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This Week on Formed

Week of November 22, 2026



Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



How to Advent | Episode 4

In this episode, we explore the incarnational meaning of the nativity set, traditions to follow within your own family, and how we're not only preparing for the birth of Christ that happened 2000 years ago – but the present reality that Christ will one day come again for us. Are you ready?

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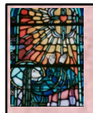
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Women of St. Margaret Mary



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

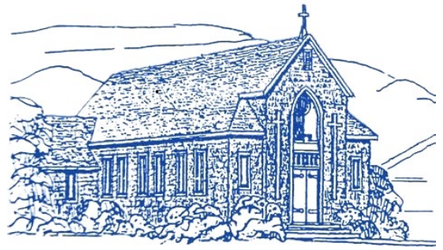
Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte

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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.**



Jesus said to his disciples; "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.
~ Matthew 25:31-39

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

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Por información en español oprima 9

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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

Sat	11/21	4:30pm	† John Clyne
Sun	11/22	8:30am	Pro Populo
		11:00am	Sally Shrock
		1:00pm	† Ezequel Castro
Mon	11/23	8:45am	No Mass
Tue	11/24	8:45am	No Mass
Wed	11/25	8:45am	No Mass
Thur	11/26	8:45am	No Mass
Fri	11/27	8:45am	No Mass

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 23 Clement I, Pope, Martyr
Rev 14: 1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24: 1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Matt 24: 42a, 44; Luke 21: 1-4

TUE Nov 24 Andrew Dung-lac, Priest, Martyr & Companions
Rev 14: 14-19; Ps 96: 10, 11-12, 13; Rev 2: 10c; Luke 21: 5-11

WED Nov 25 Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr
Rev 15: 1-4; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Rev 2: 10c; Luke 21: 12-19

THUR Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day
Revelation 18: 1-2, 21-23; 19: 1-3, 9a; Ps 100: 2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 21: 28; Luke 21: 20-28

FRI Nov 27
Rev 20: 1-4, 11-21: 2; Ps 84: 3, 4, 5-6a and 8a; Luke 21: 28; Luke 21: 29-33

SAT Nov 28 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rev 22: 1-7; Ps 95: 1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Luke 21: 36; Luke 21: 34-36

SUN Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7; Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1st Corinthians 1: 3-9; Ps 85: 8; Mark 13: 33-37



2026 DSA Collected: $19,634.00
2026 Goal: $31,948
% of Goal: 61%

Stewardship

Offertory for Month & Fiscal Year to Date

November Goal	Collected	% Of Goal
$30,577	$19,145	62.6%

July-Nov Goal	Collected	% of Goal
$134,541	$110,941	82.4%

Fiscal Year July 2026-June 2027 Goal - $318,000

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May God bless you for your financial stewardship!

Schedule for the Week

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

Mon	**Nov 23**	No Mass or Confession; Office Open
Tues	**Nov 24**	No Mass or Confession; Office Open
Wed	**Nov 25**	No Mass or Confession; Office Open 9:15am Rosary (Spanish)
Thur	**Nov 25**	**Thanksgiving Day** No Mass or Confession; Office Closed
Fri	**Nov 26**	Office Closed
Sat	**Nov 27**	11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood 3pm-4pm Confession 4:30pm Mass
Sun	**Nov 28**	**First Sunday of Advent** 8:30am Mass 11:00am Mass 1pm Mass (Español)





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Bells of Hope Capital Campaign

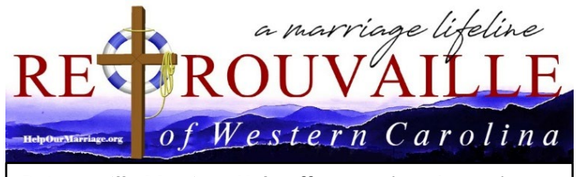
For questions about the building project or donations via IRA, RMD's or Stock, contact 828-747-7261.

Cash received - $1,318,259
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177 Donors

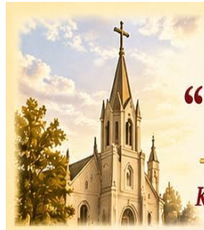
Altar Flowers



Sponsoring Altar Flowers is a beautiful way to remember a loved one or to honor a special birthday or anniversary! Call the office to sponsor flowers.



Retrouvaille Marriage Help offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/ crises. Inquire for yourself, a friend, or a relative.
For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program in Charlotte area on Jan 15-17, 2027 for couples, Email: bill-lyn@helpourmarriage.org or Call confidentially: 727-343-6701 Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.org



Town Hall "Top 10" Follow-Up

Keeping Our Parish Informed • Growing Together in Faith

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Town Hall! Your questions, thoughtful suggestions, and commitment to our parish are greatly appreciated.

Bells of Hope & Parish Finances

1. **What if we don't raise enough for the Bells Project?**
A: With architectural and diocesan guidance, we could scale back the design or consider using the funds to address years of deferred maintenance, repairs, and renovations.

2. **Where will we celebrate Mass during construction?**
A: We are exploring several possibilities. Further investigation will depend on the construction timeline and when our Nave will become unavailable.

3. **How can we address the recent dip in parish offertory?**
A: Offertory giving naturally ebbs and flows. The recent circumstances are understandable, including the lack of a consistent priest for four months. Our parish remains financially sound, with three months of operating funds, savings reserves, five endowments, and two new bequests.

4. **How are Finance Council and Bells of Hope Cabinet members selected?**
A: These appointments were made by previous pastors. We intend to implement diocesan guidelines regarding term limits.

5. **When will construction begin?**
A: We are working with the Diocese's Construction Team to establish our financial requirements. We currently have received 30% of our fundraising goal. Reaching 50% is a major milestone, after which there is no turning back. Once underway, construction is expected to take approximately 10–12 months. In the meantime, we continue to pray for 100% participation in Bells of Hope!

Parish Life & Worship

6. **When might we begin Vespers or Bible Study classes?**
A: Before adding new programs, we must ensure our existing ministries are being served well. Suggestions are always welcome.

7. **Could we offer Sunday Confessions?**
A: At this time, no. Sundays are an opportunity for me to connect with parishioners who are only able to attend on Sundays. Our new schedule provides additional Confession times.

8. **Could we have daily Mass at 8:30 a.m.?**
A: Possibly in the future! It is not something we can implement right now, but it is being considered down the road.

9. **Could we celebrate Mass on Saturday mornings?**
A. No. Priests cannot celebrate more than 2 Masses a day, except Sundays. A Saturday wedding or funeral adds a third Mass with the 4:30pm Vigil.

10. **Why don't we include the Sign of Peace during Mass?**
A. The sign of Peace is optional for priests. I have found that it becomes a distraction during the transition to the Communion Rite.

Thank you for being part of our parish family!
Your prayers, generosity, participation, and continued support make our parish stronger. We are grateful to walk this journey of faith together.

Please note: *This is a partial list. A more complete Town Hall recap will be available soon.*