

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

February 16, 2025
February 23, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Seventh 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

Blessed Are You!

This week's liturgy calls us to reflect on one of the famous Gospel passages called, the Beatitudes. It will be enlightening for us if we could read Mathew's version along with that of Luke's which is selected as the Gospel of this weekend. (Mt: 5:1-12 and Lk: 6:20-23). With all the similarities of these two passages of Beatitudes, we see the difference in the authors' narration. Mathew writes, "When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the mountainside...and he began to teach them. Whereas Luke states, "Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people ..." Luke brings the theology of Incarnation that Jesus came down to our level to preach the Gospel of the Beatitudes whereas Mathew reminds that we will climb the mountains of our Salvation if we practice the values of Beatitudes.

Unlike that of Mathew's version, Luke's version of 'Sermon on the Plain' Jesus added the 'woes' of being rich, being filled, having laugh and being praised by others. If one could paraphrase the theme of the passages, we could understand that there could be no gain of paradise without pain of loss in the life. Without the cross, we cannot gain the crown of salvation. Being poor, being hungry, going through grieves and insults for the sake of God, are the crosses we need to bear to be blessed.

In the long history of our beloved Church, it is during the time of persecution, the Church grew faster and became firmer in its faith. The martyrs' blood became the source of our great faith to grow. When we read the words "*blessed are you when the people hate you when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that Day,*" we cannot forget the numerus men and women who joyfully sacrificed their life for their faith in Christ. This reminds us how we are called today to be blessed by the insult or alienation in our community, turning those adversities into opportunities of growth in our faith.

Lord, give me the strength to change all my obstacles of my life as opportunities of grace, to be blessed in your eyes and to be your beloved in your heart. Amen

St Margaret Mary Parishioner

The Minnesota Catholic magazine has a featured article about our own Jim Franzen this month. Please be sure to read the article about Jim's faith journey and inspiring story that has brought him to St. Margaret Mary's Church. We are so blessed and fortunate to have Jim in our Faith Family! Congratulations Jim and thank you for sharing your story!

Adult Faith Formation



Lenten Small Group Sign-Up Wraps Up this Weekend, February 15th and 16th!

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. The deadline to sign up in the back of church for one of the three groups listed below is this weekend, 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/Doris Thimmesh

All participants, please pick up your printed copy of the 2025 Lenten Small Group Study Guide, "Lent 2025: A Call to Holiness", in the back of church after Mass the weekend of February 22/23 or March 1/2.

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

Feb 15—March 2

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

Tuesday, February 18

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Saturday, February 22

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Russell & Margaret Stimart

Sunday, Feb 23 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, February 25

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Saturday, March 1

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Rose Marie Novotny

Sunday, March 2 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

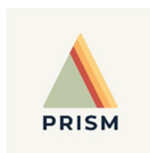
10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

† 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

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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

Catholic Service Appeal

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.

Parishioner Volunteer Thank YOU!

Thank you to Patrick Doyle and Michael Bloberger for clearing snow and escorting the parishioners through the snowy parking lot last Saturday. And thank you to Patrick Doyle for getting the gates opened before each Mass every weekend! Thank you to both of you!

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

Neighboring Event: Franciscan Retreats

February Women's Weekend Retreat
February 21-23, 2025

Theme: *Finding God in Difficult Times*

Experience four conference talks on our poignant theme on this two-night retreat. Recharge mentally, physically and Spiritually.

This Retreat provides space for you to connect with your inner self and with Jesus, allowing you to rest, reflect, pray and journal. You will also have the opportunity to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation in an unhurried way, partake in guided prayer sessions, enjoy live music during Mass and meet one-on-one with a Spiritual Director. With ample unscheduled time, you can explore the beautiful surroundings and connect with your creator or visit with fellow retreat goers.

Come join us on this journey. Theme: **Finding God in Difficult Times**

Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake MN

www.franciscanretreats.net; 952-447-2182

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.

Annual Spring Flower Sale

It is time for the spring flower sale. Again. We will be getting the flowers from Gerten's. We have been very pleased with the variety of flowers offered and the quality of the plants.

Look for the order form on the Church website, starting the weekend of February 22nd and 23rd. Flower order forms may also be found in the back of Church starting that weekend. Flower orders will be taken before and after Mass on the weekends of March 1st and 2nd and March 8th and 9th. Pictures of the flowers can be found on Gerten's website under Spring fundraising and in brochures at the back of Church.

The flowers may be picked up on Saturday May 17th from 1-6 pm at the Parish Office Garage.

Forms for the Church Memorial Garden may also be found on the website and in the back of Church on those weekends. If you decide to donate to the church gardens and order flowers, please make out separate checks.

Thank you for your support!

Questions, please call Nancy Huntley 763-522-9437.