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 Schodorf 8:30am LeAnn Wilson 11:00am David Langdon 11:00am Cesar Cueva 1:00pm Salvador Figueroa 1:00pm

Contact any parish council member with topics you would like discussed at their next meeting.
Date: 8/20/25

FINANCE COUNCIL

Doug Thigpen, Chair

John Czarnecki Finance Council meets quarterly. Ernie Reynolds

To contact any Council Member, please send an email to: office@saintmmc.com.



This Week on Formed

Week of August 24, 2025



The Confessions of St. Augustine | Littlest

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.



Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said. 'the son of those tears surely will not perish.' Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.



The Confessions of Saint Augustine

Actor Leonardo Defilippis captures the poetry and passion of Saint Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430) in a performance that is accessible and deeply moving The play is astonishingly relevant for our own times. Augustine struggled with promiscuity, fathered a child out-of-wedlock and dabbled in a "new age" style out. Be inspired by his relentless pursuit of Truth and encouraged by the prayerful perseyenance of his fathful mother, Saint Monica.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit 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 <u>formed.org/signup</u>:

- 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!

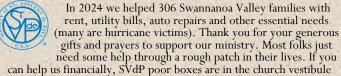
Catholic women 18 years and older are invited to join. Our group gives women the opportunity to fully live their Catholic faith by sharing their gifts and talents with our parish, the community, and each other.

Questions? Email LeAnn at stmargaretmary1936@gmail.com.

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 Society



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.

If you or someone you know is experiencing financial difficulties, please remember that SVdP is here to help. Call 800-862-1633 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 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 Join our volunteer team by contacting Hilary Kalisch at HRKalisch@rcdoc.org.



St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

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August 24, 2025

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father John Allen, Pastor Deacon Dan Hoffert Deacon Ralph Eckoff, (Ret.)

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

102 Andrews Place Swannanoa, North Carolina 28778 Website: www.saintmmc.com www.facebook.com/stmargaretmaryswannanoa

Celebration of the Sacraments

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil (Anticipated Mass): 4:30pm Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish) Monday - Thursday: 8:45am Holy Days: Check website

CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Confession will be available immediately after every daily Mass and on Saturdays after the 4:30pm Vigil Mass and Sundays after the 8:30am, and 11am Masses.

BAPTISM

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.

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 0; **after** hours, press 2. If there has been a terminal diagnosis or scheduled surgery, please see Father in the confessional after Mass or call the office.



Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.

Luke 12:24

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:15AM - 3:00PM Friday: Closed

OFFICE: 828-686-8833, press 0 for Front Desk

Por informatión en español oprima 9

FAX: 828-686-8832

E-MAIL: office@saintmmc.com

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY (danger of death):

828-686-8833, after business hours press 2

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 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.

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.

August 24, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat	08/23	4:30pm	† John Clyne
Sun	08/24	8:30am	† Bill Schodorf
		11:00am	Pro Populo
		1:00pm	Jose Luis Jimenez
Mon	08/25	8:45am	† Kyle Kuber
Tue	08/26	8:45am	† Tad Feutz
Wed	08/27	8:45am	Dianne Bazzell
Thur	08/28	8:45am	† Jason Cole
Fri	08/29		NO MASS



Please Pray for...

Those who are sick or have special needs:

Baby Arty Auvil, Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Kate Bogush, Dana Breeding, Joseph Buttera, Donna Collins, Barry Cook, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Maureen Flannigan, Patricia Grace, Baby Elizabeth Heimer, Bernie Hyland, Allison Hoefling, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Lane Lehman, Janet Linda, Meghan McGinnis, Cecelia Meredith, Lori Owensby, Lindsey & Jordan Owensby, Marilyn Rebholz, Rhonda Rivera, Linda Robinson, Roger Salten, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Betty Testa, Arlene Turner, Vickie Wright, Toddler Vivienne Joy, Sandy Yacovelli, Andy Zichy.

Homebound or in Assisted Living:

Marian Bogdanowicz, Dorothy Kelly, 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. Captain Christian Kimball, son of Kristy Kimball. Airman Jack Vess, son of Eric & Christine Vess.

IMPORTANT DATES!

Aug 28: 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)

Aug 30-31: Archdiocese for the Military Services 2nd Coll.

Sept 3: 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)

Sept 5-6: Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress

Sept 21: Parish Picnic!

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

We Need Your Help

School At Nazareth needs your help for the upcoming school year.

Opportunities to serve as small group leaders and translators are open to all parishioners 18 years and older.

> If you are interested in working with us, please contact Tayler D'Abbraccio at tcdabbracció@rcdoc.org.

There will be an informational meeting on September 7th at 12:15pm in the Parish Hall following the 11am Mass. This meeting will last about 30 minutes.

Scriptures for the Week

MON Aug 25 Louis of France; Joseph Calazanz

1st Thessalonians 1: 1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; John 10: 27; Matthew 23: 13-22

TUE Aug 26

1st Thess 2: I-8; Ps 139: 1-3, 4-6; Heb 4: 12; Matt 23: 23-26

WED Aug 27 Monica, Married Women1st Thess 2: 9-13; Ps 139: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; 1st John 2: 5;
Matt 23: 27-32

THUR Aug 28 Augustine, Bishop, Doctor

1st Thessalonians 3: 7-13; Ps 90: 3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Matthew 24: 42a, 44; Matthew 24: 42-51

FRI Aug 29 Martyrdom of John the Baptist

1st Thessalonians 4: 1-8; Ps 97: 1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Matthew 5: 10; Mark 6: 17-29

SAT Aug 301st Thess 4: 9-11; Ps 98: 1, 7-8, 9; John 13: 34; Matt 25: 14-30

SUN Aug 31 Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68: 4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24; Matthew 11: 29ab; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Schedule for the Week

Office hours Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3pm

The church is open for prayer during office hours.

Mon Aug 25 8:45am Mass

7pm Reunión del grupo masculine (PH)

Tues Aug 26 8:45am Mass

Wed Aug 27 8:45am Mass

Thur Aug 28 8:45am Mass

Rosary following Mass

11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)

Fri Aug 29 Church and Office Closed

Sat Aug 30 4:30pm Mass

Sun Aug 31 8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1pm Mass Español

"Devotion to the Heart of Jesus: St. Margaret Mary & the Promises of the Sacred Heart"



Join us Thursday, September 4th at 7pm for a talk on the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Dr. Tim O'Donnelly.

Following his talk, meet Dr. O'Donnell and enjoy light refreshments in the Parish Hall.

See the bulletin insert for Dr. O'Donnell's bio.

Seats are limited, sign-up today with Flocknote or call the office 828-686-8833!

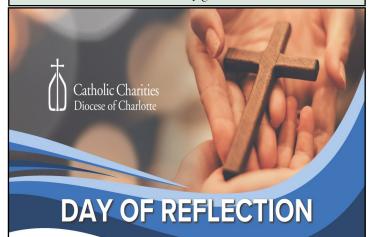
Stewardship

Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship
A way of living

August 24, 2025 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself - my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God - is as important as the monetary gift I offer.



"HOW TO GROW IN HOPE" WITH DEACON SCOTT GILFILLAN



1551 TRINITY LANE, HICKORY, NC Join us for a Day of Reflection with Catholic Charities Elder Ministry at the Catholic

Conference Center, featuring a presentation by Deacon Scott Gilfillan and a Prayer Service.

Morning refreshments and lunch will be served. The program is \$17, and space is limited.

Event Highlights

Check-In: 9:45 - 10:20 a.m. ◀

Welcome & Announcements: 10:20 – 10:30 a.m.

Program - "How to Cultivate Hope in the Present": ◀ 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ◀

Program – "5 Steps to Greater Hopefulness": 1:00 − 2:00 p.m.

Wrap-Up: 2:00 – 2:15 p.m. ◀

Prayer Service - 2:20 p.m. ◀

Registration Deadline: Monday, August 25. Contact Sandra Breakfield by phone or email.







Offertory for the Month and Year to Date

MONTH ACTUAL \$18.026

% OF GOAL

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Aug 20 GOAL \$312,000 YTD ACTUAL % OF GOAL

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here May God bless you for your financial stewardship!



DIOCESAN

Reflecting God's Light

2025 DSA Collected: \$28,218.62 2025 Goal: \$35,506.00 % of Goal: 79%



On August 31st, we have a collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), this collection is approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral

care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which

> To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.

to receive a weekly assessment.





SAVE THE DATE!

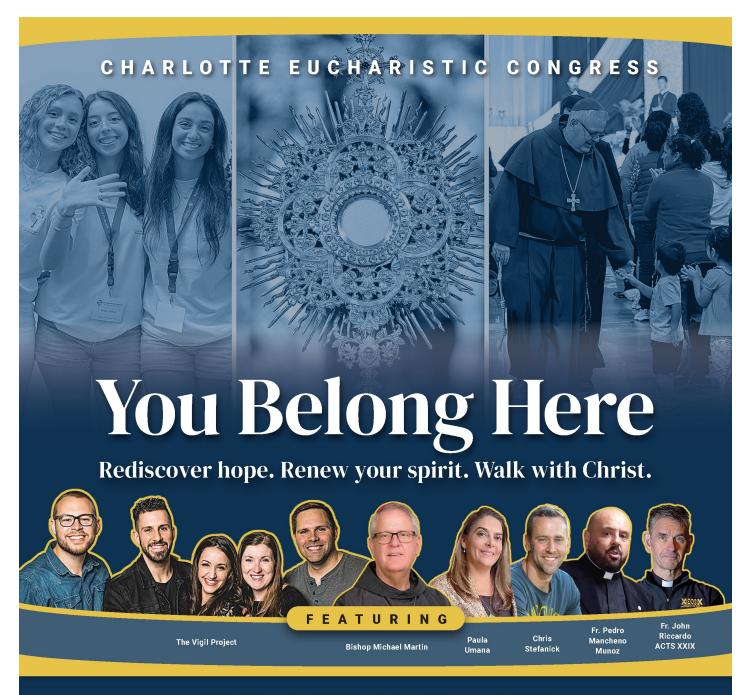
St. Margaret Mary's 89th Anniversary Parish Family Picnic!

Sunday, September 21st, 12:30pm-3:30pm cook-OFF!









FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2025



Free entry - Limited seating, flirst-come, first-served. Followed by a Young Adult Meet & Greet DOORS OPEN: 5 P.M. FRIDAY CONCERT: 7 P.M.



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"Devotion to the Heart of Jesus: St. Margaret Mary & the Promises of the Sacred Heart"





Thursday, **September 4th** at 7pm St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church 102 Andrews Place., Swannanoa

Seats are limited, sign-up today with Flocknote or call the office at 828-686-8833!

Dr. Timothy O'Donnell

Dr. Timothy O'Donnell is the President Emeritus of Christendom College. He received his early education at Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles, California, where he earned B.A. degrees in Philosophy and History and an M.A. in Church History. He later became the first layman to receive a doctorate in Ascetical and Mystical Theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome (Angelicum). Following his studies, he joined Christendom College as a professor in 1986, later becoming the college's third president in 1992 — a role he would hold until 2024.

Under his leadership, the college established two international study abroad opportunities in Rome and Ireland, expanded the campus with new buildings, including Christ the King Chapel, St. John the Evangelist Library, St. Louis the Crusader Gymnasium, St. Lawrence Commons, and several residence halls, and helped grow the college's endowment from \$200,000 to over \$28 million while adhering to its commitment of no government funding. Additionally, during his tenure, undergraduate student enrollment increased more than 3 ½ times from 144 to nearly 550. Further under his leadership, Christendom College merged with the Notre Dame Institute to form the Christendom College Graduate School of Theology, expanding its offerings to graduate-level theological and catechetical programs.

In 2002, Dr. O'Donnell was appointed a consultor to the Pontifical Council for the Family by Pope John Paul II. He is a Knight Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and is a member of many other organizations, including the Catholic Academy of Sciences and The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars. He is also on the Board of Advisors for the Institute on Religious Life, the Cardinal Newman Society, and the Institute of Catholic Culture. He received the Cardinal Newman Society Award for "Excellence in Catholic Higher Education," in addition to the 2012 Bowie Kuhn Special Award for Evangelization from Legatus.

Dr. O'Donnell is the author of Heart of the Redeemer, a theological investigation and spiritual guide to the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Swords Around the Cross, a historical investigation of a crucial period in the history of Catholic Ireland. He is a frequent lecturer for EWTN, producing numerous programs of theological and historical interest.

In 2025, Dr. O'Donnell was honored by Pope Leo XIV with the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, one of the highest honors the Holy See grants to clergy and laity, in recognition for his decades of distinguished service to the Catholic Church.

Dr. O'Donnell and his wife, Catherine, reside in Stephens City, Virginia.

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church Swannanoa, NC

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025



\$186,469 Operating Cash



\$107,400 Unrestricted Savings



Total Value



In July of 2001, our parish received a generous gift from the Mildred and Albert Vondenbosch Trust, and we are thankful to now have five endowments in place. Please keep the souls of Mildred and Albert and all those who have honored our parish with estate gifts in your prayers:

- ♦ Edith & George Hilbert
- Richard M. Isele
- ♦ The Francis Family
- Opris Edith Thibodeau
- ♦ Lillian "Dodie" Klein*

If you need information on estate gift planning, contact: Gina Rhodes gmrhodes@rcdoc.org 704-370-3364

(*Dodie Klein's gift was used to help purchase our rectory in 2020)

Fiscal Year Offertory Note:

Our offertory revenue suffered during the 24-25 Fiscal Year, especially in the wake of Hurricane Helene. Our offertory goal was \$338,000; we were short \$34,669. The Diocesan "Sister Parish" program has gifted us \$27,979.55 to assist in covering our operating expenses. We hope to receive additional funds from "Sister Parish" in the near future.

DSA & Priest Retirement Assessments

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL

Thanks to your generosity we are on track to attain the 2025 Diocesan Support Appeal goal. We have achieved 79% of goal with 76 households contributing. We are short \$7,287.38. Remember: the basis of the goal is our Offertory, not what we collect toward DSA. Your contributions to DSA help support our Seminarians and many other critical Diocesan initiatives.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT

Our parish exceeded our Priests Retirement goal for 2024! Thank you for your generosity! Every summer we receive our goal for the current year which is based on the previous calendar year's offertory. Our goal for 2025 is \$9,618. Priest's Retirement second collection is September 21, 2025. We'll have until December to achieve our goal. Thank you for supporting Priests Retirement!



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Operating Revenue	FY 2024-2025	
Offertory	\$303,331	
Other Donations	\$118,340	
Columbarium Fees	\$ 0	
Other Fees/Misc Income	\$51,650	
Religious Formation Fees	\$3,885	
Total Operating Revenue	\$477,205	
Operating Expenses	FY 2024-2025	
Ministry & Liturgy	\$108,920	
Religious Formation	\$10,779	
Charity/Outreach	\$28,333	
School Subsidy	\$1,800	
Facilities	\$61,423	
Diocesan Assessments	\$27,003	
Gen & Admin	\$100,709	
Total Operating Expenses	\$338,967	
2024-2025 Operating Budget	\$338,000	
Total Assets	\$2,082,694	
Liabilities	\$176,945	
Net Assets	\$1,905,749	

As of June 30, 2025 310 Registered Households 834 Members

Kindly notify the office if your contact information changes or you are no longer in the area.

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church Swannanoa, NC

Parish Statement of Financial Position June 2025					
Assets	End of Period	Beginning of Fiscal Year			
Checking Account Balances -Operating	284,256	126,353			
Checking Account Balances -Other	197,219	67,319			
Savings Accounts -Operating Reserves	107,400	103,453			
Savings Accounts-Restricted	45,015	42,931			
Endowment Accounts	426,912	348,239			
Receivables and other Current Assets	(58,186)	4,317			
Property, Plant and Equipment	1,151,499	1,138,070			
TOTAL ASSETS	2,082,694	1,830,653			

Parish Budget 2025-2026 Fiscal Year				
Revenue Budget	FY 2025-2026			
Offertory	312,000			
Other Donations	5,000			
Columbarium Fees	1,000			
Other Fees/Misc Income	23,700			
Religious Formation Fees	2,500			
Total Revenue Budget	344,200			
Expense Budget				
Ministry & Liturgy	124,342			
Religious Formation	15,350			
Charity/Outreach	7,000			
School Subsidy	1,800			
Facilities	73,400			
Diocesan Assessments	26,574			
Gen & Admin	95,734			
Total Expense Budget	344,200			

St. Margaret Mary Hurricane Relief Effort

Since September 27, 2024, we have received \$689,752 from donors all over the world. To date we have spent \$574,318 to assist families and businesses in need in our parish geography. We have collaborated with our St. Vincent de Paul Society and Catholic Charities, Asheville on extremely expensive restoration initiatives. Every dollar we receive will be utilized to those most affected by Helene until we deplete these resources. We are deeply thankful for the generosity of hundreds of donors and the work of our staff and volunteers over the last 10 months. May God continue to bless us and guide us in this holy work of restoration and renewal.



If you have any questions or are interested in additional information, contact Claudia Geraghty Graham, Office / Business Manager at 828-686-8833.

August 19, 2025 August 19, 2025