

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)

November 16, 2025  
November 23, 2025

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Our Lord Jesus Christ



**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:**  
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**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

### Veteran's Day

November 11 has just passed by, but the memory of those men and women who sacrificed their precious life should not leave our mind forever. I have mentioned in my homilies these days that the freedom we enjoy today was never free or will not ever be free. It cost many lives of our loved ones. The river of freedom has been filled with the blood of our veterans. The plant of freedom has been watered with the sweat of our beloved men and women in the service. So, we salute these great heroes of our great nation.

I always wondered why there should be war and why can't we have peace in this world. It may be a utopian vision to have this world without war, as our human nature is to be selfish, greedy and to have control over others. The road to peace was never peaceful. There is constant war of truth and untruth within us. We have an unending battle for power as individuals or as a group. Thus, war to win others has been from the beginning of human existence in this world. So, a defensive war against a barbaric fight for power has been defended by the civilized society. War became a necessary evil to defend our freedom. But when we can remove our greed and selfishness to attain spiritual freedom, we lead our nations to true freedom without war.

### Thanksgiving Day

Since we publish our Parish Bulletin once in two weeks, we may not have a bulletin on Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. So, I would like to write about the wonderful national feast we celebrate on the last Thursday of November. In one of the Eucharistic prayers (preface) that we pray during Mass: "(God) You have no need of our praise, yet our desire to thank you is itself your gift. Our prayer of thanksgiving adds nothing to your greatness but makes us grow in your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord." (P 40) The almighty God does not need our thanks but thanking God makes us better people.

Thanking is the basic courtesy of every human being. But many times, we forget to thank God and our family members for their great gifts. Every Mass we celebrate is a thanksgiving celebration to God. This means that every Sunday we should be in Church to thank God for His blessing during the past week and pray for His special grace for the coming week.

Thanking has a two-way blessing. It makes the one who thanks a better person and enriches the one being thanked. By thanking one another we multiply

## Reflection Continued

the good deeds for one another. Gratefulness makes us great people. I was impressed by many of our dedicated volunteers who so proudly help our parish. One volunteer sent a note thanking me for giving him the opportunity to help our parish. What a wonderful way of looking at helping others and our community! He generously donates the time and talents. Moreover, he still wants to thank others for the opportunity to give. Yes, my dear friends, we are blessed with plenty of opportunities to share. It is by giving, we can receive. It is by losing we can gain. It is by thanking, we can grow.

I want to take this opportunity to thank every one of you for your love and dedication for our community and for your special love and appreciation. Wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving Day in advance!

## Thank you!

*A special thank you to the anonymous donor who gave the money for the appreciation dinner. What a wonderful way to bring our community together! And thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the dinner! Pete and Karen Aubart, Lloyd and Laurie Geving, Nancy Huntley, Karen Percic, Kathy Linden, Sue Buck, Joleen Buck, Sue Oestreich, Kathy Contrell, Francys Aruldoss, Jefrina Jayaraj, and countless others who helped!*

## Adult Faith Formation



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

Father Terry Rasmussen will lead an Advent Afternoon of Reflection entitled "Wake Up, Christians!" based on the Sunday Advent scriptures on Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in Visitation Hall.

Sign-up sheets will be available the weekends of November 22/23 and November 29/30, 2025, in the back of church.

All are welcome!

For more information, contact Jean Plucinski at 763-593-0664 or at [adultfaith@smm-gv.org](mailto:adultfaith@smm-gv.org).

## November 15—November 30

### Saturday, November 15

3:30 pm Reconciliation  
 4:00 pm Mass ..... † Velma Hageman

### Sunday, Nov 16 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass ..... † Kevin Murphy

### Tuesday, November 18

5:00 pm Adoration  
 6:00 pm Mass ..... † Leone Knickerbocker  
 ..... † Agnes & Alphonse Wencil

### Saturday, November 22

3:30 pm Reconciliation  
 4:00 pm Mass ..... † Frank Murphy

### Sunday, November 23 King of the Universe

10:00 am Mass ..... † Donna Muntifering

### Tuesday, November 25

5:00 pm Adoration  
 6:00 pm Mass ..... † Ann & Laurel Johnson

### Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am Mass ..... ★ People of SMM

### Saturday, November 29

3:30 pm Reconciliation  
 4:00 pm Mass ..... † Susan Hare  
 ..... † Philip & Elaine Wencil

### Sunday, November 30 1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Mass ..... † Harriet Schroeder  
 ..... † Matthew Beuttner

† deceased ★ living

## Social Ministry

### November Needs: Holiday Toys and Gifts

#### TOY DRIVE FOR PRISM-GIVING TREE

St. Margaret Mary will be collecting gifts for families registered at PRISM FOOD SHELF. The Giving Tree will be decorated with ornaments with gift suggestions. Please take an ornament, purchase a gift, and bring gift back to Church (unwrapped) and put in available boxes. Return gifts to Church by December 7

Thank you for your generosity!



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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  
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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 .....  
 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

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass for Thanksgiving Day will be Thursday, November 27th at 9:00 am. Please come to give thanks for all of our blessings.

## Vatican Unveiled



**VATICAN  
UNVEILED**

Vatican Unveiled is coming to Mall of America®  
Jan. 10 - Feb. 1, 2026

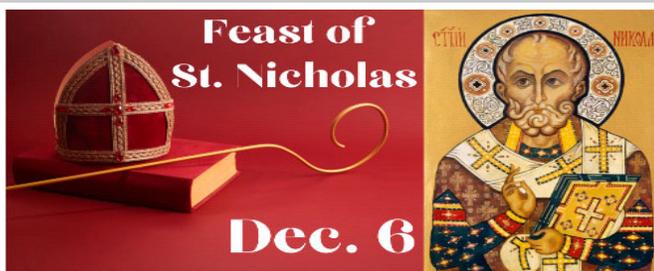
Archbishop Bernard Hebda invites you to Vatican Unveiled, the largest collection of papal artifacts outside of Rome, at Mall of America.

Visit [archspm.org/vaticanunveiled](http://archspm.org/vaticanunveiled) to learn more!

## Thank you for your kindness!

Thank you to our Church cleaners, Dan and Debbie Kubes, Mary Ann Davila and Bill Komarek. Please thank them for always making sure our Church is clean and welcoming to all.

## Feast of St Nicholas



The Feast of St. Nicholas is celebrated annually on December 6th to commemorate the life of Saint Nicholas, a historical figure known for his generosity and kindness. Traditions include children leaving out their shoes to be filled with small gifts, such as coins or candy. It is an early Advent celebration that focuses on giving to others, much like Saint Nicholas himself did.

## 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 for the month of November are offered in thanksgiving for the intentions of another person and for the repose of their soul of someone who has died.

Please contact Mary ([marym@smm-gv.org](mailto: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 .