

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

November 10, 2024

32nd 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

Stewardship Sunday - 2024

Stewardship weekend is a reminder to all of us that the **Time** we live in this world, the **Talents** we have, and all the **Treasures** we possess are gifts from God. We are mere stewards who are entrusted with these resources. So, we are called to use them for the glory of God by sharing with our sisters and brothers. Our wealth is a means by which we could regain the paradise that we lost by our pride and selfishness. I sincerely thank you for your love and generosity to our community of faith. Please continue your spirit of such commitment for the growth of our faith to glorify God.

Stewardship is not about merely giving money to the Church or Charity. It is our way of life. The measure with which we measure, it will be measured to us! "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2Corinthians: 9:6-7). The story of the poor widow in the gospel of this weekend reminds us that we need to have total commitment to our Creator rather than a partial one. There is no surprise in giving from our surplus. But it is sublime to surrender ourselves to the Master to the last penny of our life like the poor widow of the Gospel. "Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood (Mt:12:42-44)."

Prayer: Lord, thank you for providing us with a generous heart. Continue to bless our heart with the spirit of commitment that we will continue to be good stewards in fulfilling your mission entrusted to us. Amen.

Veteran's Day

On November 11 we, gratefully, remember those men and women who sacrificed their precious life for our nations. The freedom we enjoy today was never free or never will it be free. It cost many lives of our beloved ones. The river of freedom has been filled with the blood of our veterans. Their great sacrifices fill our lives with freedom. The plant of freedom has been watered with the sweat of our beloved men and women in the service and nourished by their blood. So, we salute these selfless heroes of our great nation.

I always wondered why there should be war and why can't we have peace all over the world. It may be a utopian vision to have this world without war, as our human nature is to be selfish and to have pride to control over others. The road to peace is never peaceful. There is a constant war between truth and untruth within us.

Reflection Continued

We have an unending battle for power as individuals or as a group. Thus, war to win others has been from the beginning of human existence. Therefore, a defensive war against barbaric fight for power has been defended by the civilized and ethical society. War becomes a necessary evil to defend our freedom. Not until we remove the penury of selfishness from our heart and attain spiritual freedom, that we can lead our nations to true freedom without war.

Happy Veterans Day!

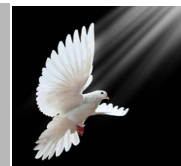
Happy Veterans Day! Please remember our veterans in your prayers during this week as we celebrate Veterans Day on Monday. Thank you to our beloved veterans for the great sacrifice they made for us. Let us remind ourselves Veterans Day is a day of prayer with gratitude to the people who have served and those who serve our country.

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday: This weekend we will celebrate Stewardship Sunday. This is a celebration of our stewardship that we should manage God's wealth entrusted to us by sharing our time, talents, and treasure. We will have 'Ministry Opportunity forms in the pews where you will find various ministries to serve our community of faith. I request you to pray for the success of our ministries and prayerfully to be generous in sharing your gifts. Please complete the ministry forms and return them in the collection baskets. Thank you for your generosity!

Adult Faith Formation

Advent Afternoon of Reflection



An Advent Afternoon of Reflection is planned for Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in Visitation Hall followed by an opportunity in Church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 3:30 pm and the 4 pm Mass. David Liedl, a trained spiritual director who lived 33 years as a Franciscan Brother, is leading the reflection entitled "Rejoice, O Highly Favored: Three Ways to Welcome the Word Made Flesh."

Signup sheets will be available starting the weekend of November 30/December 1 in the back of the church.

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

Nov 9 — Nov 24

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†Velma C. Hagman

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

Tuesday, November 19

5:00 pm Adoration
 6:00 pm Mass†Velma C. Hagman

Saturday, November 23

3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass† Stacy McClaine

Sunday, November 24 Christ the King

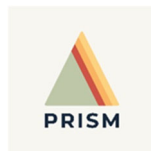
10:00 am Mass* People of SMM

† 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.

Alternate Items: 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.

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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 the parishioner who decorated the flower pots on the South side of the Church by Visitation Hall! They are absolutely beautiful!

Thank you to Lee Burke for working on the boiler and providing us with much needed heat in the Church!

Thank you to Dan and Debbie Kubes and Mary Ann Davila for cleaning the Church from top to bottom.

Thank you to Michael McDonough for a fabulous job decorating the Church for our ever-changing seasons and Holy days.

All of these parishioners do this work without others knowing how much they contribute to our Church!

We thank them for their generous donation of time and effort!

Thank You from Jack Olinger

Many thanks to each and everyone who surprised me after Mass to celebrate my 94th birthday. Also thank you to Father Tom and Mary Muntifer for helping.

John Olinger