

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



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January 19, 2025
January 26, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty
those who are oppressed..."
Luke 4:18



**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

The First Miracle of Jesus

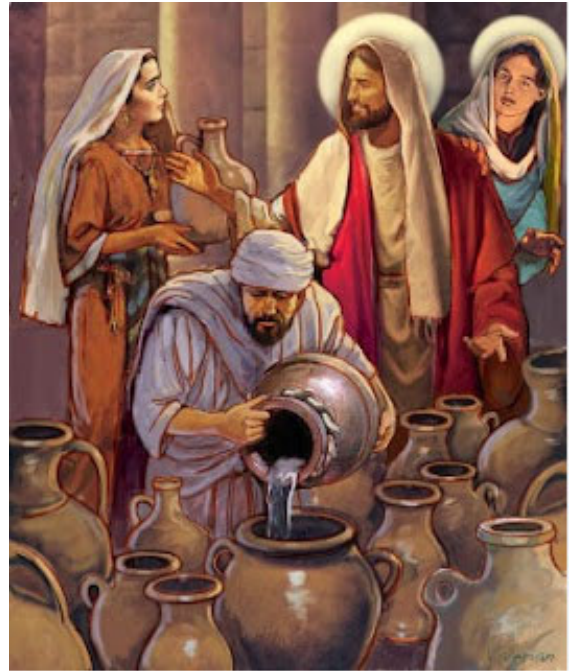
The First miracle at a Wedding feast: Jesus performed many miracles during his ministry. But his first miracle was performed at a wedding feast at Cana. This was not a coincidence. Jesus intended to teach us that every miracle of love begins at home. The Sacrament of Marriage is the beginning of a committed love relationship. The very fact of Jesus' birth in a family reminds us that God honored every family in the world. And the family is the beginning of our journey towards salvation. We experience Jesus' miracle in our children. The first miracle was not merely changing the water into wine; it is the miracle of binding the hearts through the Sacrament of Marriage.

The changing of water into wine symbolizes the prosperity of joy in our family life, as the wine is a sign of prosperity. This miracle reminds us that we should live a joyful life with the spirit of hospitality, welcoming everyone to our family table. In ancient cultures, everyone in the town was invited for a wedding ceremony. Jesus, by changing water into wine, teaches us that if we can change our hearts to a holy life, we will also be able to sit in the heavenly banquet.

In the Second reading of today, St Paul focuses on unity, which happens to be a rare commodity because of the uniqueness of individuals. Every human being is distinctively and uniquely created by God, but not uniformly manufactured like any goods in the factories. The differences between people add flavor to human interaction, thus helping us grow in maturity. The uniqueness of every person helps us attain our spiritual gifts that St. Paul explains in his letter to Corinthians. He enumerates many different gifts from one God. "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." (1Cor: 12:4-5) Thus St. Paul reminds us that the differences are not for division, but to challenge us, as followers of Christ, to build the united community of Faith in diversity.

Like any other community, we do face the challenges of unity in our parish family or in our home. In the time of our struggle the words of St. Paul give us direction and solace so that we may be guided by the same Spirit. Let us continue to pray to the God of Unity that the one Spirit, who brings us together as one family of faith, will unite us.

May God bless us with the prosperity of joy in our families!



St Margaret Mary Parishioner

Rest in Peace

Sylvia Blem

Festival Update—Silent Auction

A Festival Update... in January? Yes, we realize the festival is over nine months away, and we are in the middle of a cold winter, but the Baskets from Heaven Silent Auction could already use your help! Now that the shopping frenzy is over, it is the perfect time to check out sales at your favorite stores. Find a great deal on items you can donate to our Silent Auction next fall and help us grow. Thank you in advance for your support! We can't wait for September!

Measure of our Treasure

July — December 2024	
Envelopes & Plate	\$96,097
Budgeted Amount	\$114,250
Net Difference From Budget	(\$18,153)

Jan 18 — Feb 2

Saturday, January 18

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Richard Walker

Sunday, Jan 19 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, January 21 (NO MASS)

5:00 pm Adoration NO ADORATION

6:00 pm MassNO MASS

Saturday, January 25

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Sylvia Blem

Sunday, Jan 26 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Ann Lambrecht

Tuesday, January 28 (NO MASS)

5:00 pm Adoration NO ADORATION

6:00 pm MassNO MASS

Saturday, February 1

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Sarah Grendahl

Sunday, Feb 2 The Presentation of the Lord

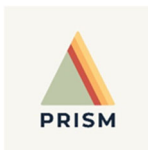
10:00 am Mass† Sylvia Blem

† 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.

Anointing of the Sick

When someone is hospitalized and asking for anointing, please ask one of the hospital staff to contact the priest within the hospital. All of the local hospitals have a Catholic priest that is paid by the archdiocese to administer to the sick who are in need of anointing.

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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

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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
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Hannah Ficks, *Second Chair*.....
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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 would like to thank all those who volunteer for the funeral lunches, especially Vonnie Reilly for coordinating the volunteers.

We would also like to thank Debbie Kubes, Esther Cruz, Karen Aubart, Mary Ann Davila and Tom Lang.

Thank you for giving your time to help serve at the funeral lunches and ensuring that everything runs smoothly!

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 5th. 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.

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.

Contribution Letters

Your 2024 contribution statements are being mailed for those people who donated \$250.00 and above per IRS regulation. However, if any of you contributed less than \$250.00 and would like a statement, please contact Mary Muntifering at the parish office.

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.