

You will find that St. Margaret Mary is a parish where the fullness of the Truth of Jesus Christ is taught and lived, under the protection of our Patroness, St. Margaret Mary.

### St. Margaret Mary Councils

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Judy Clyne, Chair	4:30pm
Phyllis Benbow	4:30pm
Dan Little	8:30am
Tom Schoforf	8:30am
LeAnn Wilson	11:00am
Jesse Boeckermann	11:00am
Cesar Cueva	1:00pm
Salvador Figueroa	1:00pm

Contact your parish council member with topics you would like discussed at their next meeting on Jan. 16, 2025.

#### FINANCE COUNCIL

Doug Thigpen, Chair  
John Czarnecki  
Dennis Sadelson

Finance Council meets quarterly.  
Next meeting is Feb. 19, 2024.

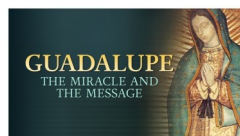
To contact any Council Member, please send an email to: [stmmc1936@gmail.com](mailto:stmmc1936@gmail.com).

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 08, 2024



Christmas Special | Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids  
Hosted by the Hopeful World, this beautiful retelling of the story of Jesus' birth will help kids understand the true meaning of Christmas. Viewers both young and old will be filled with hope as they recall God's promise fulfilled through our Savior's arrival.



Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message  
Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.



What Is The Immaculate Conception?  
What is the Immaculate Conception? Use this video to help teach kids about this great mystery of our faith.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

#### How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

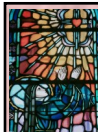
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever: Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup):



1. Select our Parish by name;
2. Register with your name and email address;
3. Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED;
4. Scan the QR Code to download the FORMED app.

It's free! Download books, watch great

### 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 LeAnn at [stmargaretmary1936@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretmary1936@gmail.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 Peter Graham at 828-989-2505 or email [wpgraham912@charter.net](mailto:wpgraham912@charter.net).



### St. Vincent de Paul Society



The St. Vincent de Paul Society helps families and neighbors in crisis with rent, utility bills, auto repairs and other essential needs.

Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers to support our ministry. If you would like to help us continue our mission of serving our neighbors, the 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 online through the parish website [saintmmc.com](http://saintmmc.com) by choosing the fund St. Vincent de Paul Society.

For more information or assistance with food, finances, etc., call 800-862-1633

"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 Asheville

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](http://www.ccdoc.org/give)  
Join our volunteer team by contacting Hilary Kalisch at [HRKalisch@rcdoc.org](mailto:HRKalisch@rcdoc.org).



# Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

December 8, 2024

## Second Sunday of Advent

**Most Rev. Michael T. Martin, Bishop**  
**Rev. Peter Ireorji, MSP,**  
**Parochial Administrator**

**Rev. Mr. Dan Hoffert, Deacon**  
**Rev. Mr. Ralph Eckoff, Deacon (Ret.)**

**Claudia G. Graham, Office Manager**  
**Jennifer Puzerewski, Admin. Assistant & Stewardship Coordinator**  
**Taylor D'Abbraccio, Youth Formation**  
**Karen Parsons, Organist**

102 Andrews Place  
Swannanoa, North Carolina 28778

Website: [www.saintmmc.com](http://www.saintmmc.com)

[www.facebook.com/stmargaretmaryswannanoa](http://www.facebook.com/stmargaretmaryswannanoa)

## Celebration of the Sacraments

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil (Anticipated Mass):** 4:30pm  
**Sunday:** 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:** 8:30am  
**Holy Days:** Check website  
**First Fridays:** Check website

#### CONFESSION

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00am  
Saturday: 3:30-4:00pm (check website for updates)

#### BAPTISM:

First Sunday of the month at 10am. Contact the office to obtain the necessary forms. Baptisms will be scheduled once forms are completed and returned to the office.

#### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Email: [stmmcfaith@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfaith@gmail.com).

**MARRIAGE:** An appointment with a priest or deacon must be scheduled at least *twelve months* before the intended wedding date.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If a Catholic is in danger of death needing the Anointing of the Sick call the office during regular hours (828-686-8833) and press 4; **after** hours, press 2. If there has been a terminal diagnosis, please call the office as soon as possible to schedule an anointing early in the illness.



A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

~ Luke 3:4-6

#### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00AM - 3:00PM  
Friday: Closed

**OFFICE:** 828-686-8833, press 4 for Front Desk  
Por información en español oprima 3

**FAX:** 828-686-8832

**E-MAIL:** [office@saintmmc.com](mailto:office@saintmmc.com)

**SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY (danger of death):**  
828-686-8833, after business hours press 2

**WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC? Join R.C.I.A.!** RCIA is Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. We welcome those who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith, who desire to become Catholic, or who have been away from the church and would like to return. If you want to know more, please email Deacon Dan and Linda Hoffert at [hofferts@bellsouth.net](mailto:hofferts@bellsouth.net).

**ADULT CHOIR/SCHOLA:** Call the office at 828-686-8833.

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

**CATHOLIC FORMATION:** Contact the Catholic Formation Team at: [stmmcfaith@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfaith@gmail.com).



# St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church - Diocese of Charlotte

## Mass Intentions

Sat	12/07	4:30pm	† Bill Blanchard
Sun	12/08	8:30am	† Kim Rovinski
		11:00am	Pro Populo
		1:00pm	Deceased Victims of Hurricane Helene
Mon	12/09	10:00am	† Ray Senopole
		6:00pm	Pro Populo
Tue	12/10	8:30am	† John White
Wed	12/11	8:30am	Pres. Elect Donald Trump
		7:00pm	† Jeanne Aimone
Thur	12/12	8:30am	† Claire & Art Murphy
Fri	12/13	8:30am	Deceased Victims of Hurricane Helene



Please Pray for...

### Those who are sick or have special needs:

Charles Anderson, Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Dana Breeding, Joseph Buttera, Donna Collins, Barry Cook, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Maureen Flannigan, Patricia Grace, Allison Hoefling, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Lane Lehman, Janet Linda, Meghan McGinnis, Cecelia Meredith, Lori Owensby, Lindsey & Jordan Owensby, Marilyn Rebholz, Rhonda Rivera, Dennis Sadelson, Roger Salten, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Betty Testa, Arlene Turner, Vickie Wright, Toddler Vivienne Joy, Sandy Yacovelli.

### Homebound or in Assisted Living:

Marian Bogdanowicz, Dorothy Kelly, and Margaret Morrow.

### Our Family Members Serving in the Military:

Chief Petty Officer Chris Balot, son of Randy Balot Staff Sgt. Jordan Owensby, grandson of Don & Linda Gurecky. David Woodward, serving in Afghanistan-friend of Samuel Medlin. SPC Alex Czarniecki, son of Maureen & John Czarniecki. First Lieutenant Christian Kimball, son of Kristy Kimball. Airman Jack Vess, son of Eric & Christine Vess.



## IMPORTANT DATES!

- Dec 9: Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Oblig.)**  
10am (English) & 6pm (Bilingual)
- Dec 15:** School At Nazareth Catechetical Meeting at 9:45am and 2:15pm in the Parish Hall
- Dec 15-23:** 7pm-8:30pm Posadas (PH)
- Dec 28:** 11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood

(PH = Parish Hall)

## Scriptures for the Week

**MON Dec 9 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Genesis 3: 9-15, 20; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12;  
Luke 1: 28; Luke 1: 26-38

**TUE Dec 10**  
Is 40: 1-11; Ps 96: 1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Matt 18: 12-14

**WED Dec 11 Damasus I, Pope**  
Isaiah 40: 25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Matthew 11: 28-30

**THUR Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Zechariah 2: 14-17 or Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13: 18bcde, 19; Luke 1: 26-38 or Luke 1: 39-47

**FRI Dec 13 Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**  
Isaiah 48: 17-19; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Matthew 11: 16-19

**SAT Dec 14 John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor**  
Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Luke 3: 4, 6; Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13

## Second Sunday of Advent



"Open to the Spirit, Mary, consecrated herself totally as lowly handmaid to the person and work of the Savior. She received Christ in order to share Him with all the world whose hope He is. In her, we recognize the model of the Church's faith and our own."  
St. Eugène de Mazenod

## NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

# MARCH FOR LIFE

CHARLOTTE, NC → WASHINGTON, DC

JANUARY 23-25, 2025

National Prayer Vigil Mass | Life Fest Rally & March for Life | Saturday Pilgrimage

Respectlife@rcdoc.org



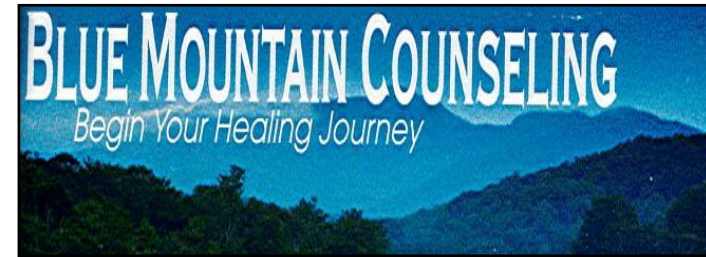
## Stewardship

### Stewardship Reflection

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We are in great need of Ushers, Lectors and Sacristans for all of our English Masses. Please call the office at 828-686-8833 if you would like to learn more about these liturgical ministries.



**Nancy Hartman, LC MHC** is offering free counseling services for those in need due to Hurricane Helene trauma starting in December on our campus. Virtual sessions are available upon request. Please contact Nancy for more information and scheduling at 828-403-8436. (The parish staff is unable to do any scheduling or answer any questions.)

**St. Margaret Mary Hurricane Relief**  
If you are in need of assistance, please call our Hurricane Relief hotline at 828-782-7719. We have a dedicated Volunteer on this phone line.

### December Wedding Anniversaries!

- Joe & Bea Madden ~ 51 yrs
- John & Marellen Struhar ~ 47 yrs
- Gerardo & Hermila Gonzales ~ 27 yrs
- Salvador & Julia Arzate-Castillo ~ 19 yrs

### Happy Anniversary!



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.  
**Retirement Fund for Religious**

### Help Aging Religious

Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities.  
**This second collection is this weekend!**



**Offertory for the Month of December**  
DEC. GOAL \$32,500 MONTH ACTUAL \$6,156 % OF GOAL 19%

**Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Dec 4**  
GOAL \$338,000 YTD ACTUAL \$126,747 % OF GOAL 37.4%

Donate online at [saintmmc.com](http://saintmmc.com) or here

May God bless you for your generosity.



## ONE Body in CHRIST

2024 DSA Collected: \$40,155  
2024 Goal: \$36,717; % of Goal: 109%  
108 Households Contributing



## Schedule for the Week

- Mon Dec 09 Immaculate Conception Holy Day (Holy Day of Obligation)**  
Office Closed  
10am Mass-Church closes 15 min. after Mass  
6pm Bilingual Mass
- Tues Dec 10** 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass  
9am-3pm Office & Church Open
- Wed Dec 11** 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass  
9am-3pm Office & Church Open  
6pm Rosary Procession
- Thur Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
5am Mananitas  
8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass  
9am-3pm Office & Church Open
- Fri Dec 13** 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass  
Office & Church Closed  
7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
- Sat Dec 14** 9:30am Women of St MMC Mtg (PH)  
3:30pm-4pm Confession  
4:30pm Mass
- Sun Dec 15 Second Sunday of Advent**  
8:30am Mass (Incense)  
9:45am School At Nazareth Family Mtg (PH)  
9:45am RCIA (St. Teresa Conf Rm.)  
11:00am Mass  
1pm Mass Español (Incense)  
2:15pm School At Nazareth Family Mtg (PH)

If you would like to donate to the Christmas Flower fund in memory or in honor of a loved one, envelopes are in the entrance of the church. Please drop the envelope in the offertory basket.