

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



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September 07, 2025
September 14, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

FOOD • DRINKS • SILENT AUCTION • RAFFLE • BINGO

CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET MARY

ALL ARE WELCOME

Fall Festival

09.21.25
10 AM

LIVE MUSIC BY SONIC LOVE CHILD
FOOD | SILENT AUCTION | GAMES

TICKETS FOR PURCHASE
\$2,000 IN CASH PRIZES

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ST. MARGARET MARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

JOIN US FOR
FUN AND
FELLOWSHIP!

SUNDAY
Sept 21, 2025
Starts with 10:00 am
Mass

2323 ZENITH AVE N,
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN

CASH RAFFLE PRIZES

- 1ST: \$1000
- 2ND: \$500
- 3RD: \$250
- 4TH-8TH: 5X \$50 WINNERS

  

RAFFLE DRAWING AT 2PM

**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

FAITH AND PLANNING

We are good planners. We plan for our vacation. We have financial planning. Everything we do, we have plans. Do we have any plans for our spiritual life? We hear Jesus telling us, through the Gospel of this Sunday, the parable of the one who wants to construct a tower and the king who marches for battle have plans to succeed. These parables remind us that we need to plan for the battle of life. This may not be a plan to win in the eyes of the world but to plan to lose in order to gain the life of heaven. "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33)

Faith and Planning: Having said that we need our faith for our salvation, we need a plan to gain faith in our life. Let us take the example of Moses, the greatest leader in the Old Testament who led the people of Israel to the Promised Land. This is a typical exemplification of Moses' plan to be faithful to God's plan of salvation. Moses led the people of Israel at the call of God. God did not provide Moses a map or road plan or the route to the Promised Land. However, Moses had a plan to believe in God, and the plan was executed with the guidance of God. Moses led the people as a fellow pilgrim. He led them to an unknown land through an unknown path, taking forty years to reach the destination. Moses' plan of faithfulness to God brought the people of Israel to the Promised Land.

Our Plan of Faith: Once a press reporter asked Mother Teresa, "Mother, do you think that you could succeed in solving the problems of poverty in India by your works of charity?" With the spirit of humility and firmness, she answered, "I am called to be faithful, not to be successful." We are rewarded for trying. We are not the Master, but mere servants in the vineyard of the Lord. We should have the plan to be faithful and constantly 'try' to do the best in our life. God wants us to take the first step for the long journey, and then he will carry us on his shoulder. When God's opportunities knock at our door, let us plan to be there to open the door and welcome them.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to plant my plans of my salvation on the cross on which you died. Amen

Fall Festival

Please use the sign up sheets in the back of the Church for volunteering time for the Parish Fall Festival. We will need help in all areas from setup through take down.

Most needed areas will be food service and Bingo.

Please consider donating some time to the success of the festival.

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 Rick and Adrienne Riley for being sacristans for Carl Orstad's funeral. They were able to help when we were in need of a sacristan on short notice. They did really well and made sure everything went so smoothly. Thank Rick and Adrienne!

Rest in Peace

May the perpetual light shine upon him.

Carl Eugene Orstad

Sept 6—Sept 21

Saturday, September 6

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Melvin Erickson

Sunday, Sep 7 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Michael Duthoy

Tuesday, September 9

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass† Chet Huntley
.....† Susie McQuaid

Saturday, September 13

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass ...† Margaret & Russell Stimart

Sunday, Sep 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, September 16

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass.....★ Expectant Parents

Saturday, September 20

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Sunday, Sep 21 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry

September Needs: Winter Coats, Hats and Gloves

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

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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Pastoral Team

Pastor:

Fr. Thomas Rayar
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For Pastoral Emergencies and Anointing of the Sick
Please call the office

Business Administration

Mary Muntifering
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Music Ministry

Mary Bur
mbur@smm-gv.org

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

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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.

We are collecting bottles for the ring toss games. We will have alcoholic (adult) and non-alcoholic (kid-friendly) ring toss. Any size, shape and height are needed!

Baskets for the silent auction can be dropped off until September 16th.

The Fall Festival is our biggest fund raiser and the success is dependent on full participation from everyone! Please help make it a success!

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

We still have a few books left and time is running out. If you wish to purchase a book, please do so soon to avoid missing the opportunity of having one!

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 .