

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary

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



[www.smm-gv.org](http://www.smm-gv.org)

October 19, 2025  
October 26, 2025

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Thirtieth 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](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

When we were children, our parents taught us when and how to pray by their example. We pray before meals or at the beginning of our work or before we travel. It is a good practice to thank God for all of His gifts and His love for us as we reflected on thanking last weekend with the story of ten lepers of whom only one came back thanking and praising Jesus.

A couple of questions may arise in our minds. Why should we pray? Or does God need our prayers? In the Eucharistic Preface we pray, "Our prayer of thanksgiving adds nothing to your greatness, but makes us grow in your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord." God does not depend upon our prayers or thanksgiving, but the habit of our prayer makes us a better person filled with gratitude.

**What is Prayer:** Prayer is a dialogue with God. Just as we like to talk and listen to our parents, family members or friends, we should love to talk to God through our prayer and listen to Him. When we pray, we often think of a list of needs presented to God for his approval and action. In fact, prayer is not asking God what he has to do for us, rather asking Him what we have to do to attain eternal life. Prayer is reporting ourselves for duty rather than presenting a 'grocery list' or 'God do' list (like a honey do list) to Him. So, the main part of our prayer should be listening and asking God what we have to do in our daily life.

**Kinds of Prayer:** There are two kinds of prayer: community prayer and personal prayer. When we congregate on Sundays or weekdays to celebrate the Sacraments or pray with our family or in a group, we do our community prayer. When we visit the Blessed Sacrament or pray individually in our room or in the outback, we do our personal prayer. Both are important for our spiritual life.

**Why should we pray?** We read in the Scripture that Jesus prayed with the apostles and went to lonely places to pray. He taught the disciples how to pray. Through this weekend's Gospel, He reminds us that we should pray persistently to God like the widow before the dishonest Judge. "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily."

In the first reading we hear that Moses was persistently praying for Israel to win the war against Amalek. We are fragile. We need God's strength to fight against evil in our daily life. We need wisdom to make the right decisions. We need the right direction when we are lost. All success in our life can happen only through prayer. Prayer brings victory. So, I implore every family to pray every day with your children. Family prayer is the essential part of the spiritual formation of our children. The family that prays together stays together.

## Reflection Continued

*Prayer: Lord, we pray that we would realize the need of prayer. When we are lost in our life, teach us how to pray. Open our hearts and minds, O God that we will listen to you to do your will. Amen.*

**World Mission Sunday:** Every Year during the month October, we celebrate 'World Mission Sunday'. I invite everyone to pray for the World Mission and contribute generously (second collection) for the mission work of the Universal Church.

## You're Invited!

*Please join us for an  
Appreciation Dinner  
Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm (After Mass) Visitation Hall*

*Honoring all of the volunteers of St.  
Margaret Mary Church*

*Please use the signup sheets in the back  
of the Church to help with ordering the  
correct quantities of food.*

## Adult Faith Formation



### Adult Faith Formation Fall Bible Study

#### The Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Thank you to the 17 people who attended our third Fall Bible Study meeting on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>!

On Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, our fourth meeting will be from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall. In preparation for the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, Father Tom would like you to read the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians chapters 10 and 11 in your study guide on pages 66 to 68.

For our fifth and final meeting this fall on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Father Tom would like you to read chapters 12 and 13 in your study guide on pages 68 to 70.

Thank you for your excellent participation!  
For more information, contact Jean Plucinski at 763-593-0664 or at [adultfaith@smm-gv.org](mailto:adultfaith@smm-gv.org)

## October 18—November 2

### Saturday, October 18

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass .....† Simon Rayar

### Sunday, Oct 19 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass .....★ People of SMM

### Tuesday, October 21

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass .....★ Expectant Parents

### Saturday, October 25

3:30 pm Reconciliation

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

### Sunday, Oct 26 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass .....★ People of SMM

### Tuesday, October 28

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass .....★ Expectant Parents

### Saturday, November 1 All Saints Day

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass .....† Robert Hageman

### Sunday, Nov 2 All Souls Day (Mass of Remembrance)

10:00 am Mass .....† People of SMM

† deceased    ★ living

## Social Ministry

### October Needs: Diapers and Wipes

Prism food shelf needs:

Canned & boxed meals and side dishes:

Tuna

Spaghetti

Macaroni and cheese

Rice

Most needed items: Flour Sugar and Cereal

Thank you for your generosity!

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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## Pastoral Team

### Pastor:

Fr. Thomas Rayar

[frtom@smm-gv.org](mailto:frtom@smm-gv.org)

For Pastoral Emergencies and Anointing of the Sick  
Please call the office

### Business Administration

Mary Muntifering

[marym@smm-gv.org](mailto:marym@smm-gv.org)

### Music Ministry

Mary Bur

[mbur@smm-gv.org](mailto: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

Molly Anderson .....

Collin Abram, *Secretary* .....

Sue Buck .....

Mary Ann Davila .....

Jim Franzen *Second Chair* .....

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



## Thank you for your kindness!

I would like to thank the parish for welcoming and caring about my mom, Marge (McLaughlin). She loved to come here because every one was so genuine and kind. It made a great difference to her. Mom loved that even though she could no longer attend Mass that people still asked about her . You are true examples of the Faith!

-Molly Anderson



## 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 .