

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

May 18, 2025
May 25, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day Celebration



Baptism and Welcome!



Please rejoice and welcome our newest member to our St. Margaret Faith Family!

Baptism of Lofton Louis Willkom

Son of John and Allison
and sisters, Avery and Whitney



Pastoral Team

Pastor:

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**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 New Commandment

From the Old Testament we have received the Ten Commandments. In the New Testament, Jesus summarized all the commandments into one commandment of Love which has the two parts: love God and love your neighbors.

The book of Leviticus has a similar commandment that Jesus has given through the gospel today. "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD." (Lev: 19:18). I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34). Then one may wonder, 'Why did Jesus say 'I give you a new commandment: love one another?' Apparently, it may look like there is nothing new about it, as the book of Leviticus has already mentioned this commandment. However, if we study both passages very closely, we will be able find the newness in the commandment.

The uniqueness of Jesus' words compared to that of Leviticus is that He commands the disciples, 'Love one another as I have loved you. In the Old Testament God commands, 'love your neighbor as yourself because I am the Lord who is commanding. Here, we see that the scale of love is up to the one who loves oneself. Whereas in the NT, the scale of love should be that of Jesus' love: 'love one another as I have loved you.' The newness of this great commandment is enhanced in the New Testament, by the **example** said by God who became human, and washed the feet of his disciples with humility, dying on the cross with sacrifice, and forgave his enemies with love. "*I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you*" (Jn 13:15). The newness of this commandment is that it is consequential to Jesus' example of love for us. In Leviticus, one has to love his neighbor as he loves himself. Whereas Jesus' command is to love others following the example exhibited by Himself.

Jesus gave us this commandment of 'Love' two thousand years ago. However, we still struggle to practice it in our daily lives. 'Love' is the word we use more often than any other words while we talk to our family members. But, 'Love' is also a word we use often without its real meaning.

In this world of consumerism, we tend to love things rather than people. In the 'culture of pleasure' we tend to love the things that may give us instant happiness rather than loving people which may have short-time struggles but leads us to eternal reward.

Reflection Continued

Jesus says, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." So, we need to ask ourselves, "Should I be known as Jesus' disciple because of my love for my spouse, my children, and members of my extended family?" Can we be known as his disciples because of our love for others? The real love for others demands sacrifice, not satisfaction. It calls us to give more than to receive. It reminds us to focus on self-giving rather than selfishness. Genuine love makes us heroes, but without it, we are mere zeros.

May the God of Love fill our hearts with the greatest love for one another!

Social Ministry

May Needs: Paper and Plastic Bags

Most needed are canned proteins: tuna, chicken, peanut butter and beans.
Thank you for your generosity!



Parishioner Volunteer Thank YOU!

Thank you to Amanda Rosas for donating the roses for last week's Mother's Day celebration. Many mothers, young and old, were honored with a rose on Mother's Day. Thank you Amanda!

May 17 — May 25

Saturday, May 17

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

Sunday, May 18

5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, May 20

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

Saturday, May 24

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

Sunday, May 25

6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

† deceased ★ living

May 17 — June 1

Saturday, May 17

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

Sunday, May 18 5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, May 20

5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass† Chery Gransee

Saturday, May 24

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

Sunday, May 25 6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, May 27

5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Saturday, May 31

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

Sunday, June 1 The Ascension of the Lord

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry

May Needs: Paper and Plastic Bags

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.

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



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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

AT LARGE MEMBERS

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Monday: Office Closed
Tuesdays through Thursdays : 9:00am
to 3:00pm
Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:00pm

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.

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.

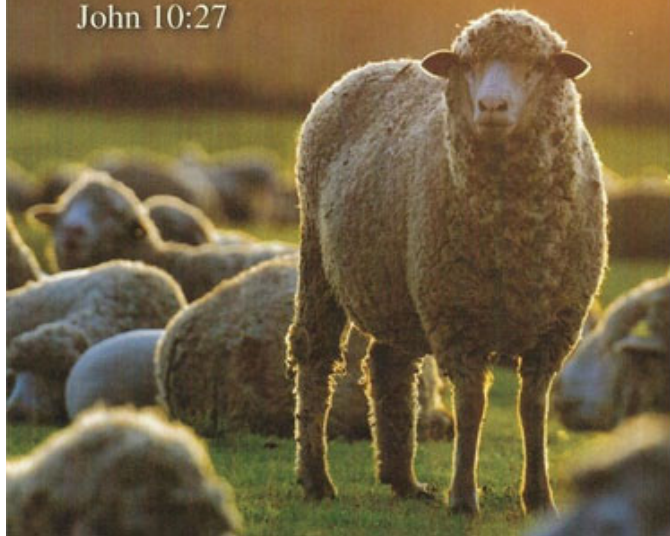
175th Anniversary Books

The 175th Anniversary Books are available for a limited time. If you would like to purchase a pictorial book or a graphic novel book, please see Mary Muntifer at the Parish Office for details.

The cost of the pictorial book is \$40 and the graphic novel book is \$15 .

My sheep hear My voice,
and I know them, and
they follow Me

John 10:27



Happy Memorial Day!

