

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary

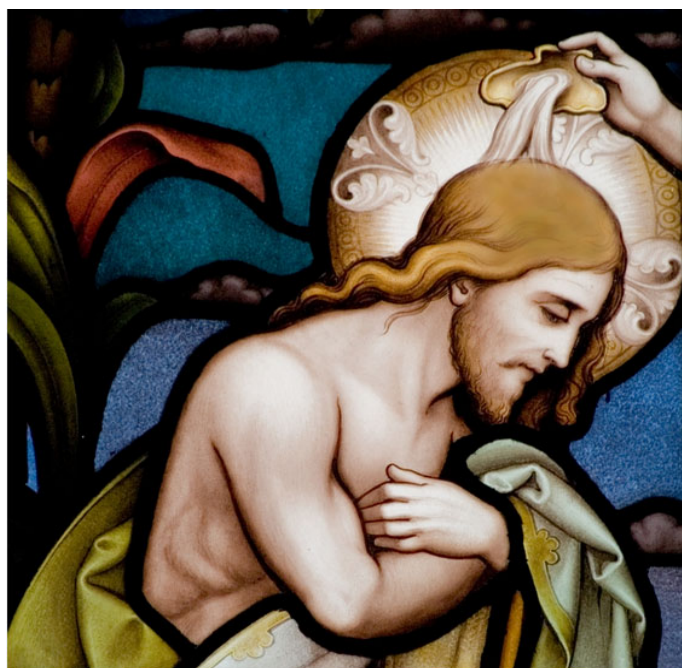
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**January 5, 2025**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**January 12, 2025**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**



**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](http://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

### Solemn Feast of Epiphany

The Good news of Jesus' birth was announced to many people at that time of Jesus. The angel Gabriel announced to Mary and she surrendered to God's will declaring, "I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done according to your will." The message came to St. Joseph and he accepted Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit against his hesitation and fear. The simple shepherds heard the birth of Jesus from the angels, and they went to see him. The Magi of the east were foretold of his birth by the appearance of the star, and they traveled a long way to adore the infant Jesus.

But when King Herod heard about the birth of Jesus, 'he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.' The good news of Jesus' birth was good for many but was not good for a few because of fear of change from their sinful life. In other words, they did not like to see Jesus as their king of life. Herod was not only troubled by the birth of Jesus, but he went to the extreme of trying to destroy him. How do we take the good news of Jesus' birth? Do we commercialize our Christmas celebration, or do we have the inner joy that He brings to us?

The feast of Epiphany is the feast of the Manifestation of Jesus. Jesus manifests himself to the Magi of the East. The feast of Epiphany should increase our curiosity, like the Magi, to see who Jesus is for us. We need to pray for the wisdom to search for Jesus in our brothers and sisters. The Feast of Epiphany happens every time whenever we recognize and encounter Jesus in our sisters and brothers. The Magi from the East elicit in us the spirit of searching for Jesus with grit having perseverance and passion. Let the wisdom of the Magi be our daily custom of our life searching for Jesus following our conscience, the guiding star of our life.

I thank you for your love and greeting cards with generous gifts during this holy season. May God bless you for your kindness!

Thank You! In the name of our parish, I wholeheartedly thank you also for your generosity of sharing your time, talents, and treasure towards our parish during this Holy season of Christmas. Our sincere gratitude to all our members of our Liturgical Committee, Environment committee led by Michael McDonough for the beautiful decoration, our wonderful choir, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers,

## Reflection Continued

Greeters, Money Counters, Hospitality Ministers, our Sacristans, Altar Servers, Building and Ground committee, funeral luncheon ladies, candle care ministers, Doris Thimmesh for taking care of Altar linens, our faith formation teachers, our dedicated staff, Mary Muntifering, Mary Bur, and many more to whom I am grateful in our community. With your generous sacrificial participation, our parish continues to thrive. Finally, I thank all of you for sharing your financial contribution for our parish community during the year 2024.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year of 2025. With my prayers!

Fr. Tom



**Epiphany** (which means "revealing") commemorates the Magi who came from the four corners of the world bearing gifts and following a star to meet the child who would become king. We celebrate Epiphany to remember that we too are invited to come and witness the life of Jesus and be blessed as we begin a new year.

**"Chalking the door"** is a centuries-old way to celebrate and to (literally) mark the occasion of the Epiphany with God's blessing of our lives and homes with sacred signs and symbols to set our homes apart as places of Christian hospitality, as safe and peaceful outposts of the Kingdom of God in the world, as habitations of healing and rest. We again invite God's presence into our homes and ask His blessing upon all those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year.

For the Epiphany of the Lord in 2025, the traditional chalk inscription on your door would be "20 + C + M + B + 25", where "C + M + B" represent the initials of the three wise men (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar) and "2025" signifies the year, signifying a blessing for your home from Christ throughout the year.

## Jan 4 — Jan 19

### 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

### Tuesday, January 14

5:00 pm Adoration  
 6:00 pm Mass .....† Mary Garvey

### Saturday, January 18

3:30 pm Reconciliation  
 4:00 pm Mass .....† Richard Walker

### Sunday, Dec 19 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

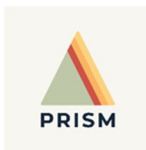
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† deceased    ★ living

## Social Ministry

### 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  
 frtom@smm-gv.org

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* .....

### PPC COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

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

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Peter Aubart .....  
 Michael Ficks .....  
 Jeb Myers, *Trustee* .....  
 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!

We thank all of the altar servers who assist with Mass each week. Thank you to Olive Pauling! Thank you to Ethan, Josiah, Nolan and Lydia Buck!

We also thank our AV Operators: Jim Franzen, Barb Kramer, Louise Hyser, Paxon Myers and Savannah Buck!

Thank you for dedicating your time to make the Mass so reverent and meaningful to everyone!

## Bulletin Announcement

We will temporarily print the bulletin every other week for the winter months. The bulletin will be printed every two weeks, starting on January 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to have something published in the bulletin, please contact Mary Muntifering two weeks prior to the publishing date.

**Daily Bible Readings** are available online at the United States Council of Catholic Bishop's website [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings).

## 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](mailto:marym@smm-gv.org)) in the parish office to schedule your Mass Intentions. Suggested minimum donation is \$7.00 or more per Mass.

## Stewardship



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.