

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



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November 02, 2025
November 09, 2025

All Souls Day
The Basilica of St. John Lateran

Necrology
Church of St. Margaret Mary
November 2024-2025



Michael Cavanaugh

November 26, 2024

Richard Walker

December 11, 2024

Sylvia Blem

January 05, 2025

Cornelio Sumangil

January 29, 2025

Veva Arnold

February 20, 2025

Rosemarie Meagher

March 14, 2025

Douglas Vevea

May 30, 2025

Kathy MacDonald

August 14, 2025

Carl Orstad

August 27, 2025

Marjorie McLaughlin

September 05, 2025

Evelyn Young

October 20, 2025

**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

Happy Halloween! All Souls' Day!

This weekend, our children (some adults too) are excited about Halloween. We have celebrated Halloween for many years. However, I would like to invite all of you to reflect on its history and the focus of this festival.

First of all, Halloween has nothing to do with devils or witches. The word 'Halloween' means 'Eve of All Saints Day' i.e. Hallowed Evening. "By the A.D. 800s, the influence of Christianity had spread into Celtic lands. In the seventh century, Pope Boniface IV designated November 1st as All Saints' Day, a time to honor saints and martyrs who are not listed in the canon of Roman liturgy. The celebration was also called All-hallows or All-hallowmas (from Middle English Alholowmesse meaning All Saints' Day) and the night before it, the night of Samhain, began to be called All-hallows Eve and, eventually, Halloween. It was celebrated similarly to Samhain, (Celtic Festival) with big bonfires, parades, and dressing up in costumes as saints, angels, and devils. Together, the three celebrations, the eve of All Saints', All Saints', and All Souls', were called Hallowmas." (History.com)

So, it is not the day that our children should dress up like devils or any other costumes to scare others. But it is the day that our children should dress like saints and angels to remind them of what they will be one day when they live a holy life. Our children are the angels of today and saints of tomorrow and we should help them to hear the life stories of numerous saints who modeled our spiritual journey by following Jesus. We all need to celebrate Halloween (the eve of All Saints Day) with a spirit that the saints of the past will show the way of Jesus to the future. I wish you all a Very Happy Halloween.

On the first of November we celebrate All Saints Day and on the second we commemorate all the departed souls. All Souls Day is a reminder to remember our beloved ones who have gone to eternal rest. During November, the last month of our liturgical calendar, the Church reminds us to focus on the life to come after our death. Those who lived a holy life will inherit heaven (All Saints Day) and those who failed by their sin to eternal punishment. But our spiritual life should be based on the faith in Christ rather than on the fear of death or punishment. By meditating upon the reality of death we should mitigate our burdens of our life and fear of death. By remembering our departed beloved ones, we exhibit our gratitude to them. And by praying for them we

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affirm our journey of faith that they have trod in the past.

Death is a mystery and it is a reality. Death is not what we should be afraid of, but it is a way through which we enter eternal life. So, we, as believers of Jesus, should courageously face death with our great faith in him. During the month of November, we are called to pray for our departed brothers and sisters.

Let us pray for all of our loved ones who passed during the last year in our parish family:

Michael Cavanaugh, Richard Walker, Sylvia Blem, Veva Arnold, Rosemarie Meagher, Cornelio Sumangil, Douglas Vevea, Kathy MacDonald, Carl Orstad, Marjorie McLaughlin, and Evelyn Young.

May they rest in Peace! Amen.

You're Invited!

*Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, November 8th
5:00 pm (After Mass) Visitation Hall*

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

Last day to sign up is Monday, Nov 3.

Adult Faith Formation



**Advent Afternoon of
Reflection
Saturday, December 6th
1:30 PM –3:30 PM**

Please save the date for the Advent Afternoon of Reflection planned for Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in Visitation Hall to be led by Father Terry Rasmussen.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the back of church starting the weekend of November 22/23, 2025.

All are welcome!

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

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Monday: Office Closed
Tuesdays through Thursdays : 9:00am
to 3:00pm
Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:00pm

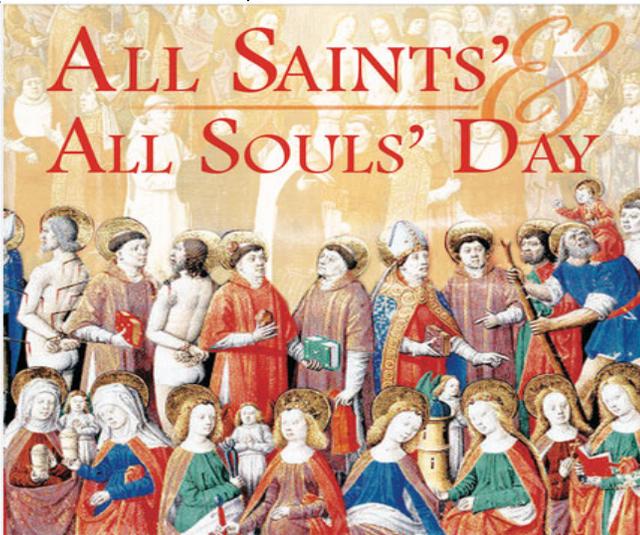
St Margaret Mary Church



Rest in Peace

*May the perpetual
light shine upon
her.*

Evelyn Young



Thank you for your kindness!

Thank you to our greeters and ushers for welcoming parishioners and guests to our Church. We often receive compliments about how we welcome everyone. Thank you for making everyone "feel at home"!

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 .