

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

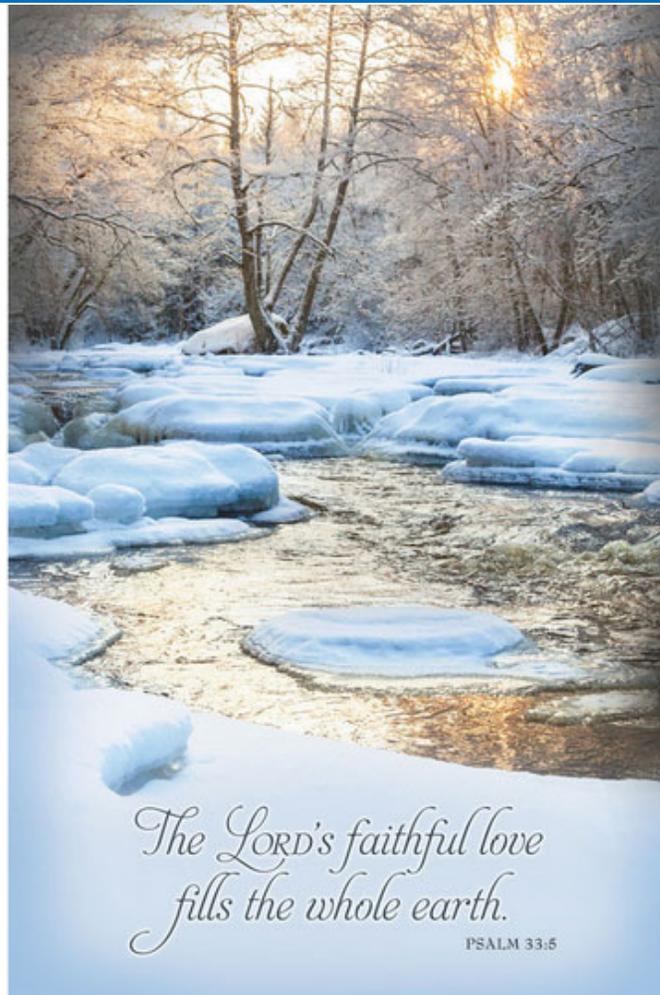
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January 18, 2026
January 25, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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

Behold the Lamb of God who leads us to Holiness!

In the gospel today we hear John the Baptist proclaiming about Jesus, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” St. Paul in his letter to Corinthians tells us we are sanctified in Christ Jesus, and called to be holy. We as Baptized Christians are called to be holy.

Holiness is not a commodity that we could buy from the store for money. It is a state of gaining our life through the blood of the Lamb. St. Paul would say, “it is not I who live; it is Christ who lives in me.” He was able to state this by committing his whole life to Jesus. His total giving to Jesus called him to a life of holiness. This means that we need to give away our old self that we could be sanctified in Christ.

What is the way to holiness? The Spiritual Masters would tell us that the way to gain holiness is detachment. The detachment could be reached by awareness. The awareness could be attained by being aware of ourselves or what we could call self-knowledge. The self-knowledge could be gained by constant search of our self. Thus, constant awareness of our self is the way to holiness. Do you think you are getting confused as you read this column? If so, then you are there to start your search. Confusion is the starting point of clarity. Finding the clarity of the truth is the journey of our life. This journey is constant awareness of our self in God to be holy, which is called the process of sanctification.

May God fill our hearts with the joy of witnessing His Gospel! Amen.



Adult Faith Formation

Lenten Small Group Sign-Up Starts Next Weekend, January 24th and 25th!

All are invited to participate in one of this year's Lenten Small Groups meeting once a week for five weeks in Visitation Hall beginning the week of Sun. 2-22-2026 and continuing through Tues. 3-24-2026!

This can be your first time joining a group—past participation is not required. Each participant will receive via email a PDF copy of the 2026 Lenten Small Group Study Guide, “Lent 2026: Getting Closer to Jesus”, which explores themes taken from the Lenten scripture readings for Cycle A, in addition to a printed copy.

Sign up for one of the three groups listed below after Mass in the back of church the weekends of January 24/25 and January 31/February 1, 2026:

Group 1: Sundays, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm with facilitators Steve Gleason and Margaret Webinger

Group 2: Sundays, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm with facilitators Jean Plucinski and Georgeann Wobschall

Group 3: Tuesdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am with facilitators Pat Lord and Mike Bloberger

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

Parishioner Volunteer Thank You!

Thank you to our funeral luncheon crew! They did a fantastic job setting up, taking down, and serving the families.

Thank you to Debbie Kubes, Mary Ann Davila, Lloyd Geving, Nancy Huntley, Kathy Linden, Tom Lang, Louise Hyser, and Rick and Adrienne Riley.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the St. Margaret Mary Faith Family!

January 17 — February 1

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.....★ Expectant Parents

Saturday, January 24

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

Sunday, Jan 25 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, January 27

5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass.....† Eleanor Murphy

Saturday, January 31

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

Sunday, February 1 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am 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.

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

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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
marym@smm-gv.org

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

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

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



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!

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.

Gearty-Delmore 100 Years of Service

MINNEAPOLIS, JANUARY 7, 2026 – Gearty-Delmore Funeral Chapels, a pillar of compassion and support in the Twin Cities community, celebrates 100 years of service in 2026. This significant anniversary marks a century of unwavering dedication and compassionate care for families in their times of greatest need.

The family-owned business first opened its doors in 1926, in a small storefront building on West Broadway in Robbinsdale. Today, the company has grown to serve nearly 600 families annually through a team of 30 employees and three chapel locations. The company’s main chapel is located at 3888 West Broadway in Robbinsdale, with additional chapels at 15800 37th Avenue North in Plymouth and 3960 Wooddale Avenue in St. Louis Park.

“For 100 years, Gearty-Delmore has remained true to its roots as a family-owned business, prioritizing compassion and caring above all else,” said Dan Delmore, funeral director and owner of Gearty-Delmore. “This milestone is a testament to the dedication of our talented funeral directors and their passion for helping families simplify the last goodbye.” The company also extends its heartfelt gratitude to its customers, business partners, clergy, church and cemetery partners who have been instrumental in its success over the past century. During its centennial year, Gearty-Delmore will commemorate the past century of service but also look to the future. President and Owner Dan Delmore added, “We take great pride in knowing that our family has been here for your families, from generation to generation, and we’re committed to continuing this tradition into the future.”

Complete details of Gearty-Delmore’s 100-year history can be found at www.gearty-delmore.com.

