

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

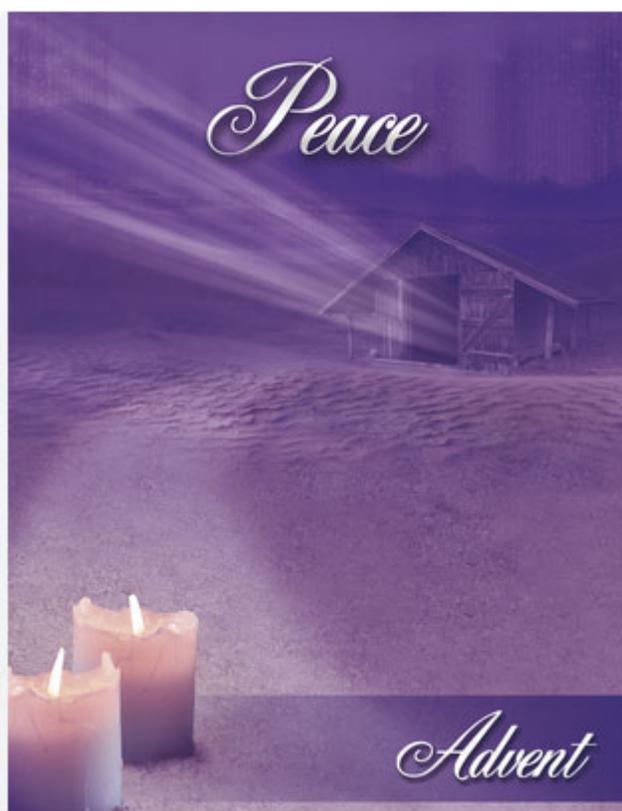
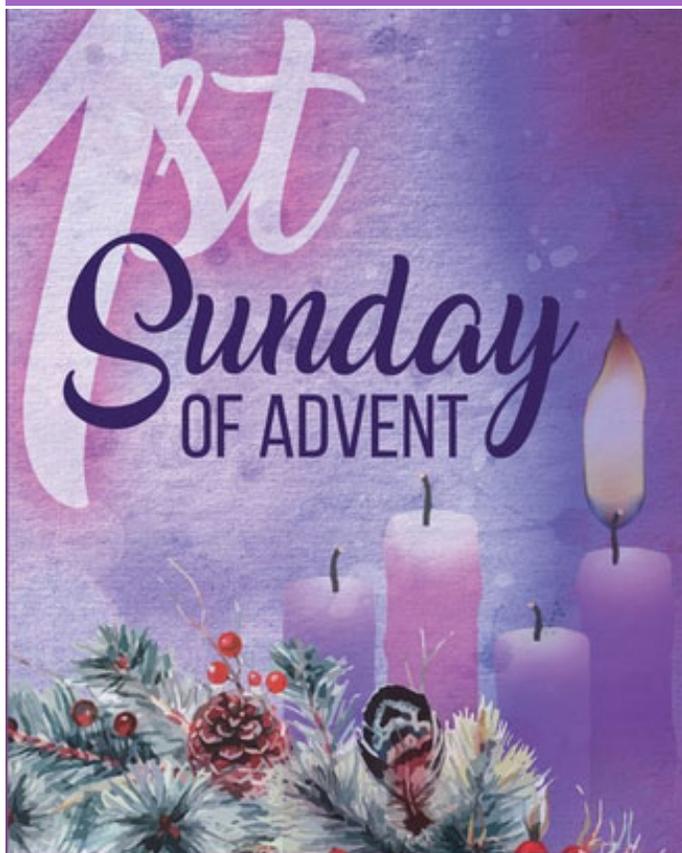
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November 30, 2025
December 07, 2025

First Sunday of Advent
Second Sunday of Advent



**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

Advent – the Season of Preparation

Our beloved late Pope Francis announced this year 2025 as the Jubilee year, as the Church is going to celebrate 2025th birthday of our Lord Jesus. Though our Lord Jesus was born about 2025 years ago in history, He, however, should be born in our hearts on ‘every day’ of our life to celebrate a meaningful Christmas. So, such celebration should not stop with external decorations, but begin with internal purification. It is a spiritual celebration of our own life. That is the reason why we should make this year’s celebration of Christmas in this Jubilee year making ourselves worthy to celebrate the great festival of our Christian tradition.

Please allow me to share my brief thoughts on how we could prepare this Jubilee Year Christmas focusing on four words during the four weeks of Advent: Avoid, Appreciate, Accept and Accelerate.

1. Avoid doing evil: During the first week of Advent let us focus on how well we ourselves can prepare for Christmas by avoiding deeds of the darkness and putting on the armor of light, as St Paul urged us through the second reading, “Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light” (Rom:13:12). We are reminded to avoid all kinds of intoxications caused by our selfishness, anger, money, power or comforts. We are called to light our minds and hearts with forgiveness, acceptance of others as they are, peace with our community members or co-workers and reverence to God and others as they are the temples of God.

2. Appreciate Others: During this second week, we will focus on how well we could help our family members to celebrate Christmas in a meaningful way. How we could avoid hurting our children, parents, or spouse and how to appreciate them and enrich them with gifts of love which is all about Christmas. God loved us and sent us his only begotten Son. If God allowed his only Son to go through the suffering he endured for us, this means he has loved us more than he loved his only begotten Son. We are his beloved sons and daughters. How could we prepare for Jesus’ birthday?

3. Accept our Failures: In the third week, we will concentrate on ourselves reflecting how we could accept our limitations and weaknesses so that we could avoid sin and how we could accept and acknowledge our weaknesses. This would be a cleaning process of our souls: dirt is dusted; hurts are healed; our garbage of selfishness is tossed out.

Reflection Continued

4. Accelerate our goodness: On the fourth week of Advent, we will meditate on the ways we could decorate our soul to welcome Jesus with decorations of love, new clothing of kindness, new gifts of our time for others, new toys of appreciation for others.

May the joy of Christ be with you all during this time of our active preparation for Christmas!

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.

Here is some background information on Father Terry. He is one of nine children. He grew up in Richfield, Minnesota and attended St. Thomas College. He entered the Franciscan order and had several parish assignments until coming to New Hope, Minnesota in 2006. Father Terry is now retired from Saint Joseph Parish, and lives in the rectory. He still helps out at several parishes and nursing homes. He can often be seen at Broadway Pizza in Plymouth.

The weekend of November 29/30 is the last weekend that sign-up sheets will be available in the back of church. Please sign up today! All are welcome!

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

Thank you for your kindness!

Thank you to Amanda Rosas and Hannah Ficks for taking care of the Children’s Liturgy each Sunday! We are blessed to have so many young children in our parish and blessed to have Hannah and Amanda!

November 29—December 14

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

Tuesday, December 2

5:00 pm Adoration
 6:00 pm Mass.....† Shellie Whitehouse

Saturday, December 6

3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass ...† Henning & Mertyl Calson

Sunday, Dec 7 2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Mass† Marguerite (Reet) Burke

Monday, Dec 8 The Immaculate Conception

6:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, December 9

5:00 pm Adoration
 6:00 pm Mass.....★ Jeniston Family

Saturday, December 13

3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass.....★ People of SMM

Sunday, Dec 14 3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Mass† Leopold Rosas

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry

December Needs: Holiday Toys and Gifts Cards

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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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

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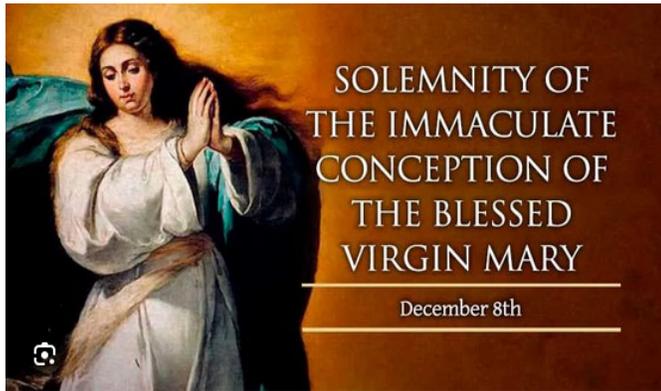
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Monday: Office Closed
Tuesdays through Thursdays : 9:00am
to 3:00pm
Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:00pm

The Immaculate Conception



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Obligatory) Mass will be at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 8th.

Daily Bible Readings are available online at the United States Council of Catholic Bishop's website www.usccb.org/bible/readings.

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 to learn more!

Rest in Peace

<i>May the perpetual light shine upon them.</i>	Joan Hogan Dee Hawes
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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.

Neighboring Event

St. Raphael's Rosary Society invites you to their annual Christmas Village on Saturday, December 6th, 8:30-1:00 pm at 7301 Bass Lake Road in Crystal. This event includes shopping of unique items and gift baskets, visit from Santa from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, games for kids and tasty food from Grandma's Kitchen! Any questions, please call 763-537-8401.

Christmas Liturgy Schedule



Schedule for Christmas Liturgy!

Dec 6th 4:00 PM Communal Penance Service with individual Absolution during the Mass

Dec 14th 10:00 AM Communal Penance Service with individual Absolution during the Mass

**Dec 24th Wednesday, Christmas Eve:
3.30 PM Christmas Singing
4:00 PM Mass**

**Dec. 25th Thursday – Christmas Day
10:00 AM Mass**

**Jan. 1st Thursday: New Year Day-Feast of Mary Mother of God
9:00 AM Mass**