

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary

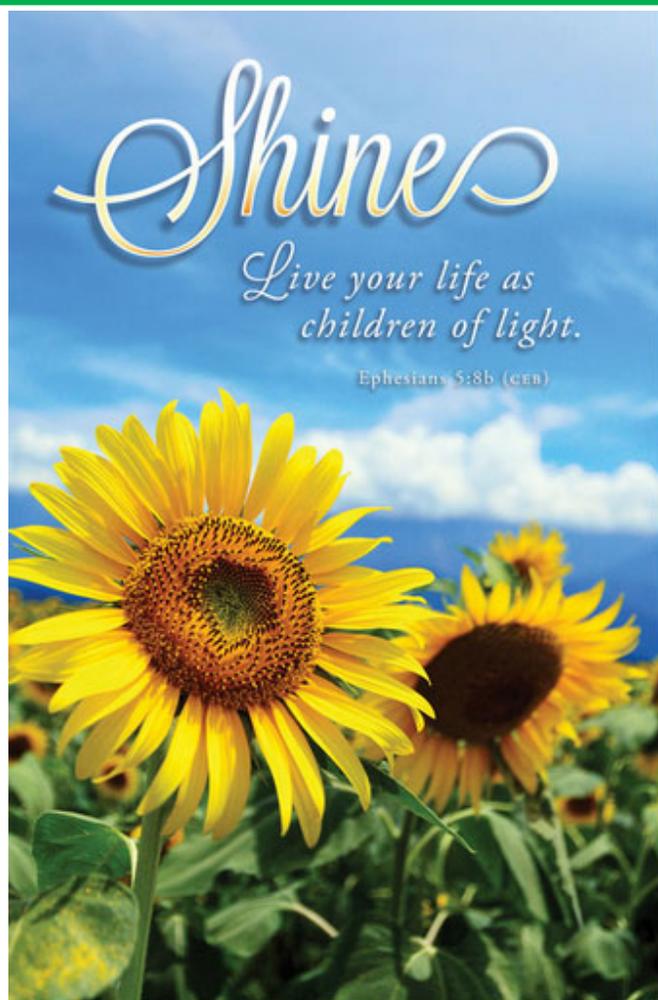
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July 27, 2025  
August 3, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary



### July 26— August 3

#### Saturday, July 26

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

#### Sunday, July 27 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass .....† Chuck Foley

#### Tuesday, July 29

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

#### Saturday, Aug 2

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

#### Sunday, Aug 3 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass .....† Chinnappan Rayar

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### Pastoral Team

**Pastor:** Fr. Thomas Rayar  
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**Business Administer:** Mary Muntifering  
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**Music Ministry**  
Mary Bur    mbur@smm-gv.org

**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

### Persistent Prayer

Before we discuss how persistent we should be in our prayer life, let us understand what prayer is. Prayer is commonly understood that when we need something we go to Church or a Chapel and present to God our list of needs. Prayer is not merely submitting a list of our needs to God. As Jesus said, "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him", so, our prayer should not be like a 'grocery list' for God of what He has to do for us. Our prayer should be focused on the list of what we should do for the glory of God by inheriting his kingdom. Jesus reminds us that our prayer should constantly focus on doing God's will in our lives not our will. Prayer is a persistent dialogue of love with God telling our everyday stories, not only when we are in trouble but even in the time of exuberance. It is not about listing our needs to God, but listening to Him as to how we can fulfill His will by responsibly responding to his words.

The story, narrated by Jesus in the Gospel this weekend, is a beautiful example of how one should pray persistently. This story does not mean that God gives in because of the pressure of persistence. However, it makes us aware of our dependence on him. We, as humble servants, should be waiting at his door. It may look like God does not grant what we are asking at once. But God knows not only what we need, but when we need such things in our life. It is like a ten-year-old boy asking his parents for a car. The car is good; but can a ten-year-old drive the car? The parents will give him a car when he can drive safely. Likewise, when we pray to God with good intentions, God does not refuse, but delays so that we can learn enough to handle the gifts of God 'safely'.

Prayer is the source of our spiritual life. Mother Teresa of Calcutta once stated that prayer in front of the Eucharist is the 'powerhouse' for her ministry to the poor. If we need to grow in our faith and ministry, we need to pray with a spirit of persistence.

**Prayer:**

*Lord, open our ears to hear your list of what we should do rather than presenting our long list of what you have to do for us. Teach us to be joyful to do Your Will in our life and give us the strength to be persistent in doing your will.*

*Amen.*

## Thank You from the Wobschalls

Thank you to parishioners that worked our anniversary celebration:

Rich Kramer  
Dick Karels  
Louise Hyser  
Deb and Dan Kubes  
Betty McCool  
Mary Ann Davila  
Gretchen Lang  
It was a wonderful celebration.

Georgeann and Jerry Wobschall

## Social Ministry

### August Needs: Backpacks and School Supplies

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

Distribution at: Prism 1220 Zane Ave N Golden Valley

## Parishioner Thank YOU!

Thank you to Lee Burke for helping clean up the garages, school building and grounds area. Thank you for your constant care and dedication to the Parish Grounds!

Thank you to Patrick Doyle for cleaning up all the fallen branches around the Church grounds. With the recent heavy rains, it has been a constant job. Thank you Patrick!

## Raffle Tickets

The raffle tickets for the Fall Festival (September 21, 2025) are available in the back of the Church this weekend. Please be sure to pick up your tickets and help avoid the cost of postage to mail them to you.

Thank you for your support of the Fall Festival and Raffle. It is our biggest fund raiser for the Church. Let's work together to make this a success!

## Summertime Humor

**Take the Heat in Stride**

**Our Church is prayer conditioned**

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### Tuesday, Aug 5

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

### Saturday, August 9

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

### Sunday, Aug 10 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass .....★ People of SMM

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Last Date of Distribution October 21

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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](http://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 .....  
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

## St Margaret Mary Church



### *Archdiocesan Passport Adventure*

Choose your own Passport Adventure

There are so many ways to join in the Archdiocesan Passport Adventure! Just a few ideas: · Attend a parish festival: [thecatholicspirit.com/festivals](http://thecatholicspirit.com/festivals) · Find a time for Mass, Reconciliation or Adoration: [archspm.org/parishes](http://archspm.org/parishes) · Attend a retreat or social: [archspm.org/events](http://archspm.org/events)

While you are there, be sure to grab a photo and share your adventures on social media by tagging @ArchdioceseSPM and using #175passport in your posts! Get started: [archspm.org/passport](http://archspm.org/passport)

### **Knights of Columbus**

**The Crystal Women's Clinic Annual "Walk/Ride for Life"** is Saturday, August 2, 2025.

The walk/ride for life will be at French Regional Park. The meeting location at the park is the Moraine Picnic Shelter with check-in beginning at 10:00AM.

The easiest way to contribute to this walk is by going to the **Walk for Life** at :  
<https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/?e=29494>

Thank you for all your support!

### **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.

### **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**

Supplies are getting low!

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 .