

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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April 26, 2026
May 03, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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April 25—May 5

Saturday, April 25

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass † Louis Koran

Sunday, April 26

4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass ★ People of SMM

Tuesday, April 28

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

Saturday, May 2

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass † Chet Stager
† Kathryn Koran

Sunday, May 3

5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass † Jim Ryan

Tuesday, May 5

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

† deceased ★ living

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

**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

Jesus, the Good Shepherd

There are many examples of figures-of-speech used in the Gospel to explain who Jesus is: Sacrificial Lamb, Vine and branches, Teacher, Servant, Master, Good Shepherd, etc. Of all these emblematic symbolisms, the metaphor of 'Good Shepherd' could be the stellar description of Jesus' mission and ministry. Jesus says, "I am the 'Good Shepherd' who lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10: 11) The first and foremost qualification of the good shepherd is to have a commitment for his sheep, even to the point of his death which was commemorated a few weeks ago on Good Friday. A shepherd does not work for mere pay, but serves for the life of the sheep. Secondly, the shepherd should know the sheep. And the sheep know the shepherd. Knowing is 'loving'. 'Loving' is 'living'. So, the real living happens to the shepherd by his total giving of his life for the sheep. And finally, the good shepherd leads the sheep by commitment by means of love through knowledge of the sheep's needs.

Jesus takes the analogy of 'shepherd and sheep' to explain the greatest concept of leadership. He had shown the disciples the principle of His leadership by washing their feet on Holy Thursday. He preached that the Son of Man came to serve and not to be served. He told them that He came to show the way to the Father by dying on the cross and being resurrected on the third day. By this parable of the 'good shepherd' Jesus portrays the qualities of leadership that the leader should be ready to lay down their life for the people. The leader should call them by name, which means knowing the 'sheep' deeply and being close enough to call them by name. The leader should be loving so that the people recognize him/her as their leader who loves them and cares for them.

Sheep and Shepherd: When we follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we are his sheep. By imitating our Master's leadership model, we play the role of good shepherds in our daily lives. So, we are His sheep and we are also called to be the shepherds of our children and those whom we lead. When we are parenting our children, we are good shepherds. When we lead groups of faith, we are good shepherds. When we supervise people in our work place, we are good shepherds. Those of us, who are teachers, doctors, nurses, directors, and managers, or in any profession where we have a role of leadership, are called to be shepherds imitating our Supreme Shepherd, Jesus. Are we the good shepherds that Jesus

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talks about in the Gospel? Are we the good sheep that follow the Shepherd, or are we the ones that stray around or stay around in our life of dissipation bringing disappointment to our Master?

Prayer: May Jesus, our Good Shepherd, lead us to the green pasture of love to protect us from the dangers of alienation from His flock! Amen.

Thank you!

Thank you to our funeral luncheon volunteers! We thank Vonnie Reilly, Mary Ann Davila, Debbie Kubes, Lloyd and Laurie Geving, Tom Lang, and Sue Oestreich. We thank them for their time and hard work to make sure everything runs smoothly!

Easter Flower Memorials

Donated by:	In Memory of:
Tony & Jean Plucinski	Marilyn & Vern Launspach
Jennifer & Steve Erickson	Joseph & Mary Rolek Melvin & Viola Erickson
Patricia Lord	Bill Lord, Agnes Lord, Marianne Kerr and Darlene Roll-
Dot & Sally Roth	Bob Roth, Barb Blackey, and Kathy MacDonald
Vonnie Reilly	Ray & Louise Sauer
Norine Stimart	Russell & Margaret Stimart
Diana Fodstad	Robert & Evelyn Fodstad
Lee Burke	Marguerite Burke

Social Ministry

May Needs: Breakfast cereal, peanut butter and jelly.



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