

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

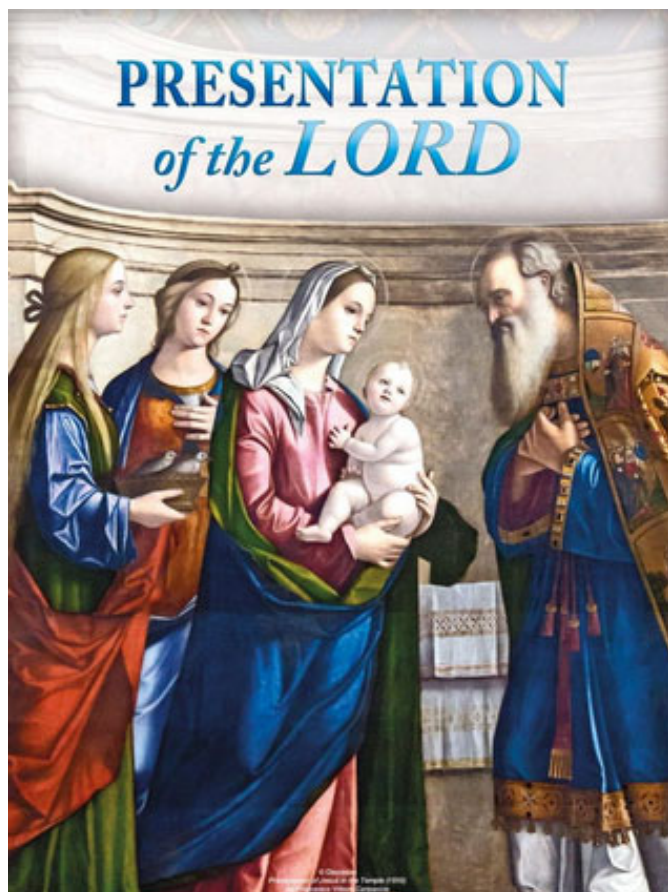
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February 2, 2025
February 9, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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

Feast of Presentation of the Lord

Offering in the Temple: It was a Jewish custom of the time of Jesus, as per the Mosaic Law every Jewish new-born male child belonged to Yahweh. So, the parents, to claim the child as their own, had to “buy back” the child with the payment of “five shekels (=15 Denarius = wage for 15 days of work) to a member of the priestly family” (Num 3:47-48; and also see Lk 2:22). In addition, (Num 18:15) every mother had to be purified after childbirth with the offering a lamb to the Temple (or two turtledoves if the parents are the poor). Joseph kept these laws as an act of obedience to God, as we read in the Gospel of today.

Anna and Simeon: By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the old, pious, Spirit-filled Simeon and the very old prayerful, fasting widow, Anna, both of whom who had been waiting for the revelation of God’s salvation, were present in the Temple the day Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to Present Him to God, the Father. Simeon recognized Jesus as the Lord’s Anointed One, and in his prayer of blessing, he prophesied that Jesus was meant to be the glory of Israel and a Light of revelation to the Gentiles. While he blessed Mary, Simeon warned that her child would be **“set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign of contradiction”** and that **“a sword will pierce through your own soul”**. Simeon was prophesying both the universal salvation that would be proclaimed by Jesus and the necessity of suffering in the mission of the Messiah.

What this Feast means to us today: The presentation of our Lord Jesus reminds us we are God’s children and we are presented ourselves through the Sacrament of Baptism. Jesus offered himself as offering as we read in the Letter to Hebrews. He paid our price of our Salvation. The inspired Anna and Simeon in the Gospel today reminds us to live in the Holy Spirit to serve others by prophesying. Finally, we understand the presentation of life to the Lord for our salvation does not come without suffering as it was in the life and mission of the Messiah.

May the Lord give us the spirit of detachment to be presented ourselves to the Lord for our salvation!

Reflection Continued

Thank you so much to all your care and concerns for me; I am doing well visiting my family and friends here in India. The temperature here is around 70s and 80s.

I am grateful to all who helped Mary Muntifering during the time of flooding in our Parish Center caused by frozen and broken pipes especially to Lee Burke. Last Thursday, I visited the famous Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health and prayed for you all!

With prayerful wishes to all! Fr. Tom

Adult Faith Formation



Lenten Small Group Sign-Up Starts Next Weekend, February 8th and 9th!

All are invited to participate in one of this year’s Lenten Small Groups meeting once a week for five weeks in Visitation Hall beginning the week of Sun. 3-9-2025 and continuing through Tues. 4-8-2025!

This can be your first time joining a group—past participation is not required. Each participant will receive via email a PDF copy of the 2025 Lenten Small Group Study Guide, “Lent 2025: A Call to Holiness”, which explores themes taken from the Lenten scripture readings for Cycle C, in addition to a printed copy.

Sign up for one of the three groups listed below after Mass in the back of church the weekends of February 8/9 and February 15/16, 2025:

Group 1: Sundays, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm with facilitators Steve Gleason and Margaret Webinger

Group 2: Sundays, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm with facilitators Jean Plucinski and Georgeann Wobschall

Group 3: Tuesdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am with facilitators Pat Lord and Mike Bloberger

For more information, contact Jean Plucinski at adult-faith@smm-gv.org or at 763-593-0664.

Catholic Service Appeal Weekend

Thank you for your support of the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal, *“Giving is Faith in Action”*, which provides critical funding to local ministries that educate in faith, help those in need, strengthen in faith, and protect life.

Envelopes for the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal, are available in the pews and in the back of the Church. Please make checks payable to the Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you!

Feb 1—Feb 16

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

Tuesday, February 4 (NO MASS)
 5:00 pm Adoration NO ADORATION
 6:00 pm MassNO MASS

Saturday, February 8
 3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass† Jon Lambrecht

Sunday, Feb 9 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, February 11 (NO MASS)
 5:00 pm Adoration NO ADORATION
 6:00 pm MassNO MASS

Saturday, February 15
 3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass† George Lambrecht

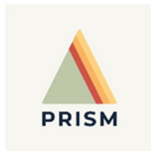
Sunday, Feb 16 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry

February Needs: Kitchen Spices

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. Donations are down and the cost of food is up. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

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 Mary Muntifering
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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*
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- 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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- Jim Sherburne

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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

Office Announcement

During the week of January 20th, we experienced a frozen water pipe in the office that broke and flooded the building. During the time of repair and reconstruction, the office may be closed on and off over the next weeks. I may not always be available to answer the door or phone. If I am not in the office, I will be available by cell. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. My cell number is 612-201-5224.

Thank you for understanding and your patience and prayers as we put the office back together.
Mary Muntifering

Parishioner Volunteer Thank YOU!

Thank you to Lee Burke for helping with the broken water pipe, the boiler, and cleanup in the parish office . We could not have done this without him! There are not enough words to say to thank him for overseeing this overwhelming task!
Thank you Lee!

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

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.

Contribution Letters

Your 2024 contribution statements have been 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.

For those that use the ACH process for donations, you should have received a revised statement with a letter of explanation. If you have not received a revised contribution statement, please contact Mary Muntifering at the office.

Tutors needed Mary's Place

Sharing & Caring Hands/Mary's Place needs volunteers to help the Mary's Place homeless youth with their homework & reading. Contact kklement@sharingandcaringhands.org / 612-596-3418 for more information.