

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

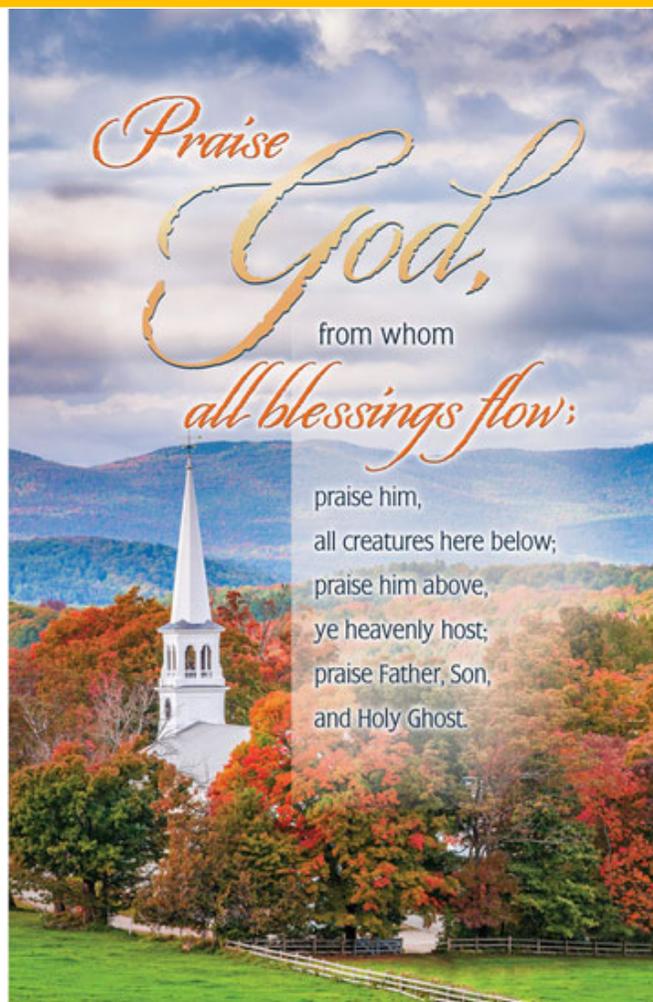
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September 21, 2025
September 28, 2025

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Praise
God,*
from whom
all blessings flow;

praise him,
all creatures here below;
praise him above,
ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost.

**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

Test to our Trustworthiness

Jesus said to his disciples in today's gospel: "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This simple message is not that challenging for us to understand it. But it is very difficult to practice it in our life. When we are trustworthy in small matters, then the master will entrust us with bigger ones.

Even when we deal with our children or friends or spouse, we try to test them with small things to see how efficient they are. The employers would test the employees how they would perform small jobs before entrusting the big ones to them. God has done the same way. He has entrusted the small wealth we have in the world and tests us how well we do with our stewardship using the dishonest (worldly wealth) before he could grant us the greatest wealth in heaven.

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?" This means the wealth we have is not ours. It belongs to God. If we cannot be generous with the wealth of God by sharing with others, how will God give us the wealth in heaven that belongs to us?

As I have mentioned elsewhere that the wealth which God created is never bad. Indeed, they are good, as he himself created them and found them to be good. It only matters how much are unduly attached to the wealth for our selfish reasons. It is the means to gain our eternal life. Too much of it can destroy our life. It is like water. The water that quenches our thirst, helps the plants to grow and gives life, can destroy us when it becomes a flood. It means that we need to be honest to our needs rather than compelled by our wants. We are called to be honest and trustworthy stewards of God's wealth.

In summary, we are called to be generous with the 'dishonest' (worldly) wealth so that we can gain our wealth saved in heaven for us.

Prayer: God of generosity, give us the heart to share what you have given us that we may inherit the wealth prepared for us in heaven. Amen.

Fr Tom's Reflection Continued

Welcome All for our Fall Festival 2025!

In the name of our great Parish, I invite you all for our Fall Festival of 2025. Hope and pray that we will have wonderful weather to have a fun day. It is through various activities we, as a community, can grow in faith. It is a great opportunity to share our joy and talents with others. Let us always extend our Christian Hospitality to others that we can continue our great mission of our Lord bringing the Good News to everyone.

I sincerely thank all those who do hard work to make this day a success: starting from the festival committee headed by Steve Gleason and our Parish Council and Finance Council members, TCTC community and every volunteer who worked hard to make this day a great success. We will have our 10.00 AM Mass in the Church and the Festival activities will be around our Parish Center. Come and Enjoy the Day!

Fr Tom Rayar

Adult Faith Formation



Adult Faith Formation Fall Bible Study

The Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Thank you to the 19 people who have signed up for the Fall Bible Study to be led by Father Tom starting Sunday, September 28th from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall once a week for 5 weeks.

In preparation for the September 28th meeting, Father Tom would like you to read the introduction and chapters 1, 2, and 3 of The Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians on pages 55-59 in your study guide.

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

Rest in Peace

*May the perpetual light
shine upon her.*

Marge McLaughlin

Sept 20—Oct 05

Saturday, September 20

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Marge McLaughlin

Sunday, Sep 21 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Polczynski Family

Tuesday, September 23

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Saturday, September 27

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Michael Walz

Sunday, Sep 28 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Chuck & Florence Hyser
.....† Susan Hare

Tuesday, September 30

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Saturday, October 4

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Portka Family

Sunday, Oct 05 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Susan Hare

† 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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Mary Bur
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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

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 Muntiferer at the Parish Office for details.

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



Parishioner Thank YOU!

Thank you to Mary Ann Davila for accepting the role on our Parish Council. Mary Ann has been our volunteer for money counting, church cleaning, funeral luncheons and now Parish Council! Please congratulate her when you see her.

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

Neighboring Event

The Chosen – Season 4: Video Divino at St. Joseph Catholic Community Church Starts Sept 30

Tuesdays: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM Or Wednesdays: 9:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Join us each week to watch an episode of The Chosen and explore its connection to our daily lives. This is done through Video Divino—a prayerful way of watching film that invites us to reflect on how God speaks through what we see, share in small group discussion, and apply insights to daily living. Discussions are led by Dwight Ettel, who appears in multiple episodes of the series.

- Handouts provided
 - Light meal included (Free will offering welcomed)
- St. Joseph Catholic Community
8701 36th Ave North, New Hope