St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church is a welcoming parish of disciples inviting all to grow in holiness through the reverent celebration of the Eucharist and Sacraments while reaching out to those in need and sharing our Catholic faith with all.

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## This Week on Formed

Week of November 01, 2026



**How to Advent | Episode 1**

Advent is only a few weeks away. Can you believe it? Join us over the next few weeks as we prepare for this season with "How to Advent."



**The Story of Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 1**

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.




**Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd**

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

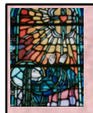
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## Women of St. Margaret Mary



**OUR MISSION**
Our women's group is a service organization created to support the mission of our parish and our pastor's initiatives, and to promote individual spiritual growth through prayers, reflection, and action.

**BECOME A MEMBER!**
Catholic women 18 years and older are invited to join. Our group gives women the opportunity to fully live their Catholic faith by sharing their gifts and talents with our parish, the community, and each other.
**Questions? Email: office@saintmmc.com**

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a global Catholic fraternal order founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney in 1882 to assist families upon the death of the main income earner. The organization has grown to become the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Knights support vocations, charitable outreach, professional insurance programs and more. Knights are dedicated to the principles of unity, charity, fraternity, and patriotism. Membership is open to practical Catholic men, aged 18 years or older. Learn more about the Knights of Columbus, by contacting Jesse Boeckermann at 605-376-4234 or email jessebach7@gmail.com.

## St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers to support our ministry. Most folks just need some help through a rough patch in their lives. If you can help us financially, SVdP poor boxes are in the church vestibule and in the overflow seating entrance. Donations may also be mailed to PO Box 4, Swannanoa, NC 28778 or given on the parish website saintmmc.com by choosing the fund St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you would like to make an honor or memorial gift, contact Terry at 919-522-9892 or email terry.f.foley@gmail.com or our website at Svdp-stmm.org

If you or someone you know is experiencing financial difficulties, please remember that SVdP is here to help. Call 828-582-7932 on Mondays 6am – noon, all calls are held in strictest confidence.

"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

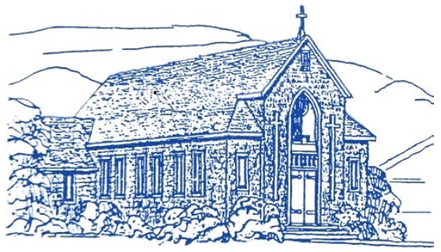
## Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte

Catholic Charities serves the poor and vulnerable regardless of race, ethnicity, or religion. We offer financial help, burial assistance, bilingual licensed clinical mental health counseling, elder ministry, immigration services, and a food pantry at our Asheville office.

We couldn't do what we do without our caring, dedicated volunteers and your generous donations.

**Donate at www.ccdoc.org/give**
Join our volunteer team by contacting Hilary Kalisch at HRKalisch@rcdoc.org.



# St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

*Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936*

November 1, 2026

## All Saints Day

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### Celebration of the Sacraments

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**
**Saturday:** 4:30pm
**Sunday:** 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)
**Daily Mass:** Monday - Thursday 8:45am
**Holy Days:** Check website

**CONFESSION**
Monday-Thursday 8am-8:30am
Saturday 3pm-4pm or by appointment

**BAPTISM**
Please contact the office to arrange preparation and to complete the required forms. Baptisms will be scheduled once all requirements are met.

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION**
Please email to register: stmmcfaith@gmail.com.

**MARRIAGE**
An appointment with the Pastor must be scheduled at least *six months* before the intended wedding date and to begin preparation.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
Please call the parish office during office hours to arrange anointing for parishioners of St. Margaret Mary. Anointing should take place immediately following diagnosis of any serious illness or before major surgery. **Please do not wait until death is imminent to receive this sacrament.**



*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. ..."*
*~ Matthew 5:1-3*

**OFFICE HOURS:**
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:15AM - 3:00PM
Closed Fridays, Holy Days and Holidays

**OFFICE:** 828-686-8833, press 2 for Front Desk
Por información en español oprima 9

**FAX:** 828-686-8832

**E-MAIL:** office@saintmmc.com

**SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES FOR THE DYING:**
For sacramental emergencies where there may be danger of death requiring a priest, call 828-686-8833 and press 0.

**WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC? Join O.C.I.A.**
OCIA is Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. We welcome those who desire to learn more about our Catholic faith, those who wish to become Catholic, and those who wish to return to the practice of their faith. For more information, please email Deacon Dan and Linda Hoffert at hofferts@bellsouth.net.

**CHOIR:** Email Claudia: cggraham@saintmmc.com.

**VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Call parish office.

**CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION:** Contact the Catholic Formation Team at: stmmcfaith@gmail.com.

## Mass Intentions

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| Sat | 10/31 | 4:30pm | ..... Jack Rogers |
| Sun | 11/01 | 8:30am | .....† Daniel Hale, Sr. & Bobby Hale |
| | | 11:00am | ..... Pro Populo |
| | | 1:00pm | ..... Msgr. Patrick Winslow |
| Mon | 11/02 | 8:45am | ..... † Retha Murphy |
| Tue | 11/03 | 8:45am | ..... Austin Rovinski |
| Wed | 11/04 | 8:45am | ..... † Robert Kachmarik |
| Thur | 11/05 | 8:45am | ..... John Kachmarik |
| Fri | 11/06 | 8:45am | ..... † Art & Claire Murphy |

## Please Pray For…

**Those who are sick or have special needs:**
Marian Bogdanowicz, Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Donna Collins, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Bernie Hyland, Allison Hoefling, Jim Lauer, Cecelia Meredith, Margaret Morrow, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Vivienne Joy, Vicki Wright, Sandy Yacovelli.

**All Serving in Our Military, Especially Our Parish Family Members:**
Captain Christian Kimball, son of Kristy Kimball.
Airman Jack Vess, son of Eric & Christine Vess.

## Scriptures for the Week

**MON Nov 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**
Wisdom 3: 1-9; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Romans 5: 5-11 or Romans 6: 3-9; Matthew 25: 34; John 6: 37-40

**TUE Nov 3 Martin De Porres, Religious**
Phil 2: 5-11; Ps 22: 26b-27, 28, 29-30, 31-32; Matt 11: 28; Luke 14: 15-24

**WED Nov 4 Charles Borromeo, Bishop**
Phil 2: 12-18; Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14; 1st Peter 4: 14; Lk 14: 25-33

**THUR Nov 5**
Phil 3: 3-8a; Ps 105: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matt 11: 28; Luke 15: 1-10

**FRI Nov 6**
Phil 3: 17 - 4: 1; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; 1st John 2: 5; Luke 16: 1-8

**SAT Nov 7**
Phil 4: 10-19; Ps 112: 1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9; 2nd Corinthians 8: 9; Luke 16: 9-15

**SUN Nov 8**
Wisdom 6: 12-16; Ps 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1st Thess 4: 13-18; Matthew 24: 42a, 44; Matthew 25: 1-13




**2026 DSA Collected: $19,609.00**
**2026 Goal: $31,948**
**% of Goal: 61%**

## Stewardship

**Offertory for Month & Fiscal Year to Date**

| OCT GOAL | OCT ACTUAL | % OF GOAL |
|---|---|---|
| $24,462 | $22,693 | 92.7% |

**Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 – Oct 28**

| GOAL | FYTD ACTUAL | % OF GOAL |
|---|---|---|
| $318,000 | $91,252 | 28.6% |

**Donate online at saintmmc.com or here**

*May God bless you for your financial stewardship!*

## Schedule for the Week

**Office open Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3:00pm**
The church is open for prayer during office hours.

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| **Mon Nov 2** | 8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass |
| | 9:15am Procession to the columbarium |
| **Tues Nov 3** | 8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass |
| **Wed Nov 4** | 8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass |
| | 9:15am Rosary (Español) |
| | 4pm Parish Council Mtg (PH) |
| | 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH) |
| | 6:45pm OCIA Mtg (Overflow) |
| **Thur Nov 5** | 8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass |
| | 9:15am Rosary (English) |
| **Fri Nov 6** | 8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass |
| | Church Closes 15 minutes after Mass |
| | Office Closed |
| **Sat Nov 7** | **Hospitality Saturday following Mass** |
| | 10am First Communion Retreat (PH) |
| | 3pm-4pm Confession |
| | 4:30pm Mass |
| **Sun Nov 8** | 8:30am Mass |
| | 9:40am KoC Rosary |
| | 11:00am Mass |
| | 1pm Mass (Español) |

**IMPORTANT DATES**
**Oct 31: No Hospitality; moved to Nov 7th**
**Nov 1: Hospitality Sunday**
**Nov 4:** 4pm Parish Council Mtg (PH)
6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)
**Nov 12:** 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
PH=Parish Hall

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**A special thank you to James & Kate Vrazel (Beautifullifefilms.com) for providing us with spectacular photos and videos of our Parish Picnic and Eucharistic Procession.**

# Bells of Hope Capital Campaign

**For questions about the building project or donations via IRA, RMD's or Stock, contact 828-747-7261.**

**Use this QR Code to donate online today**

We're very close to our original goal of $1.35 million in cash! We currently have **$1,295,723** in cash from paid pledges and one-time donations. We know our project, once construction begins, will take about 12 months. It is important for us to achieve 3 million in pledges before we break ground. Please consider a sacrificial pledge today!

**What Happens Next?**
- Town Hall Meetings in November
- Fr. Huber and Campaign Cabinet to reengage with the Diocesan Construction Office, Architect, and Contractor to complete design development and revaluate cost.
- Construction design drawings created
- Fundraising continues
- We need $3 million in pledges to begin. We have **$2,065,112** in current pledges.




**Catholic Relief Services**
**2nd Collection**
**This Weekend!**




Newly registered parishioners…

Welcome

Harold Aguilar Mejía
Jaffet & Judith Arteaga Gomez
Gail Atkinson
Lace Asbury & Katie Denning
Erik Francey & Lori Samiani
Joe McManus & Fran Neville
Alondra Rodriguez-Valdez



Got questions?
Parish concerns?
Ideas about the future?
Let's talk…

Join us for a St. Margaret Mary Parish Town Hall!

Now is your chance to get your questions answered and share your opinions!

November 9th at 1pm
November 10th at 6:30pm

RSVP Flocknote coming soon!

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# REUNIONES DEL AYUNTAMIENTO

**LUNES,**
**9 DE NOVIEMBRE**
**1:00 P.M.**

**MARTES,**
**10 DE NOVIEMBRE**
**6:30 P.M.**

## ¡Todos están invitados!

**Ahora es tu oportunidad de hacer tus preguntas y compartir tu opinión.**

**Conoce más sobre nuestra iglesia y el proyecto de expansión de la iglesia.**

**Inscripción a Flocknote**

*¡Disponible muy pronto!*




## The Significance of November...

The Catholic Church gives each month of the year aunique dedication, which are linked to special prayers, specific feast days, and other Catholic devotions, and are a beautiful way to focus our prayer time and grow in our faith.

November is dedicated to the holy souls who have departed from this life and are enduring a time of purification before entering Heaven.Sacred Scripture invites us to remember and pray for them:

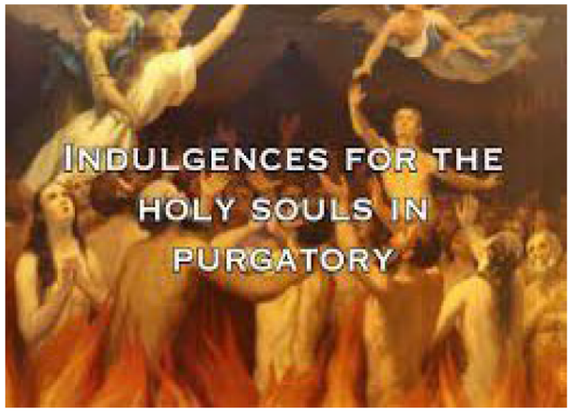
> "For if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin." ~ 2 Maccabees 12:44-46

This November, let us take time to *memento mori* and to pray for the holy souls in Purgatory in a special way. Through our prayers, may they enter Heaven soon and remember us in their prayers in return.

One simple way to pray for the holy souls in Purgatory is by reciting a short prayer each day during the month of November:

***"Eternal Rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."***






**The Church grants a special plenary indulgence for the souls in Purgatory.**

**When the Indulgences Are Available**
**November 1–8**: Each day, a **plenary indulgence** can be gained by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead, even mentally
**November 2 (All Souls' Day)**: A plenary indulgence is granted for visiting a church or oratory, reciting the *Our Father* and the Apostles' or Nicene Creed
**Partial indulgence**: Any day of the year, a partial indulgence for the souls in Purgatory is granted for a devout cemetery visit with prayer for the dead

**How to Gain the Plenary Indulgence**
You must meet **all four conditions** for each indulgence
**Sacramental Confession** – within 20 days before or after the indulgenced act.
**Eucharistic Communion** – within 20 days before or after; separate Communion for each plenary indulgence.
**Prayer for the Pope's intentions** – at least one *Our Father* and one *Hail Mary* (or other prayers) for the Pope's intentions; separate prayer for each indulgence.
**Perfect detachment from all sin** – even venial sin.

**La Iglesia concede una indulgencia plenaria especial por las almas del Purgatorio.**

**Cuándo se pueden obtener las indulgencias**
**Del 1 al 8 de noviembre:** Cada día, se puede obtener una indulgencia plenaria visitando devotamente un cementerio y rezando por los difuntos, incluso mentalmente.
**2 de noviembre** (Día de los Difuntos): Se concede una indulgencia plenaria por visitar una iglesia u oratorio, rezando el Padrenuestro y el Credo de los Apóstoles o el Credo Niceno.
**Indulgencia parcial:** Cualquier día del año, se concede una indulgencia parcial por las almas del Purgatorio por una visita devota a un cementerio con oración por los difuntos.

**Cómo obtener la indulgencia plenaria**
Debes cumplir las cuatro condiciones para cada indulgencia:
**Confesión sacramental:** dentro de los 20 días anteriores o posteriores al acto indulgenciado.
**Comunión eucarística**: dentro de los 20 días anteriores o posteriores; se requiere una comunión separada para cada indulgencia plenaria. Oración por las intenciones del Papa: al menos un Padrenuestro y un Ave María (u otras oraciones) por las intenciones del Papa; oración separada por cada indulgencia.

**Desapego perfecto de todo pecado**, incluso venial.

