

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

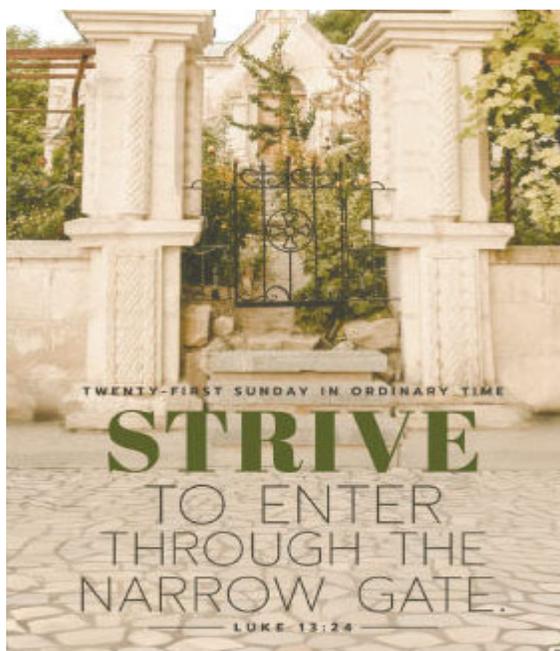
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August 24, 2025
August 31, 2025

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



August 23— September 02

Saturday, Aug 23

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Sunday, Aug 24 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Kathy MacDonald

Tuesday, Aug 26

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Saturday, Aug 30

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Sunday, Aug 31 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Kathy MacDonald

Tuesday, September 02

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Pastoral Team

Pastor:

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† deceased ★ living

**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

Enter Through a Narrow Gate

The recent weekend gospel readings invite us for deeper reflection on our spiritual journey. In last week's gospel, addressing his disciples, Jesus says, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." (Luke 12:51) And to someone in the crowd Jesus responded, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." (Luke: 13:24) It is evident that Jesus' message calls us for the life of truth that is contrary to the follies of this world. His message invites us to the hardships of commitment to accomplish our goal of spiritual life rather than taking the paths of convenience. His teaching is the message to our life not a massage to our feelings of selfishness.

Jesus said, "I am the truth;" through the truth of Jesus we are saved. However, when we follow the truth, we must struggle with the untruth. That is why Jesus said that he came to set fire and to bring division rather than peace. The road to heavenly peace has never been peaceful. Whenever there is division in families or faith communities, we must remind ourselves of these words of Jesus, as we struggle to establish the truth.

We could follow Jesus, the Eternal Truth, only when we strive through the narrow gate. The narrow gate means suffering, hardship, and commitment. Whenever and wherever, there is suffering or hardship or misunderstanding, let us remind ourselves that Jesus asks us to strive through the narrow gate. The road to heaven is not a path of convenience, but commitment to the truth of God.

In the light of this 'narrow gate', I invite our community to move forward with the spirit of commitment in service to one another. One of the ways we could serve our children is to commit ourselves with our time and talents to teach them our great faith. I thank every one of our parishioners who strives to enter through the 'narrow gate'. Any challenge is a chance to grow great. The 'narrow' gate is the gateway to eternal life.

Prayer: Lord, give us the strength to strive through the narrow gate despite our human weaknesses. Amen.

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

Adult Faith Formation



Adult Faith Formation Fall Bible Study

The Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Father Tom is leading a Fall Bible Study on the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians starting Sunday, September 28th from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall for five weeks.

We will be using again as a study guide "The First and Second Letters of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: Ignatius Catholic Study Bible". If you need a copy, please let me know right away so a study guide can be ordered for you at a cost of \$13.00.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the back of Church to sign up starting the weekend of September 6th & 7th and finishing the weekend of September 13th & 14th.

All are welcome!

For more information, contact Jean Plucinski at 763-593-0664 or at adultfaith@smm-gv.org

Parishioner Thank YOU!

Thank you to Vonnie Reilly for organizing all the help with the funeral luncheons! Thanks to Mary Ann Davila, Debbie Kubes, Karen Aubart, Esther Cruz and Jack and Barb Olinger.

Thank you to Dan and Debbie Kubes and MaryAnn Davila for cleaning the entire Church! Thank you!

St Margaret Mary Parishioner

Rest in Peace

Kathy MacDonald

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

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10:00 am Mass† Kathy MacDonald

Tuesday, August 26

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

Saturday, Aug 30

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

Sunday, Aug 31 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Kathy MacDonald

Tuesday, September 2

5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass.....★ Expectant Parents

Saturday, September 6

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass† Melvin Erickson

Sunday, Sep 7 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

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Fresh free produce distribution starts
Tuesday, June 17 from 2:00 pm -4:00 pm
(Every 2 weeks)
Last Date of Distribution October 21

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Most needed items: Flour Sugar and Cereal
Also needed: 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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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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Hannah Ficks, *Second Chair*.....
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Monday: Office Closed
Tuesdays through Thursdays : 9:00am
to 3:00pm
Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:00pm

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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 · Find a time for Mass, Reconciliation or Adoration: archspm.org/parishes · Attend a retreat or social: 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

Fall Festival — September 21

More raffle tickets for the Fall Festival are available. Please see Mary Muntifering if you are in need of additional tickets.

Thank you to those that have already turned in their basket. Excellent start! If you need ideas, please see Mary Muntifering.

We will start collecting bottles for the ring toss games. We will have alcoholic and non-alcoholic ring toss. Any size, shape and height are needed!

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

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 Muntifering at the Parish Office for details.

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