

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



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November 24, 2024

Christ the King



**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

Christ, Our King

The culmination of the liturgical year is solemnized with the Feast of Christ the King. The interesting fact is: while Jesus lived in the world, he neither claimed to be a King of Jews nor he acted like one nor he lived in a palace. But he came to the world to serve and not to be served. In the Gospel today we would read the conversation between Jesus and Pilate: *"Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"... "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So, Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth."* In brief Jesus summarized his life and mission in simple words that he came to this world to testify to the truth of being a servant to others.

Jesus replied to Pilate that 'King' is the word Pilate was using, but his mission is to testify to the truth, and he was the truth. What is that truth? Pilate asked the question but did not wait for the answer. The truth of Jesus is that he be crucified and be resurrected to bring eternal life to all. The truth is that the grain of wheat should die to produce more. Thus, His death on the cross teaches us that the surrender to God's will is the victory of life. He humbled Himself to God's will before being the Master. The truth is that one must serve to be the master.

We are called to take the role of leadership in our various walks of life. How do we claim to be good leaders like our Master? A successful leader is a good follower. And a **faithful follower will be a fruitful leader**. We learn to lead others by faithfully following our Heavenly Master. We exercise our leadership by listening to the needs of the people who are under our care. For, a leader is a protector and provider. So, we are called to care for our families especially our children, the people in our workplaces and friends in our communities.

Thanksgiving: The spiritual life of our joyful communities is reinforced by our spirit of gratitude. We grow as a community of love by thanking one another. I feel the lack of gratitude or taking people for granted is a sin against our community, as the ungratefulness of one may kill the spirit of giving on the part of the giver. By being grateful, we in-

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vite people to the life of dedication and commitment. Being grateful makes one to be joyful.

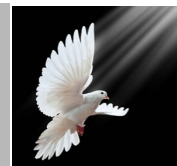
Thanking blesses the one who gives and the one who receives. As the recipient is required to thank the donor, the donor should be grateful for the opportunity to share his/her gifts with others; because we are not the 'owner' of what we give. The happiness that comes out of our sharing with others is the greatest of all happiness. It is the foretaste of heavenly bliss. Let us thank God for the 'spirit of giving' in us. Let us have that spirit to the fullest during this season of Thanksgiving. I thank you for your love and support for me as your pastor and the great sacrifices you make for the betterment of our faith community. **To be Joyful, let us be Grateful!** I wish you and your families a very 'Happy Thanksgiving Day'!

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am



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 23— Dec 8

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

Tuesday, December 3
 5:00 pm Adoration
 6:00 pm Mass† Craig Muntifering

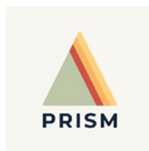
Saturday, December 7
 3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass★ Ukrainian People

Sunday, Dec 8 Second Sunday of Advent
 10:00 am Mass†Marguerite "Reet" Burke

† 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 is here! 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 Dec 14th

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 Georgeann Wobschall for her dedication to the Social Ministry which includes the Prism program and the homebound ministry. Georgeann takes care to see that all the homebound parishioners are visited as well as organizing the Giving Tree. We could not do this without Georgeann's commitment to our faith family. Thank you Georgeann!

Neighboring Event—Christmas Village

The St. Raphael’s Rosary Society in Crystal invites you to their annual Christmas Village on Saturday December 7th, 8:30 –2:00 pm at 7301 Bass Lake Road, Crystal. This event includes shopping unique items and gift baskets, visit from Santa from 11:00-1:00 pm, games for kids of all ages, and tasty food from Grandma’s Kitchen.

If you have any questions, please call 763-537-8401.