

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

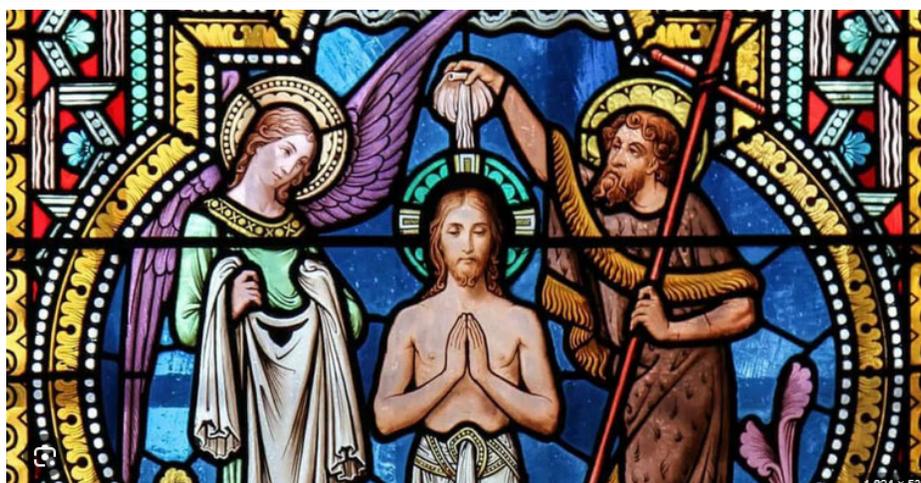
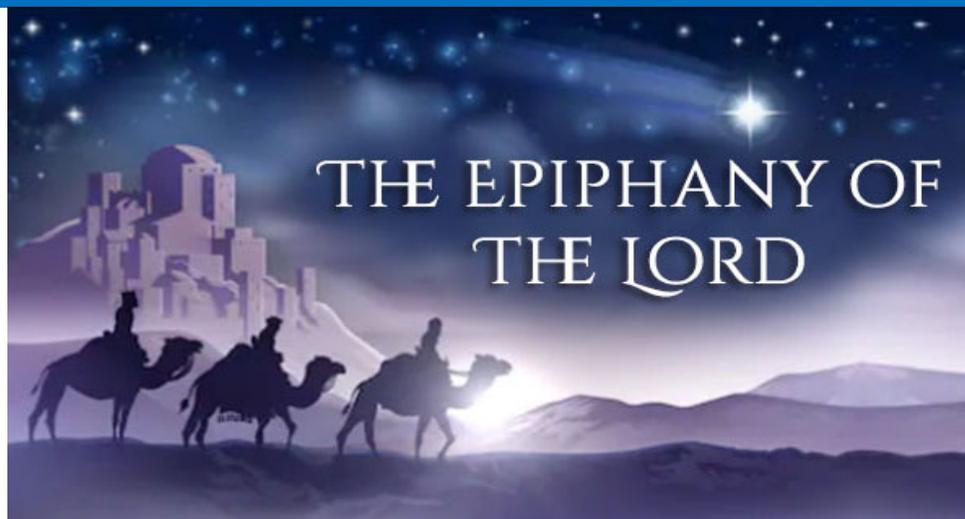
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January 04, 2026
January 11, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord
The Baptism of the Lord



**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

The Epiphany of the Lord

The word, “Epiphany” derives from the Greek word, ‘epiphainein’ which means ‘to reveal’ or manifestation.’ Jesus is manifested to the gentiles by the visit of the Magi. The Magi from the East followed the star in search of Jesus, the Morning Star of our salvation. With their unusual travel “guide ‘, they were persistent to see the ‘New Born King ‘, despite the struggles and troubles on their way. They finally reached Bethlehem and they prostrated themselves and did him homage. “Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Mt.2: 11). This journey of the Magi reminds us that our life journey is truly based on Faith not in our physical or intellectual abilities.

Where can we find the ‘New Born King’ today? We do not need to trouble ourselves taking a long journey to find Jesus today. He is in our midst and comes to us in the Eucharist. Are we willing to prostrate ourselves like the Magi and offer our gifts to him? He meets us through every person who is in need. He engages us in conversation through every little one we meet in the streets.

Why should we Search: In the Gospel today, we hear that Magi came from the East to adore the newborn King, but Herod, who lived closer to Bethlehem, did not recognize the birth of the Messiah. Herod sent the Magi to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word that I too may go and do him homage.” We know that Herod did not look for the newborn Child to pay homage but to kill him. The motives of the Magi and Herod in looking for Jesus were very different, yet Herod says that he wanted to do homage to Jesus. It is not the mere words that sanctify our deed but the motives behind it. An honest search for Jesus will bring us to the newborn King that he will be our Morning Star of our life.

The New Star of Conscience: As the Magi followed the star, God has provided us with our ‘rightful conscience’ to be our ‘guiding star’ that leads us to Jesus. Let us not cloud our ‘guiding star’ with wrongful philosophies or hide it with our self-righteousness, but let it shine and guide us to ‘Bethlehem’.

Prayer: Guide our conscience, O Lord, that it may rightly lead us to you! Amen.

My Sincere Thanks!

I, once again, thank all those people who helped with our Church decorations and other spiritual ministries: altar servers, sacristans, extraordinary Eucharistic ministers, money counters, ushers, greeters, music ministers, and members of both parish and finance council. I’d like to thank those who sent me greeting cards and generous gifts during this Holy Season. I wish you all a very Happy New Year and pray that God will continue to bless you and your family with happiness and prosperity in the year 2026!

Fr. Tom

Parishioner Thank You!



If you can see better in Church, please be sure to thank Lee Burke, Lloyd Geving, Steve Gleason and Fr. Tom! These parishioners and father changed out the remaining lights in the Church to LED lights. It is wonderful to have such adequate light in the Church.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Happy New Year!

May God bless you with peace, health, and happiness!

Wishing you a blessed 2026. May this year bring divine guidance, strength in challenges, and countless reasons to smile with gratitude!

January 3 — January 20

Saturday, January 3

3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass.....† George Lambrecht

Sunday, January 4 **The Epiphany of the Lord**

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, January 6

5:00 pm Adoration
 6:00 pm Mass.....† Anne Lambrecht

Saturday, January 10

3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass† Catherine Mamer

Sunday, January 11 **The Baptism of the Lord**

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, January 13

5:00 pm Adoration
 6:00 pm Mass† Jon Lambrecht

Saturday, January 17

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

Sunday, Jan 18 **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am Mass† Mark Bramwell

Tuesday, January 20

5:00 pm Adoration
 6:00 pm Mass.....★ People of SMM

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry

January Needs: Paper Products Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, etc.....

Alternative items always needed:
 Cereal, Canned soup, Canned tuna and chicken,
 Pasta, Peanut Butter, Pancake mix, Syrup, and Jelly.



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Pastoral Team

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 Please call the office

Business Administration

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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

Rest in Peace

<i>May the perpetual light shine upon her.</i>	Catherine Mamer
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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.

Vatican Unveiled



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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!

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.

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.

Christmas Flower Donations

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www.usccb.org/bible/readings.