

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

December 29, 2024

The Holy Family



**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

Holy Family

The Sunday after Christmas, we traditionally celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, as a married couple become a whole family with a child. Jesus, by being born in a family, has honored every family. Pope Francis in his daily message “In imitation of the Holy Family, we are called to rediscover the **educational value** of the family unit founded on the love that always regenerates relationships, opening up horizons of hope.”

The family is the first ‘University’ where everyone learns the great values of life. God plants every one of us in our family that we bloom and grow in maturity of love and forgiveness to have a bonding relationship with one another. If our families and their values were to diminish, that would be the beginning of human disaster. Our family is the nucleus of any civil society. So, everyone has the greatest obligation to provide, preserve and protect the values of our families so that our children will produce the fruits of faith, hope and love.

No one can underestimate the challenges of family life. Those of us who live in families would know more than myself, about the challenges and joys of family life. But those challenges are the basic sources of our life to enrich our love for one another. Every challenge is a chance to grow. Every obstacle is an opportunity to learn. If only we learn the art of changing our ‘head-wind’ of our life into ‘tail-wind,’ our ‘flight of our life’ will gain momentum to be successful.

To accomplish that goal, all of us need to have faith in God and in your spouse, children, and in your family members. This faith starts with a simple practice of prayer. A family that prays together will stay together. Prayer is a spiritual exercise like our physical workout. Our physical exercise of once or twice in a year will not guarantee your good health. But regular physical practice prevents us from sickness. Similarly, prayer prevents us from failures and preserves us in ‘spiritual health’. A one-day walk may not reduce your blood pressure, but persistent practice will do. So constant practice of our prayer-life brings success in our family life. Let our new resolution for this New Year be ‘Family Prayer.’ Prayer brings unity in our family and thus begets victory in our life.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, as you blessed the Holy Family with your presence, come into our families to bless us and our children! Amen.

Reflection Continued

Happy New Year 2025!

God has blessed us to see one more year in our life. We joyfully welcome the New Year with gratitude to God. This is the time to look back at the year 2024 and thank God and our family members for their great contribution for our growth. We thank God for the ‘gains and pains’ of our life. By the ‘gains’ we achieve and we positively grow. By ‘pains’ we are made stronger to retain our gains in our life. Both success and challenges are God's gift to us that we continually grow in our life with strong relationships. I want to take this opportunity to express my endless thanks to God and to every one of you for your generous contribution of your time, talents, and treasure for our Parish during this past year, 2024. Every one of you is a great blessing from God. **May God bless you and your family with plentiful blessings in the New Year 2025!**

Christmas Flower Memorials

Donor:	In Memory of:
Jennifer & Steve Erickson	Joseph & Mary Rolek Melvin & Viola Erickson
Lucille Cervantes	Jason Cervantes



New Year's Liturgy Schedule

Dec 31st Tue Solemnity of Mary : 6:00 PM Mass
Jan 1st Wed Solemnity of Mary: 9:00 AM Mass

Dec 28—Jan 12

Saturday, December 28

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass† Matt Buettner
.....* Ukrainian People

Sunday, December 29 The Holy Family

10:00 am Mass* People of SMM

Tuesday, December 31 New Year's Eve

6:00 pm Mass.....† Shelli Whitehouse

Wednesday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 am Mass* People of SMM

Saturday, January 4

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass† Phil & Elaine Wencil

Sunday, January 5 The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 am Mass† Mary Garvey

Tuesday, January 7

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

Saturday, January 11

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

Sunday, January 12 The Baptism of the Lord

10:00 am Mass† Marguerite "Reet" Burke

† deceased * living

Social Ministry

PRISM needs for December: Toys and Gift Cards!

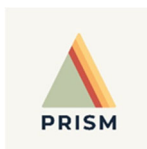
950 children will receive Christmas gifts this year. Anything not used for the Christmas season will be used for the Birthday Room at Prism.

Thank you for your generosity!

January needs: Toilet paper and paper products

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.



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Pastoral Team

Pastor:

Fr. Thomas Rayar
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For Pastoral Emergencies and Anointing of the Sick
Call 763-515-2005

Business Administration

Mary Muntifering
marym@smm-gv.org

Music Ministry

Mary Bur
mbur@smm-gv.org

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

AT LARGE MEMBERS

Molly Anderson
Collin Abram, *Secretary*.....
Sue Buck
Hannah Ficks, *Second Chair*.....
Jim Franzen
Steve Gleason, *Chair*.....

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Nancy Huntley, *Trustee*
Jean Plucinski, *Adult Faith Formation*.....
Georgeann Wobschall, *Social Ministry*.....

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Peter Aubart
Michael Ficks
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Rick Riley
Jim Sherburne

PRAYER CHAIN

Laurie Geving 763-772-7762

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Monday: Office Closed
Tuesdays through Thursdays : 9:00am
to 3:00pm
Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:00pm

Parishioner Volunteer Thank YOU!

Thank you to Bill Komarek, Dan and Debbie Kubes and MaryAnn Davila for cleaning the Church! It looks so clean and fresh for Christmas!

Thank you to Michael McDonough, Peter Aubart and Lee Burke for helping set up the Nativity and Christmas decorations and lights! It is not easy to transform the Church for the change in seasons, and these gentlemen did so with ease! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to making the Church beautiful!

Thank you to Addie and Lydia Buck for singing and playing the bells so beautifully for the Christmas Masses! It was absolutely beautiful!



Neighboring Event

Teaching Mass Retreat

Come to the Church of St. Bridget of Minneapolis and listen to Father Michael Joncas, one of our beloved priests in the Archdiocese and composer of "On Eagles Wings."

Join us on Saturday, February 15 at 10:00 am

Church of St. Bridget of Minneapolis

3811 Emerson Ave N

Minneapolis, MN 55412

For more information, please call our office:

612-529-7779

Information flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the Church

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.

Stewardship



We are in the final weeks of 2024 Please consider a year's end gift to St. Margaret Mary Church. If you have not already done so please complete the 2025 Stewardship pledge and return it to the office by mail, collection

basket or drop off. We thank you for your support to our faith family.

Endowment Fund

"A Gift that Keeps on Giving, Year after Year."

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Parish Endowment Fund. Ongoing contributions of cash and stock helps grow the fund where the principal amount is always at work for the parish and cannot be removed. The parish can elect to spend the interest earned to fund special projects or programs of the parish.

Daily Bible Readings are available online at the United States Council of Catholic Bishops website www.usccb.org/bible/readings.