

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary

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



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March 16, 2025  
March 23, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent  
Third Sunday of Lent



**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

### Time of Lent - A call to Holiness

In the book of Leviticus, we read God commanding Moses and Aaron, “For I, the LORD, am your God; and you shall make and keep yourselves holy, because I am holy.” (Leviticus 11:44) The reason we must be holy is that our Heavenly Father is holy. Holiness is the pathway to heavenly life. If we wish to be reunited with God during and after this earthly life, we must strive to be holy. Through the second reading today, St. Paul calls us to be holy by imitating him, “Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us.” (Phil: 3:17)

Way to holiness is an uphill battle. As we struggle to climb higher on the ‘mountain of holiness’, our bodily passions pull us down with ‘earthly gravities’. St. Paul rightly mentions, “Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their ‘shame.’ Their minds are occupied with earthly things.” (Phil: 3: 19) Once we strive to be holy, “He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.” (Phil 4:1) To instill the truth of our struggles to climb the ‘mountain of holiness,’ Jesus took his three disciples to the mountain to pray where they could witness the glory of God.

“As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” (Luke: 9:32) It is good to be here on the mountain to see the glory of God and be part of heavenly bliss. However, climbing the ‘mountain of holiness’ is challenging. With the help of Jesus, we could climb the ‘mountain of holiness’ where we will be called the beloved ‘sons and daughters’ of God.

May God be our strength during our struggle to climb the mountain of holiness and be the glory of our Transfiguration! Amen.

## Homebound Ministry

If you know of a St. Margaret Mary parishioner who is homebound and unable to attend Mass, please contact the Parish Office or Georgeann Wobschall. We have homebound ministers that would be able to bring the Eucharist to their home.

Thank you for taking care of each other!

## Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross : 12:00 PM on Fridays

## Adult Faith Formation



Lenten Small Group members, please check your group listed below for the correct date and time of your second and third meetings. All meetings will be held in Visitation Hall.

**Group 1:** Sundays, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm with facilitators Steve Gleason and Margaret Webinger on March 16 and March 23

**Group 2:** Sundays, 2 pm to 3:30 pm with facilitators Jean Plucinski and Georgeann Wobschall on March 16 and March 23

**Group 3:** Tuesdays, 10 am to 11:30 am with facilitators Pat Lord and Mike Bloberger/Doris Thimmesh on March 18 and March 25

Before the second meeting, please read the material for Week 2 on pages 14 through 27 of the 2025 Lenten Small Group Study Guide which explores how Lent is a time for transformation, the third pillar of Lent (prayer), the eight Beatitudes to help us answer our call to holiness, and the inspirational person, Edith Stein (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross).

Before the third meeting, please read the material for Week 3 on pages 28 through 43 which explores how Lent is a time to repent and bear fruit, how to build our relationship with God, how the fruits of the Spirit transform our character to be more like Jesus, and the inspirational persons, St. Frances Cabrini and St. Ignatius of Loyola.

For more information, contact Jean Plucinski at 763-593-0664 or at [adultfaith@smm-gv.org](mailto:adultfaith@smm-gv.org).

## Healing Mass —April 3rd

*The Healing Mass will be Thursday, April 3 at 11:00 am followed by a soup luncheon. Please remember the Healing Mass is for mind, body and spirit. We all need healing. All are welcome. Watch for signup sheets in the back of the Church over the weekend of March 22/23.*

## March 15—March 30

### Saturday, March 15

3:30 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Mass .....† Jeanne Krumweide

### Sunday, March 16 2nd Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Mass .....† Leo and Butch Rosas

### Tuesday, March 18

5:00 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass .....† Craig Muntifering

### Saturday, March 22

3:30 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Mass .....★ People of SMM

### Sunday, March 23 3rd Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Mass .....† Pushpa Mary Rayar

### Tuesday, March 25

5:00 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass .....† Cheryl Ann Gransee

### Saturday, March 29

3:30 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Mass .....★ People of SMM

### Sunday, March 30 4th Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Mass .....★ People of SMM

† deceased    ★ living

## Social Ministry

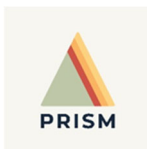
### March Food Share Month:

**Needs are pantry staples, food & cash (Prism can buy food from Second Harvest at a very low cost.)**

Most needed are canned proteins: tuna, chicken, peanut butter and beans.

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.



**Thank you for your generosity!**

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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* .....

### 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!

Thank you to Michael McDonough for decorating the Church for Lent! It looks absolutely stunning! Thank you Michael for all your hard work and dedication to the Church environment.

Also thank you to Mary Ann Davila, Debbie Kubes, and Bill Komarek for keeping our Church clean. It is a big job for three people. They do the work of many and do it really well.

Thank you!

## 2025 Archdiocesan Catholic Watchmen Conference

### March 22 Church of the Epiphany, Coon Rapids.

Designed to awaken, invigorate, and strengthen men in their love for Jesus, the conference offers a great opportunity for strengthening solidarity among the men of our Archdiocese, helping us-as disciples and spiritual fathers to provide, protect, and lead the faith we share.

The theme of this year's conference is Men of Christ -Strengthened by His Real Presence. Given that theme, it's not surprising that the conference starts with Mass at 8:00 am and concludes with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. With your help, the Sacrament of Confession will be available throughout the morning. Dr. Edward Sri of the Augustine Institute will be offering the keynote address.

You may register at the following link:  
<https://secu.re.acceptiva.com/?csFNYiyxd>.

## Gluten Free Hosts

Gluten free hosts are available. Please let the greeters or sacristan know before the start of Mass that you need gluten free.

**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).

## 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.

## Annual Spring Flower Sale

If you missed the opportunity to order flowers and would still like to order, you can order on line at Gertens Fundraising and enter store code 802. The site will be open till Thursday April 3 at 10:00 pm. Products do sell out early, so order as soon as possible for the best selection.

I would like to thank Louise Hyser for organizing and creating the order form. It is a huge job and her help is greatly appreciated.

Forms for the flower sale and parish gardens can be found on our website.

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

Thank you for your support!

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