets will be available the weekend, November 30/December 1, in the back of church! For more information, contact Jean Plucinski at 763-593-0664 or at adultfaith@smm-gv.org.

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.

Parishioner Volunteer Thank YOU!



Thank you to Amanda Rosas and her daughter, Isla for starting the Children’s Liturgy of the Word for our youngest parishioners! Amanda is doing a wonderful job and we are so appreciative of this ministry being celebrated again within our faith family. Thank you Amanda and Isla for your dedication to our little ones!

Healing Mass and Soup Luncheon November 7 11:00 am Mass

There will be a healing Mass and soup luncheon on Thursday, November 7th at 11:00 am. Please join us for healing of the mind, body and spirit.

Sign up sheets are available in the back of the Church for those wishing to bring soup or dessert.