

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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**May 24, 2026
May 31, 2026**

**Pentecost Sunday
The Most Holy Trinity**



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May 23—June 02

Saturday, May 23

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass † Rev. Marty Shallbetter

Sunday, May 24

10:00 am Mass ★ People of SMM

Pentecost Sunday

Tuesday, May 26

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

Saturday, May 30

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

Sunday, May 31

10:00 am Mass ★ People of SMM

The Most Holy Trinity

Tuesday, June 2

5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass † John W. Gransee

† 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

The Feast of Pentecost and Memorial Day

The Greek word, Pentecost, means the fiftieth day from the great festival of Passover. It is one of the three festivals listed in Exodus (23:14-17) where it is simply called 'Harvest Festival or the feast of the first-fruits of the grain harvest'. Following the tradition of Abel, the people of Israel celebrated the 'offering' of the first fruits of their labor to the altar of God. This feast reminds us the harvest of Jesus' suffering and effect of his resurrection are accomplished on this day of descending of the Holy Spirit on us to enkindle our life of holiness and joy of new Christians. Thus, it is the Birth Day of our Holy Church.

This feast of Pentecost is mentioned in the New Testament more frequently than in the Old Testament. It is closely connected to the event of the descending of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. This is the day we celebrate the Birth of the Church, as the disciples came out of their fear to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to the people of every nation. All became 'One' in the Spirit so that everyone could understand the 'Language of Love' that the Apostles were speaking with the Spirit. "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit." (1 Cor. 12:13)

Reflecting on the Feast of Pentecost today, it will be a very enriching experience in our spiritual life to see the 'Greatest gifts' of the Holy Spirit. As the people of the Old Testament celebrated the 'Offering' of their first Fruits of their labor, we as people of faith should celebrate the 'Offering' to God in the form of our time, talents, and treasure. Everything we have is from God. Moreover, we need to show our gratitude to God by our 'spirit of giving.' God does not need our gifts, as He is the author of everything we have. However, he expects us to show our spirit of gratitude for the gifts we have received. Such celebration of our 'offering to God' leads us to live a life of joy. As we celebrate the '**Memorial Day**' this weekend, we commemorate the ultimate gifts of the heroes of our great nation and on this feast of the Holy Spirit, we promise to imitate their spirit of giving for our nation. Let us express our heartfelt gratitude to those men and women who made their ultimate sacrifice of their lives for the freedom of our nation. Let us bow our heads to thank them and pray for them and for their families. Let us also gratefully remember that the Freedom that we enjoy today was not free and never will be free. It costs many precious lives of our loved ones. Valuing the freedom gifted to us and living that freedom with gratitude is the finest way to celebrate Memorial Day!

The Spirit that Jesus gives us brings two fruits: Peace and Forgiving. "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

(Jn.20:22-23) As the fruit of the Spirit, Jesus gave them Peace. This peace is born out of Unity and Love. Then He breathed on them 'to go forth and forgive the sins of the people.' As the Apostles were with fear and anger about what happened to him and the disciples, Jesus gave them the Spirit to forgive the people and bring peace among them and bring such peace all over the world.

*Lord, give us the Spirit of forgiving others!
Amen.*

Thank you !

Thank you to Jim Franzen for heading up the training for the Emergency and Safety Operations. We thank Jim for his dedication to our safety and the needs of our parish faith family. Thank you Jim! We are blessed to have you at SMM!

Gethsemane Cemetery Mass

Gethsemane Cemetery in New Hope, MN, will hold an outdoor Memorial Day Mass on **May 25 at 10:00 AM**. The solemn outdoor service, typically held under a tent, welcomes hundreds of attendees and is followed by refreshments.

Rest in Peace

*May the perpetual
light shine upon
her .*

**Marcella "Sally"
Johnson**



PRISM

Social Ministry

May Needs: Breakfast cereal, peanut butter and jelly.

2026 Fresh Produce Distribution Dates

2:00PM to 4:00PM | Indoors



June 16th
July 7th
July 21st
August 4th
August 18th
September 15th
October 6th
October 20th



All are welcome!
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