



## ***St. Margaret Mary Church***

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### **Holy Eucharist:**

**Weekend:** Saturday 5:00 & 7:00 PM  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM,  
12:00 Noon  
**Daily:** Monday-Friday 6:30 & 8:30 AM  
Saturday 8:30 AM  
**First Friday:** 6:30 & 8:30 AM  
**Holy Days of Obligation:**  
As announced in bulletin.  
**Rite of Reconciliation:**  
**Weekdays:** 8:15 AM  
**Saturday:** 8:15 AM; 3:30-4:45 PM  
**Other:** Please call priest for appointment

### **Church Staff**

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Gregory P. Baxter.....558-2255

#### **Associate Pastor**

Rev. Jeff Mollner

#### **In Residence**

Rev. Paul Hoelsing

Rev. Joe Taphorn

#### **Deacons**

Rev. Mr. Chuck Adams

Rev. Mr. Jim Keating

Rev. Mr. Marty Smith

#### **School Principal**

Peggy Grennan .....551-6663

#### **Religious Education Director**

Linda Stryker .....558-9119

#### **Music Ministry Director**

Peg Lacy .....558-2255

#### **Youth and Young Adult Ministry Director**

Marty Smith .....558-2255

Jennifer Varner, Associate Director

#### **Senior Ministry**

Ed & Elaine Russell.....391-4489

#### **Parish Council President**

Jennifer Manhart.....350-3890

#### **Total Board of Education President**

Nick Peterson.....498-4397

#### **Guild President**

Cathy Hausman.....551-0758

#### **School**

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Phone .....551-6663

Fax .....551-5631

#### **Prayer Line**

Phone ..... 558-9397 or 926-1500

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Barb Baxter.....556-6133

**To Join the Parish:** Please call the business office at 558-2255 to register or go on-line at [smmomaha.org](http://smmomaha.org) for a form.

## Welcome

Thank you for becoming a member of St. Margaret Mary Parish. This welcome packet provides you with some general information about our parish members, ministries, organizations, activities and parish staff.

We are a caring community, committed to responding to the spiritual, human and social needs of our parish and the wider community as well.

We invite you to share our needs, we are here to serve.

Also, we invite you to become involved in our parish community; there are many opportunities for experiencing the peace and joy of our loving God in liturgy, education, prayer and service.

Peace and Joy and Love to all who enter here.

Please call us if you have any questions or if we can be of help in any way.

## Our Mission

The people of St. Margaret Mary Parish are a Catholic Christian Community, gathered together to celebrate the presence of Christ in sacrifice and sacrament.

Our community is supported and developed by meeting the spiritual, educational and social needs of our members.

## Administration

### **Parish Council**

The Parish Council is the central coordinating body of the Parish. It is charged with overall parish development, identifying goals, and with the approval of the Pastor, the formulation of policy in regard to such matters except where specifically limited by Archdiocesan policy and Church law.

#### ***Standing Committee***

**Building and Grounds Committee:** Monitors maintenance of the parish buildings and grounds.

**Communications Committee:** Publishes the "Cycle of Life Newsletter" four times a year.

**Family Life Committee:** Helps the service groups that address family life issues to coordinate and communicate their efforts to the Council.

**Finance Committee:** Updates the Council on the budget and other finance issues of the parish. Sits as member of the Parish Finance Committee.

**Human Needs Committee:** Helps the outreach groups of the parish coordinate and communicate their efforts to the Parish Council and the community.

**Spiritual Life and Worship Committee:** Helps the spiritual and liturgical groups of the parish communicate and coordinate their efforts between themselves and the Parish Council.

**Stewardship Committee:** Helps the service groups that minister to the needs of the parish to coordinate and communicate their efforts to the Council.

### **Parish Finance Committee:**

The Parish Finance committee is charged with the budgeting and tracking of the finances of the Parish.

### **Total Board of Christian Education:**

The St. Margaret Mary Total Board of Christian Education is an advisory board in all aspects of educational programs carried on by the Parish, including St. Margaret Mary School and Parish religious education programs involving children, youth, and adults.

#### **Subsidiary Bodies:**

**Adult Education Committee:** Addresses needs of the parish in the area of Adult Education, and sets up programs and speakers to nourish spiritual growth.

**Athletic Committee:** Plans and implements athletic programs for parishioners, including adults and children, in furtherance of the Christian educational mission.

Contact: Dennis Mailliard 556-1038

**CCD Parents Advisory Organization:** Promotes the spiritual growth, community, communication and support among parents of students in the CCD programs.

Contact: Linda Stryker 556-9119

**Day School Committee:** Advises the Board with respect to all matters related to St. Margaret Mary School. This committee deals with all matters related to the day school.

**Home and School Association:** Helps organize the volunteer efforts of families at St. Margaret Mary School. Aims to facilitate better communication between teachers, families, students, etc. For a complete list of the numerous committees and volunteer opportunities refer to the Home and School Handbook.

**Religious Education Committee:** Advises the Board with respect to all matters related to religious educational functions of the Parish. Consists of persons that are hired by the parish, elected to the board, or other committee members.

**Youth Ministry Committee:** Works with the Director of Youth Ministry and advises the Board on matters related to Youth Ministry.

***Standing Committees:***

**Finance Committee:** Reviews and oversees budgets for educational programs of the Parish and assists in developing methods of financing educational activities. Budget review and oversight extends to the Athletic Committee and the Home and School Association; also relates to the Parish Finance Committee.

**Planning Committee:** Consults with other committees about planning issues and develops and recommends a long-range plan for educational programs.

## Education

### **Adult Education:**

Encourages life-long faith development by providing religious education and spiritual renewal opportunities for adults at varying stages of their pilgrim journey. Adult education programs for the parish are offered through the Adult Education Subcommittee of the St. Margaret Mary Total Board of Christian Education.

**Contact: Sheila Rynaski 558-2801**

### **Welcome Your Child Baptism Classes**

Baptism classes are provided to assist parents in their roles as primary spiritual educators for their children. They are held twice a month. Parents must attend both sessions prior to the baptism. Registration forms are available on-line, in the kiosks of the church or in the Parish Office. **Contact: Parish Office 558-2255**

### **Bible Study 2010 – EPIC: A Journey Through Church History**

Join others in this fascinating 20-week study of Church history to help you know Christ and His Church by seeing how He has shaped history through His saving instrument. Men, women, and mixed groups are offered on various days of the week and at different times of the day to fit many different schedules. Starts mid-September. Registration forms are available on-line, in the kiosks of the church or in the Parish Office.

**Contact: Linda Stryker 558-9119**

### **CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine):**

The CCD program is offered to children in preschool through grade 8. It is intended for children who are not attending Catholic school. The CCD program follows the same curriculum (uses the same textbook) as in the Catholic school. The curriculum is Christ centered and includes education in Catholic prayer and liturgy. Persons interested in volunteering are encouraged to offer their talents in teaching as well as music, drama, art and tutoring. **Contact: Linda Stryker 558-9119**

**Elementary School:**

St. Margaret Mary Parish provides the service of a Catholic Elementary Day School, serving Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our philosophy is that we recognize the unique God-given talents of each individual, and all members of this community. The will to work and create a Christian atmosphere that respects and promotes the spiritual, intellectual, social and physical development of each person. Our desire is to instill a spirit of love, and to become personally responsible to God, self, family and country. **Contact: Peggy Grennan 551-6663**

**Rainbows for all God's Children**

"Rainbows" is an adult-led support group for children who have had a change in their family due to a divorce or death in the family. **Contact: Sheri Kanger 551-6663**

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):**

The RCIA consists of Catholic instruction classes held every Fall through Easter on Monday evenings in the Suneg Center. RCIA also provides the opportunity for those Catholics who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation to attend and receive preparation as needed. **Contact: Rev. Mr. Chuck Adams 556-8261**

**Youth Ministry:**

Youth Ministry is the response of the Christian community to the needs of the young people, and the sharing of the unique gifts of youth with the larger community. Youth Ministry offers educational, spiritual, social, and service opportunities for youth in grades 7-12. **Contact: Jennifer Varner or Marty Smith 558-2255**

## Service

**Christian Family Movement (CFM):**

This is a small group process based on the Josist method of observe, judge and act for couples and parents to build faith and family life. People become involved by joining groups and following programs designed and provided by the national CFM office.

**Family Life Ministry Core Group:**

This group is our parish's contact to the Archdiocesan Family Life Office and the many programs and services they provide. The main focus of this group's work is to facilitate meeting the needs of the families in a way that strengthens the family's faith. **Contact: Alice and Marty Smith 553-5739**

**Hospital Ministry:**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) help the priests visit patients at local hospitals and nursing homes, as well as making home visits to the sick.

**Contact: Loretta Ervin 393-2916**

**Gardens and Grounds Ministry:**

This group plants and maintains all gardens on the grounds. In addition, they work with the trees and bushes to maintain the original appearance and preserve the vision of Fr. Suneg. **Contact: John Fangman 393-3627**

**Guild**

As the primary women's organization in the parish, the Guild strives to foster a spirit of Christian fellowship and to respond to the material needs of the community. Participation in Guild activities may be through membership in one of its Circles or simply through helping on a Guild/Circle committee or project.

**Contact: Cathy Hausman 551-0758**

- Circle 1:** **Contact: Liz Rudersdorf 556-0259 & Jan LaHood 552-0503**  
Members: Formed in 1982. Primarily made up of mothers of many college age and young adult children with quite a few new grandmothers in the group.  
Activities: Meetings are in member's homes the third week of the month on Tuesday or Wednesdays. Members are involved in many parish ministries and will chair the Circle One Parish Estate Sale again this year.
- Circle 2:** **Contact: Audra Cavanaugh 871-6178 & Anne Specht 895-6997**  
Members: Mothers with school-age children.  
Activities: Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am. This group is a social Circle that is very active in the parish, school and community service.
- Circle 3** **Contact: Allie Britt 345-1855 & Michelle Jochim 933-0003**  
Members: Mother's with young children.  
Activities: Young women and mothers of young children (babies through middle school). Meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 am with babysitting provided. This is a large group that is very involved throughout SMM.
- Circle 4:** **Contact: Joan Huston 551-1977 & Erica Bush 556-1195**  
Members: Mixed ages.  
Activities: Meetings are usually the third Thursday of each month in the evening. September salad supper, Easter baskets for elderly and disadvantaged children, Christmas Project, Parish Pizza Party & various social activities.
- Circle 5:** **Contact: Ann McGill 553-8521**  
Members: 50 & above  
Activities: Meetings in homes for noon luncheons. EPS fundraising and serving dinner at the Stephen Center.
- Circle 6:** **Contact: Susie Rogers 551-4949 & Ann Marie Bausch 556-7753**  
Members: Mixed ages; Mothers with children infant through school-age  
Activities: Circle 6 is an off-spring of Circle 3. We are comprised of moms with newborns to moms with high school kids. We typically meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month and try to hold an evening meeting occasionally. We host the Holiday Boutique in November and the Friendship Tea in January. We provide volunteers one day a month at EPS as well. We will not have a circle leader this coming year, we will have volunteers sign up to lead the meetings each month.
- Circle 7:** **Contact: Madeleine Begley 391-3938**  
Members: Age 50 and above  
Activities: Calling all ladies who have "been there done that" to relax at lunch once a month September through April on the 2nd Tuesdays. Hear parish and Guild news and know there is no project ever.
- Circle 8:** **Contact: Diane Muelleman 558-8524 & Kerry Kelley 556-0346**  
Members: Mothers with children of all ages.  
Activities: Meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month alternating between morning and evening meetings. Sponsors Christmas families, meals for Dorothy Day House, guest speakers and pot luck dinners with spouses.
- Circle 9:** **Contact: Marcia Jones 393-7419**  
Members: Mixed ages; 40 and above.  
Activities: Meetings held the third Wednesday morning of the month at members' homes with guest speakers. Christmas Greenery Sale and host Christmas Tea with Circle 10.
- Circle 10:** **Contact: Barb Baxter 556-6133**  
Members: Mothers of elementary through high school age children  
Activities: Meetings are usually held the second Wednesday morning of the month. Mothers are encouraged to bring their younger children. The Circle supports a variety of parish events and includes fun family and couple events.

### **Guild Standing Committees:**

**Funerals:** Arranges, prepares and serves a luncheon for family and friends of deceased parishioners upon request. A very nominal fee is charged.

**Contact: Dede Johnson 399-1706**

#### **Marthas:**

Provides meals for parishioners during illness, hospitalization and other emergencies.

**Contact: Lisa Manning 561-9155 & Jennifer Varner 290-8205**

#### **St. Ann's:**

Takes care of weekly cleaning of altar linens..

**Contact: Mary Pat Mockler 391-8799**

**Baptismal Stoles:** Makes Baptismal stoles for Baptisms.

**Contact: Julie Oberlies 391-8799**

### **Knights of Columbus:**

A Catholic men's fraternal organization. The primary purpose is to bring Catholic men together to serve the needs of the parish, and the Holy Father. A secondary purpose is to bring Catholic men and their families together in Christian fellowship **Contact: Rick Theobald 556-2385**

### **Nursery:**

All children ages approximately 6 months to 5 years are welcome to attend the nursery at no charge. The nursery is open during the 10:30a.m.Mass on Sunday mornings. It is located in the church basement (first door to the right as you walk off the elevator). A combination of volunteers from our parish, and parents of children who use the nursery staff the nursery. If you would like to volunteer one shift every six weeks, your time would be greatly appreciated. We hope that you find the nursery a safe and happy place to leave your children while you celebrate the Mass. **Contact: Jacqueline Bendon 312-7049 or Adriana Cisneros 540-7830**

### **Parish Nursing Ministry**

Is recognized as a specialty practice by the American Nurses Association. Parish nurses understand health as a dynamic process encompassing the whole person - body, mind and spirit. Parish nurses strive to promote healthy lifestyles for all ages.

**Contact: Lucretia Danielson 558-8299**

### **Senior Adult Group:**

Luncheon program six times a year – occasional speakers – minimal donation asked to cover mailing expenses. **Contact: Ed and Elaine Russell 391-4489**

### **Stewardship Committee:**

Fosters stewardship as a new way of life for our parish. Stewardship is a life changing process. Stewardship is a way of life to give back to God His gifts of time, talent and treasure. The committee finds opportunities for people to help others in need, or become more involved in parish life. It is about building faith and the spiritual life of our parish community.

**Contact: Fr. Greg Baxter 558-2255**

### **Welcoming Committee:**

Receives and welcomes new members to our parish family. Educate new members that we are a stewardship parish, and welcome their involvement. Help new members become a parish family "friend" as quickly as possible. Encourage their involvement to enhance our stewardship activities and spiritual outreach. **Contact: Cathy DeWeese 614-4273**

### **When Families Marry:**

Engaged couples meet in small groups with a lead couple for 2 hours on 4 or 5 occasions.

They discuss topic such as money, communication, spirituality, sexuality, in-laws, etc.

Volunteering as a lead couple involves 5 to 8 hours of training through the Archdiocesan Family Life Office. **Contact: Family Life Office 551-9003 or Fr. Greg Baxter 558-2255**

## Outreach

### **Apostolic Oblates:**

The Apostolic Oblates are a group of laywomen desiring to live a consecrated life for God, the world, and others. Their message is simple: "Feed the mind with knowledge of God; warm the heart with His Spirit; and use our hands in ministry to his people." The Apostolic Oblates strive to teach Christian values by providing a variety of ministries geared for all ages. Summer camps are provided for girls, along with activities for children, young adults, families and senior citizens. **Contact: 553-4418**

### **Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts:**

Boys in grades 1 through 5 are encouraged to join Scouts. Through weekly troop meetings, camping, field trips, and individual projects, the scout completes achievements to progress toward Eagle Scout. Scouts work independently and in groups during projects and numerous volunteer opportunities within the community

**Contact: (Cub Scouts, Grades 1 - 5) Britt & Cathy DeWeese 614-4273**  
**(Boy Scouts grades 5 and up) Tim Begley 558-2827**

### **Catholic Charities:**

Catholic Charities provides counseling services, community services (i.e. food pantry, refugee and immigrant help, domestic abuse shelter), various children's services (i.e. adoption), and drug and alcohol rehabilitation counseling. **Contact: 554-0520**

### **Christ Child Center:**

The Christ Child Center offers a year-round program of recreational, educational, cultural, social development and day-care activities. Christ Child helps individuals of all age groups become effective, self-reliant citizens through programs designed for their specific needs.

**Contact: 342-4566**

### **Dorothy Day House:**

The Day House provides meals and medical care for the homeless. Volunteers are needed for cooking and donations.

### **Emergency Pregnancy Services:**

This agency enables women to continue pregnancy by offering testing, baby/maternity clothes and other items, as well as serving as a referral service.

**Contact: 554-0121**

### **Girl Scouts:**

Girls from ages 5 to 17 who live within the parish boundaries are eligible to join the Girl Scout Program. A major focus of Girl Scouts is community service, and the motivating force is a spiritual one. The program teaches the girls to be leaders in the community through involvement in fun activities. Numerous volunteer opportunities are available.

**Contact: Linda Stryker 558-9119 or Carri Underwood 933-5917**

### **Habitat for Humanity:**

Habitat for Humanity is a private, non-profit organization that provides housing for low-income individuals. Habitat depends on the community for financial and volunteer support in building and restoring homes for this purpose. **Contact: John Ducey 573-7348**

**Holy Family Clothing Drive:** This is a yearly request made to the parish to aid the poor.

**Pro-Life:**

Representatives of this group keep abreast of pertinent political issues and are active in coordinating participation in annual life chains.

**Contact: Carolyn Manhart 556-6192 or Mike Fecci 556-4728**

**Pro Sanctity:**

Pro-Sanctity is an organization founded to provide spiritual growth. The name Pro-Sanctity means "For Holiness." The organization's goal is to help people grow spiritually by merging social and spiritual activities. The Omaha Pro-sanctity group runs a girls' summer camp, and offers retreats, festivals of faith and scripture studies for children, teens, adults and seniors. The Apostolic Oblates are a group within the Pro-Sanctity. **Contact: 289-1938**

**OTOC (Omaha Together One Community):**

OTOC is a faith-based, interdenominational organization that responds to a variety of concerns that are important to families and persons throughout the city. Some of OTOC's issues include public safety, health/welfare reform, education, youth, urban growth, as well as specific neighborhood concerns. OTOC congregation members who volunteer their time accomplish researching issues, proposal development and civic dialogue. **Contact: Connie Kollasch 551-6516**

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

The St. Margaret Mary Vincentia's are a group that helps families in times of crisis to meet their basic needs such as groceries, clothing and utility bills. They work in conjunction with the St. Vincent dePaul shelter, store, and other local social agencies. Volunteers attend meetings and make home visits. **Contact: Bob Heenan 553-8536**

**Siena/Francis House:**

This shelter provides meals, clothing pantry supplies, medical care, and recovery programs to the homeless/disadvantaged in our community. **Contact: 341-1821**

**Stephen Center:**

The Stephen Center provides shelter in crisis situations, self-help programs, transitional housing, and free medical clinics to those who are needy. Volunteers may cook and serve meals, stay overnight or do clerical and reception work. **Contact: 731-0238**

**VIE (Volunteers Intervening for Equity):**

This is an independent, non-profit organization designed to help seniors in the Douglas, Dodge, Cass and Sarpy county areas. Most of their time is spent on unscrambling medical bills, insurance claims entitlement programs and Medicaid. Their services are free, the volunteers, retired seniors, bring a lifetime of experience, skills and knowledge to individuals in need.

## **Spiritual/Liturgical**

**Altar Servers:** Altar Servers participate in the Mass by assisting the celebrant.  
**Contact: Linda Stryker 558-9119**

**Choir:** The choir accompanies the music ministers. **Contact: Peg Lacy 558-2255**

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC):**

These are people who are trained to distribute communion at Mass, to the home bound, and to those in the hospital. **Contact: Fr. Greg Baxter 558-2255**

### **Greeters:**

Greeters provide a particular element of hospitality, which is necessary for any human celebration. The success of the celebration depends upon this element of hospitality. A primary qualification for Greeters is that they be interested in, care about, and are at ease with other people. Greeters make people feel welcomed and radiate their joy of Christ to others. All who gather at the table of the Lord do so as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We want to welcome them as such.

**Contact: Rev. Mr. Marty Smith 556-2255**

**Lectors:** Lectors participate in the Mass by reading the Scripture.

**Contact: Fr. Greg Baxter 558-2255**

### **Legion of Mary:**

The Legion of Mary is an apostolic organization whose goal is the glory of God through sanctification of its members who they serve. This is accomplished by regular prayer format and by doing two hours of apostolic work weekly. Works done at St. Margaret Mary include home-to-home calls and visiting the sick, elderly and shut-ins in hospitals, nursing homes and residences. Additional works embrace providing religious books and articles in the parish library, supporting the parish adoration program and maintaining a prayer line.

**Contact: Daphne Patil 551-2136**

### **Liturgy Committee/Arts & Environment:**

This committee plans and develops the themes, art, and environment for the seasons of the liturgical year. Its goal is to enhance the spiritual lives of the parish members. **Contact: Mary and Paul Stultz 551-6075**

**Music Ministers:** This group sings appropriate songs for the liturgy.

**Contact: Peg Lacy 558-2255**

### **Prayer Groups**

Various prayer groups within the parish meet in prayer and praise to increase personal growth in the Spirit.

### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

St. Margaret Mary church is open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days a week for people to sign up for one hour of adoration. We are always looking for people to join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. **Contact: Barb Baxter 556-6133**

### **MAV Catholics/Fellowship Of Catholic University Students (FOCUS):**

Hosted by St. Margaret Mary, the MAV Catholics and FOCUS. It is geared toward college students, though all are welcome.

**Contact: Adam Ybarra 898-3221**

### **Christian Mothers:**

Provides mothers of all ages an opportunity for fellowship, communal prayer and ongoing education. **Contact: Carol Lim 553-6274**

### **M.O.M.S.:**

Mothers sharing, growing and living out their vocations and spiritual journey as called by God in their roles as mothers and children of God.

**Contact: Melissa Schafer 502-5634**

### **Women's Prayer Group:**

Meetings: Mondays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., Suneg Center (Babysitting available.)

**Contact: Mary Ellen Lincoln 553-2389**

### **Evening Prayer & Benediction (Vespers)**

Vespers is the common prayer by people of God from ancient times. The church has had the custom of celebrating each day the liturgy of the hours. In this way the church fulfills the Lord's precept to pray without ceasing. It is offering praise and thanksgiving to God the Father. All parishioners are invited to celebrate the liturgy of the hours, to come together in unity of prayers, heart and voice.

**Contact: Daphne Patil 551-2136**

### **Ushers:**

Ushers serve during the Mass by assisting people in finding seats, handing out bulletins, and taking up the collections. **Contact: Rev. Mr. Marty Smith 556-2255**