

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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

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June 1, 2025
June 8, 2025

The Ascension of the Lord
Pentecost Sunday

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May 31 — June 8

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

Tuesday, June 3
 5:00 pm Adoration
 6:00 pm Mass..† Fritz & Donna Muntifering

Saturday, June 7
 3:30 pm Reconciliation
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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 Solemnity of Ascension of Jesus

The Ascension of Jesus is the climax of His resurrection. After rising from death, He spent forty days with His disciples encouraging and preparing them for the great ministry. We enjoy today the fruit of their ministry, being proud followers of Jesus Christ. We continue our spiritual journey in order that we may be with God, ascending from our earthly life through faith in Jesus.

This is one of the feasts that celebrate the mystery of our humanity touching the divinity of God. The purpose of Jesus' incarnation is clearly portrayed by his ascension to heaven giving us hope that we will one day be joining Him in heaven in glory. This feast is a celebration of our hope in God. When despair and doubt haunt us, the ascension of Jesus is a reminder that we need to surpass all our disbeliefs to see the ray of hope.

This feast of Ascension also reminds us of the commandment of Jesus to proclaim his message to all the nations by our repentance and forgiveness. "Thus, it is written that Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." (LK 24:46-48) Finally, our glorification with the ascended Jesus will only be possible by following Jesus with our daily crosses. And thus, we will be witnesses to Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension by our faith.

This Ascension of Jesus should fill our hearts with hope that we will end our journey at the eternal home of God. This reminds us that we need to ascend ourselves from worldly possessions to heavenly values. This life is temporary and the life to come is permanent. But we are to gain the heavenly treasures by sharing our worldly wealth with others in need.

We, as a community of faith, are doing well by sharing our treasures, our faith with our children and our children's children. This is one of the ways by which we prove that we are people of ascension witnesses to the Gospel.

May the glory of Jesus be on us, as we struggle to carry our daily crosses!

Thank you to Sawhorse Design

Thank you to Rick Reilly from Sawhorse Design for donating a office printer, chairs and many office supplies that will be used in the parish office. We thank Rick and Sawhorse Design for their generous donation to us.

We also thank Cheryl Bloberger, Lee Burke and Patrick Doyle for their help in moving all the items. Thank you!

Parishioner Volunteer Thank YOU!

Thank you Troy Brantner for taking care of the lawns around the Church and School! Troy spends many long hours of work here. You can find him working on the lawns, the flower gardens and even up on the roof! We are so thankful to have Troy keeping our grounds looking great.

Social Ministry

June Needs: Breakfast Cereal

Donations needed, especially lunch items: Mac and cheese, soup, pasta, granola bars, healthy snack items, and cereal



Fresh free produce distribution starts Tuesday, June 17 from 2:00 pm -4:00 pm (Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month)

Last Date of Distribution October 21

Distribution at: Prism 1220 Zane Ave N Golden Valley

Flower Sale Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the spring flower sale. It was the best sale ever! Proceeds will go to fund special projects of the Church.

I would like to thank those people who helped me set-up, unload the truck and sort the flower orders: Pete and Karen Aubart, Mary Ellen Bruski, Lee Burke, Jennifer Erickson, Barb and Rich Kramer, and Betty McCool.

Your help and patience was extremely appreciated,

Nancy Huntley

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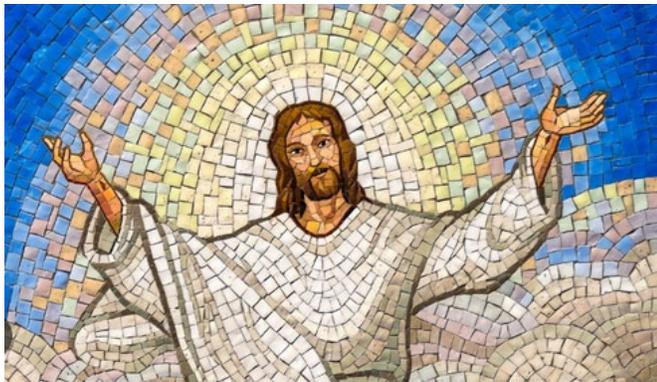
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Thank you for your generosity!

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

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

Pope Leo XIV



St Margaret Mary 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.

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 Muntiferer at the Parish Office for details.

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