

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

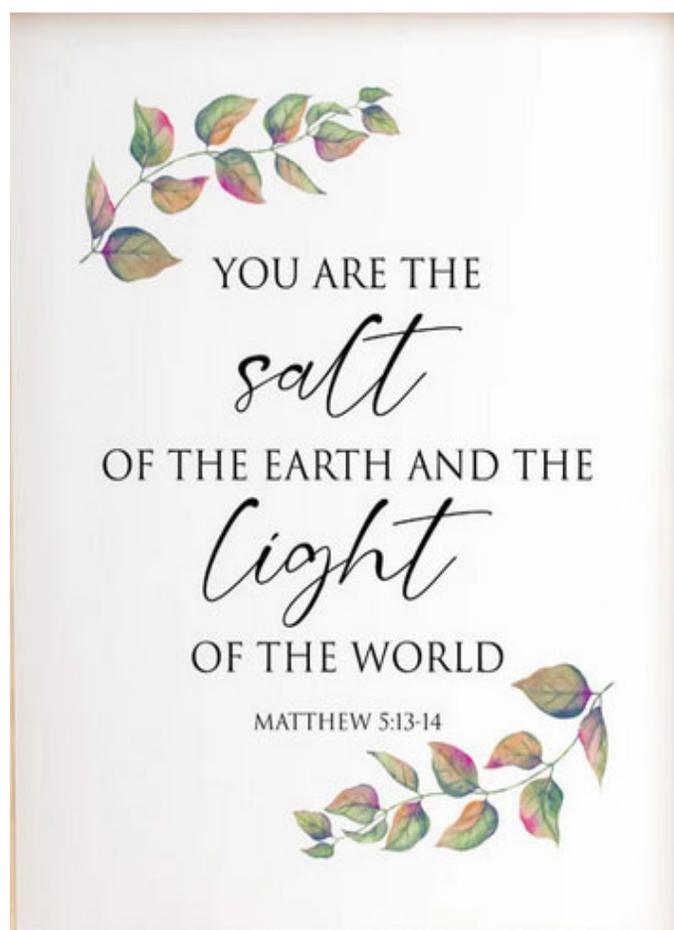
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February 01, 2026
February 08, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fifth 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

Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World

As we print our bulletin every other week, I focused my column for the next week's readings. However, I recommend you to focus on the second reading of this coming weekend where St. Paul declares, "God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God". We have nothing to boast about as everything, including ourselves, is from God.

Whenever Jesus preached to people, he used very simple metaphors and practical parables. In today's Gospel, he says to the disciples to be 'salt of the earth and light of this word. The two allegories exhibit the core theme of Jesus' life. Salt is a symbol of Sacrifice as it destroys (dissolves) itself to add taste to the food. Likewise, a candle destroys itself or the lamp burns its oil to give light to the people in the darkness. Both salt and light exist for others not for themselves.

As Jesus calls his disciples to be salt and light, he invites every one of us to add taste to the life of others by our sacrifices and be a light to others by sharing our resources. In connection to this gospel message, prophet Isaiah explains in the first reading of today how we could be salt to the people, "Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own." (Is 58:7) And he further says how we could be light to other people, "If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." (Is 58:10)

All these words of Isaiah can become a reality when you and I can practice what St Paul writes to us through his letter to Corinthians that, "your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God". (1Cor 2:5) When our faith rests on the power of God not on our own wisdom or ability, most of our anxieties will vanish away. While we are called to be salt of the earth and light of the world, let us not trust our own power rather trust in God's power. Surrender to God's will brings salvation to all.

Reflection continued

Prayer: May God of mercy make us to be salt of the earth to add taste to others and be the light of the world to guide others in darkness! Amen.

By this time, you might have received your year 2025 financial contribution statement that was distributed after last weekend Mass or by the US mail. I sincerely thank you for your great generosity towards our parish. I just remind and encourage those who do not participate in giving to show their generosity to God who has always been generous to us.

Thank you!



Adult Faith Formation

Lenten Small Group Sign-Up Finishes this Weekend, January 31st /February 1st!

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. 3-24-26!

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 this weekend, January 31st /February 1st, 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.

January 31 — February 15

Saturday, January 31

3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass † Ian Drummond

Sunday, February 1 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass † Ian Drummond

Tuesday, February 3

5:00 pm Adoration
 6:00 pm Mass † Ian Drummond

Saturday, February 7

3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass † Eleanor Murphy

Sunday, Feb 8 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass ★ People of SMM

Tuesday, February 10

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

Saturday, February 14

3:30 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass † John W Gransee

Sunday, Feb 15 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass † Douglas and Etta Phenow

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry

February Needs: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Oatmeal

About 133 families a day come to Prism seeking assistance.
 Your donations help!



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

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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.

Thank you!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who do the physical labor around the church grounds, including our building and grounds committee, our volunteer cleaners, and our sacristans! Thank you to Patrick Doyle, Michael Bloberger, Rich Kramer and Tony Plucinski for always opening the gates for us to attend Mass even on the coldest of days!

Thank you for keeping our Church safe!

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.

Where’s Lee?

