

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

2323 Zenith Ave N., Golden Valley, MN 55422 # 763-588-9466



www.smm-gv.org

July 19, 2026
July 26, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Seventeenth 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

Good Seed Yield Good Fruits

Jesus, in his story about the kingdom of God, explains through the Gospel this Sunday, “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well.”

We know good seeds produce good fruits, whereas, the weeds crush the good plant and reduce its yield or destroy the good. In the parable we hear that the enemy came and sowed weeds when everyone was asleep. The farmer who sowed the seed was not awake to protect his field from the enemies’ weeds. When we fail to guard ourselves from the enemy’s snare we are caught with weeds.

Whenever we sow the seeds of God’s words to ourselves or others, we should not walk away and not care for its growth and yield. We should be awake and aware to protect the Word from the enemies’ weeds. Planting may be one day’s work but protection is an on-going process. Preaching is a short time effort but practicing it is an ongoing process.

A Heart of Understanding!

How wonderful it was that King Solomon asked God for a heart of understanding when God told him to ask for something. “O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father, David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?” (I Kings 3: 7-8) The request of Solomon has two parts. He prayed to God to have an understanding heart to judge the people, so he could serve the people with justice. Secondly, he prayed to have wisdom to distinguish right from wrong. In other words, King Solomon wished his service to the people to be in conjunction with the righteousness that would become the yardstick of his rule over the people of Israel.

It will be marvelous indeed that every one of us might focus our prayers in the service of our community with a spirit of generosity like King Solomon. Let us continue to pray to God for all that we may need to help others, rather than for ourselves.

Reflection Continued

True spirituality starts at caring for others. True wisdom comes from understanding others. Once we understand true wisdom then we have found the true treasure of the Kingdom of God as Jesus talks about in the Gospel today.

Prayer: Lord, give us the heart of understanding to know one another and give us the wisdom to know your will in our life. Amen.

K of C Walk for Life

The Knights of Columbus are participating in the Walk for Life Campaign on Saturday, August 1, 2026. This ministry is providing life-affirming options to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Please join the knights for a beautiful, family-friendly Walk for Life! The two-mile route begins at the Moraine Picnic Shelter in French Park and loops twice through scenic trails alongside Medicine Lake. Please use the link below:
<https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrsync/event/website/home/?e=32518>

Let’s make this year’s Walk for Life the most impactful one yet.

July 18 — July 28

Saturday, July 18

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Sunday, July 19 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† William Moon

Tuesday, July 21

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass★ Joe Westerheide

Saturday, July 25

8:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Sunday, July 26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Parishioners of SMM

Tuesday, July 28

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.

LORD, RENEW YOUR CHURCH



We are living in an exciting time as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis! After years of prayer and discernment, we are thrilled to announce the launch of the Lord, Renew Your Church campaign. Our parish will participate in this campaign, along with all 185 parishes in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis to help ensure our faith and important ministries remain vibrant for future generations. Funds raised through this effort will support both St. Margaret Mary and Archdiocesan initiatives such as:

Strengthening
Our Parishes

Educating our
Children and
Young People

Sustaining the
Cathedral of
Saint Paul and
Basilica of Saint
Mary

Caring for Our
Clergy and
Future Clergy

Providing for
Those in Need

In the coming months, you will learn more about this effort. For now, I ask four things of you:

1. **Pray** for the success of the campaign and our efforts at St. Margaret Mary. Below you will find the campaign prayer which is being prayed in unity across the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.
2. **Welcome** contact from fellow parishioners to discuss the campaign.
3. **Consider** your own sacrificial five-year pledge to the campaign.
4. **Volunteer** if you feel called to help with this endeavor, please contact the parish office.

Please keep your mind and heart open to hearing more about this historic campaign and discerning your role in this effort. More information will be shared in the coming months!

Campaign Prayer

Lord, Renew Your Church by the light of the Gospel.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us so that we might recognize you as the Giver of all good gifts. Bless our Lord Renew Your Church campaign. May it strengthen the bonds that unite us and bring new fruitfulness to our parishes, schools and pastoral efforts.

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and Saint Paul, our patron, may our generous response give witness to Your love, Your power and Your plan.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

AMEN

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

Pastoral Team

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For Pastoral Emergencies and Anointing of the Sick
Please call the office

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Parish Pastoral Council

AT LARGE MEMBERS

Molly Anderson
Collin Abram, *Secretary*
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Nancy Huntley, *Trustee*
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Georgeann Wobschall, *Social Ministry*

FINANCE COUNCIL

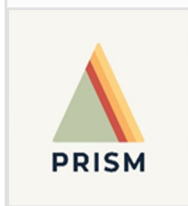
Peter Aubart
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PRAYER CHAIN

Laurie Geving 763-772-7762

Social Ministry

July Needs: Backpacks and School Supplies



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

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.

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.

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.