

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary

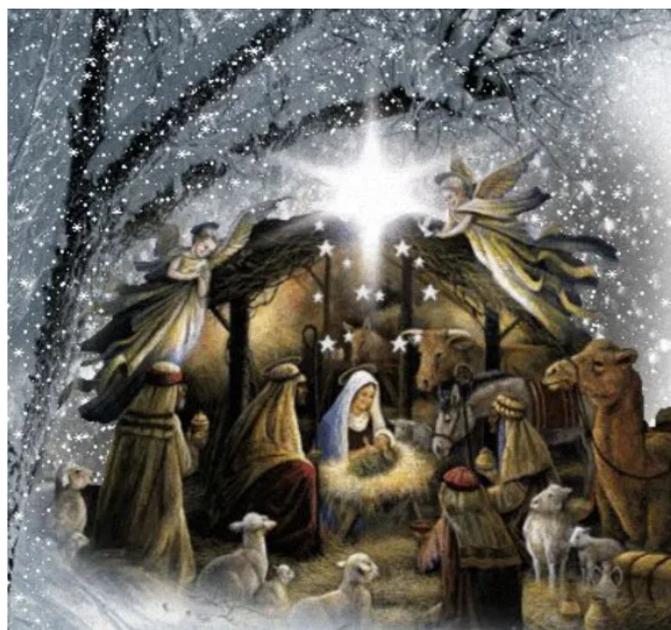
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**December 21, 2025**  
**December 28, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**The Holy Family**



**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

### Busy Preparation and the Real Meaning of Christmas: Fourth Sunday of Advent

The words of Jesus to Martha “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” (Luke 10:38-42)” should reverberate in our ears during these busy days. One thing we need to do during Christmas is to listen to Jesus. We celebrate the incarnation of the Eternal Word that became flesh to dwell among us. (“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” John 1:14). Moreover, let us not miss the voice of God during the noises of our life. Let us listen to the Word that became Flesh.

*May God bless you and your families during this great season of Joy!*

### Wishing You a Merry Christmas!

Christmas is one of the most commercialized festivals of our Christian holidays. Amid the noisy shopping and over-load with meaningless gifts, we should not forget the real meaning of Christmas. We may become so busy decorating our house for Christmas but we may forget to have Jesus in our midst. The purpose and the importance of the festival should not be lost in the shopping malls. As the saying goes, "let us not throw the baby out with the bathwater".

So, what is this Christmas and why do we celebrate it? If Jesus, who was born two thousand years ago, is not going to be born into our hearts and does not come into our homes, then we miss the real meaning of Christmas. Helen Keller once said, “The best and the most beautiful things cannot be seen and touched, but they must be felt with your heart.” Unless we feel the reality of Christmas in our hearts, all our gifts and the time and money we spend on shopping becomes useless. May the Lord born in the Manger be born in our Home, decorated not by the Christmas trees or lights or gifts, but decorated with love, forgiveness, joy and prayerfulness!

Christmas is the time of celebrating the Good News (Word) that became flesh to dwell among us. The Word incarnated brings us salvation by being born into our hearts. As the angels sang when Christ was born, —Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests! So, let us open our hearts so that His favor will rest upon us.

Wishing you and your families Merry Christmas! Wishes from our Staff, Mary Muntifering and Mary Bur.

*Prayer: Come, Lord Jesus! Lord Jesus Come! Make our hearts your Home! Amen.*

### Feast of the Holy Family

The feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. The Feast reminds us that God blesses every family by Jesus' birth into a family. This feast calls

## Reflection Continued

us to look at our family life and check how well we live our life up to God's expectation. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, on that day we begin the New Year 2026. As we end the year 2025, we look back on our own life and thank God for the numerous blessings we have received during the past year and for challenges with which we are strengthened. May the New Year of 2026 bring the new rays of hope, a life of faith and joy of love.

**Home Sweet Home:** A family is the nursery of all values of our life. The family plays a vital role to make a person good or bad. This is the first ‘university’ God ‘established’ that we get educated in our moral and ethical and human values of our life. The fathers and mothers are the first teachers of everything we know though they may not be the experts in all they teach. But they plant the seeds of knowledge in us. So, the fathers and mothers should teach the children not only by what they say but also by what they do. Family is where we find our love and emotional security. Our home is the place we find our family of love and sacrifice. Let us make our home a sweet home for our family.

**Happy New Year:** The New Year is a reminder that we should make our home more and more of a better place of joy. I wish you and your family a “Very Happy New Year of 2026!”

## Christmas Liturgy Schedule



### Schedule for Christmas Liturgy!

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, Christmas Eve:**  
**3:30 PM Christmas Singing**  
**4:00 PM Mass**

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Christmas Day**  
**10:00 AM Mass**

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

## Parishioner Thank You!

Please thank Michael McDonough for decorating our Church so beautifully during the Advent and Christmas season! He does an amazing job of making our Church festive and spiritual! Thank you Michael for your dedication to our faith community and Church.

## December 20—January 4

### Saturday, December 20

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

### Sunday, December 21 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Mass .....† Mary Sherburne

### Tuesday, December 23

5:00 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass.....★ Expectant Parents

### Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

3:30 pm Christmas Carols  
4:00 pm Mass .....† Donna Muntifering

### Thursday, Dec 25 Christmas Day

10:00 am Mass .....★ People of SMM

### Saturday, December 27

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

### Sunday, Dec 28 The Holy Family

10:00 am Mass .....† Mark Bramwell

### Tuesday, December 30

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

### Thursday, January 1 The Solemnity of Mary

9:00 am Mass .....★ People of SMM

### 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

† deceased ★ living

## Social Ministry

### December Needs: Holiday Toys and Gifts Cards

Thank you for your generosity towards the Prism Giving Tree! Your donations of toys, gifts and gift cards help to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate!



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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  
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

## The Solemnity of Mary

**The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, Mass will be Thursday, Jan 1 at 9:00 am.**



## 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!

## 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.

**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).

## 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](mailto:marym@smm-gv.org)) in the parish office to schedule your Mass Intentions. Suggested minimum donation is \$7.00 or more per Mass.

## Christmas Flower Donations

Donated by:	In Memory of:
Louise Hyser	Chuck, Florence and John Hyser
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