

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

November 17, 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Lesson of the Fig-Tree Mark 13: 28-31

**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

Reading the Signs of our Life

To have safe driving, we need to watch for the signs on the road. Likewise, we need to watch for the signs in our spiritual life. Jesus says, *“Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near at the gates.”*

Nothing surprises the one who is prepared. But everything will be a surprise for the one who is not prepared. There are always external symptoms for our internal sickness. There is always smoke before the great fire. There is a drop of rain before the flood. Are we able to read the signs and prevent a disaster? ***“Prevention is better than cure.”***

We are called to prepare for the eternal life in heaven during our temporary life on the earth. We, as followers of Jesus, believe in his second coming at the end which will also be the beginning of our eternal life. “And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.” The ‘Elect’ are we who lived abiding his commandment and duly prepared to enter the perpetual kingdom in heaven. Are we prepared to be his ‘elect’ to have eternal life? Or do we elect to go eternal condemnation caused by sinful life?

Prayer: *Lord, give us the knowledge to understand the signs of our lives and the wisdom to prevent the disasters. Open our eyes to see our weaknesses so that we could be strengthened, as our strength of our knowledge is in the awareness of our weaknesses. Amen.*



Be aware of scammers

"Beware of email scams and text scams; never click on suspicious links or provide personal information in unsolicited messages, always verify the sender before responding, and report any suspicious activity to the appropriate authorities."

Key points to remember:

Don't click on links or open attachments from unknown senders.

Check **the email address carefully for spelling errors or unusual domains.**

Be wary of urgent or threatening language.

Never **share sensitive information like passwords, credit card numbers, or social security numbers in an email or text unless you are certain of the sender.**

If you suspect a scam, contact the company directly using a verified phone number or website.

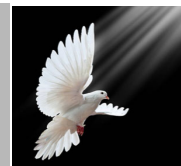
Report suspicious emails and texts to your email provider and phone carrier

Stewardship Sunday

There is still time to volunteer for various ministries. Your time and talent are greatly appreciated. We are a small parish but in need of many volunteers. Please complete the form and place it in the collection basket. Additional forms can be found in the pews and in the back of the Church.

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 16 — Dec 1

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

Tuesday, November 26

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass★ Cathy Stone

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Saturday, November 30

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Leone Knickerbocker

Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry

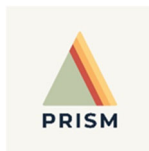
PRISM needs for November and December:

Holiday Toys, Gifts and Gift Cards
Teen gifts are in high demand. Suggested donation would be various gift cards.

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! SMM will collect gifts (Giving Tree) November 20-December 9.

St Margaret Mary has been very generous in the past. Thank you for your constant 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 Troy Brantner for cleaning the leaves off of the school building roof. Thank you Troy for the constant attention you provide to our buildings and grounds!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Healing Mass and Soup Luncheon. A special thank you to those that helped in the kitchen with clean up!

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 28th.

