

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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August 2, 2026
August 9, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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August 01—August 11

Saturday, August 1

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

Sunday, Aug 2 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Enzo La Hoz Calassara

Tuesday, August 4

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

Saturday, August 8

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

Sunday, August 9 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Parishioners of SMM

Tuesday, August 11

5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass ...★ Joe Westerheide (Healing)

† 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

Paddle of Faith to Sail Through the Ocean of Doubt

Our faith in God brings life and begets joy. But doubt breaks our relationship with God and with our families and thus causes despair and destruction. We constantly struggle with faith and doubt. A family built on the rock of unshakable faith will be able to endure all the storms of misunderstanding. But by the very moment a little doubt enters into our minds, the destruction of our families begins.

Dangers of Doubt: In our country we face more than 50% divorce rate. Let us look around or look at ourselves at how our relationships are broken into pieces because of the little poison of doubt. Even the disciples, who lived with Jesus, doubted Jesus who was walking on the sea. They cried, "It is a ghost."

Doubt and Fear: Fear is the origin of doubt. When we feel insecure, we begin to doubt everyone around us. It is like the disciples who are terrified and filled with fear and mistook Jesus for a ghost. In doubt our eyes are blinded and our minds are closed and we see only our fear personified rather than the people in front of us.

Jesus, get on our Boat: Peter, the pillar of our faith got frightened and doubted. He was drowning. However, he cried to Jesus, "Lord, save me". Likewise, as we sail through the sea of doubts in our lives, when the storms of fear and insecurity attack us, let us call Jesus that he could get on into our boat and the storm of fear will die down.

"But when he (Peter) saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat paid him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God." So, let us not be of little faith. Rather let our faith be our paddle to sail through the ocean of doubts in our lives and reach the shores of joy.

Prayer: Lord, save our boats of our life in the ocean of doubt when we face the storm of fear. Give us the paddles of our faith to row our boats. But when we are weak, come on into our boat that the storm of fear will die and the joy of your presence will be born. Amen.

The Prayer Chain

A prayer chain is a group or network of parishioners from St. Margaret Mary, who commit to sharing and praying for urgent or ongoing needs. When a person has a crisis or prayer request, they pass it to the first person in the network, who then passes it down the "chain" of members to pray.

It is a wonderful ministry that provides hope and prayer for those in need. If you are interested in being part of the "chain", please contact Mary Muntifering at the office.

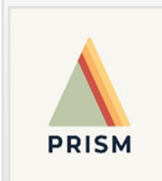
Capital Campaign, Lord Renew Your Church.

Thank you to our Co-Chairs Jeb and Char Myers and Pete and Karen Aubart for heading up the capital campaign. If anyone is interested in more information about the campaign or volunteering, please contact one of them.

Social Ministry

August Needs: School Supplies Needed

Crayons, Markers, Notebooks, Pencils, Scissors, Glue Sticks, Glue, and Backpacks



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

Festival Update

Baskets from Heaven are back! If you are interested in participating in the silent auction for the festival this year, please pick up a basket from the back of the Church. Use your creativity to fill a basket with goodies and treats or create a "theme" basket on your own! Let's continue to make the Silent Auction a success! Please see Louise Hyser or Mary Ann Davila with questions.

Are you in need of more raffle tickets? Please see Mary Muntifering for more tickets! Thank you!

Summertime Humor

If you like treats, try our Sundays.

Faith is a journey, not a guilt trip.