

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

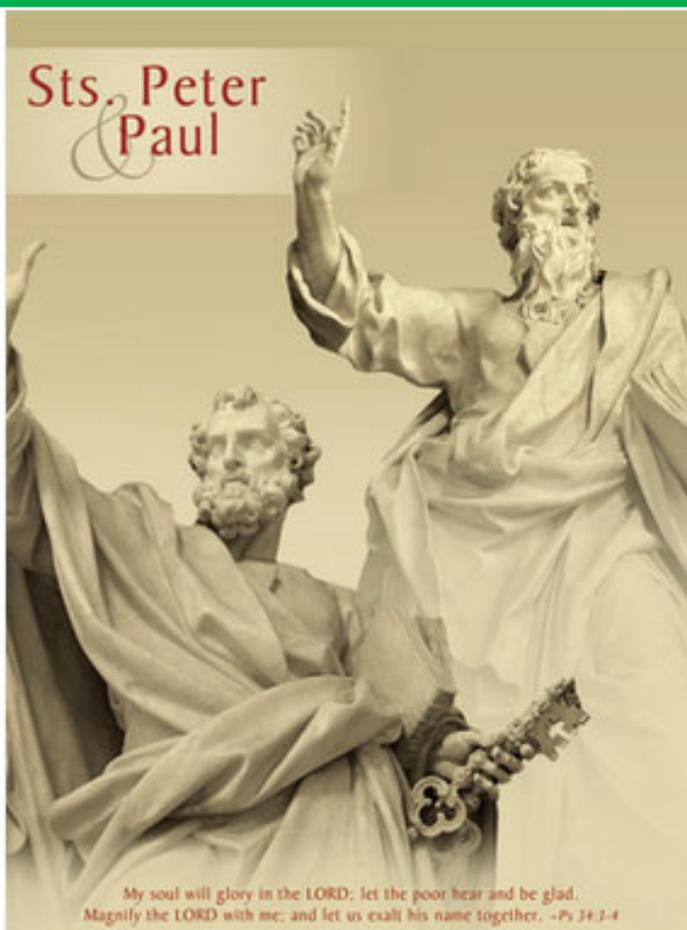
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June 29, 2025
July 6, 2025

Saints Peter and Paul
Fourteenth 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

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

St. Peter and St. Paul are two prominent pillars of early Christianity. Both are celebrated as apostles and martyrs. Their feast day falls on June 29th, a date marking their martyrdom in Rome. Peter whom Jesus called the "rock" and on whom the Church was built. Paul, initially a persecutor of the early Church and was converted on the way to Damascus, became the greatest missionary and vivid theologian who brought the Gospel to the people outside of Jewish diaspora.

St. Peter: Known as Simon Peter, he was one of Jesus' closest disciples and is considered the first Pope by the Catholic Church. Jesus famously declared, "You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church,". Peter was a simple fisherman before following Jesus. Then he became the fisher of people bringing them to the flock of Jesus.

St. Paul: Initially named Saul, he initially persecuted Christians but had a transformative experience on the road to Damascus where he encountered the resurrected Jesus with the voice, "Saul, Saul why do you persecute me? He then became a tireless missionary, particularly known for his letters (epistles) to various early Christian communities, which are now part of the New Testament. Nearly half of the New Testament was filled by his letters to various early Christian Communities.

Understating these Two 'Great Pillars' of the Church: Though they had different backgrounds and roles, Peter and Paul are celebrated together as founders of the Church of Rome. They were both martyred in Rome during the reign of Emperor Nero. These two differed in opinion on how the non-Jews were to be included in the Church. But they never derailed from the gospel of their Master.

What do we learn from these great men of God? Both were filled with weaknesses and faltered. Peter, out of fear, betrayed Jesus three times despite Jesus warning him. Paul, on the other hand, persecuted the early Church. Then he built multifold what he tried to destroy. God transformed his weakness into strength. "But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,* in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me" (2Cor:12:9).

Peter, the betrayer, portrayed his great love for Jesus by giving life for the Gospel. He (Jesus) said to him (Peter) the third time, "Simon, son of John, do

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you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." [Jesus] said to him, "Feed my sheep JN:21:17).

Prayer: Lord, use my weaknesses to bring out your mighty strength and change my betrayals to portray your unconditional love. Amen

Parishioner Thank YOU!

We are so thankful for the parishioners who were helped with the cleanup on Saturday, June 21st! We are so grateful for the generosity of time and labor from everyone, from ages seven to seventy! The sense of ownership of our Church and the commitment of parishioners who volunteer, cannot be matched by any other! We are truly blessed to have these parishioners call St. Margaret Mary their church.

Avery Willkom, Savannah Buck, BJ Igherighe, Celeste Buck, Collin Abram, Joleen Buck, Mary Ann Davila, Taylor (Mary Ann's granddaughter), John Willkom, Roxie Igherighe, Steve Gleason, Jeb Myers, Joanne Doyle, Patrick Doyle, Laurie Geving, Lloyd Geving, Bill Komarek, Lee Burke, Nancy Huntley, Adrienne Riley, Rick Riley, and Fr. Tom.

Happy Golden Anniversary

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Jerry and Georgeann Wobschall! May God bless them with renewed love and faith as they continue their journey together.

Please join the Wobschall family for a cake reception in Visitation Hall after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, July 13th.

Missionary Cooperation Plan

During the weekend of July 12/13th, Fr. Tom will be speaking on behalf of a missionary from the diocese of Kohima, Nagaland India. They will be raising money for a shelter home for the orphan children affected by HIV Aids. The Carmelite Sisters take these children and try to provide them with an education and an opportunity for a better life.

There will be a second collection during Mass for the shelter home mission. Thank you for your generosity.

June 28 — July 13

Saturday, June 28

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

Sunday, June 29 **Saints Peter and Paul**

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, July 1

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

Saturday, July 5

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

Sunday, July 6 **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am Mass† Chinnappan Rayar

Tuesday, July 8

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

Saturday, July 12

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

Sunday, July 13 **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am Mass ...★ Georgeann & Jerry
Wobschall

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry

June Needs: Breakfast Cereal

July Needs: Kid Snack Packs

Fresh free produce distribution starts
Tuesday, June 17 from 2:00 pm -4:00 pm
(Every 2 weeks)

Last Date of Distribution October 21

Distribution at: Prism 1220 Zane Ave N Golden Valley

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

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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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

AT LARGE MEMBERS

Molly Anderson
Collin Abram, *Secretary*.....
Sue Buck
Hannah Ficks, *Second Chair*.....
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Steve Gleason, *Chair*

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Nancy Huntley, *Trustee*
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Georgeann Wobschall, *Social Ministry*.....

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

Independence Day!



Pope Leo XIV



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 Muntifering at the Parish Office for details.

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