

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 October 26, 2025



Practicing Catholic Podcast

A weekly podcast for everyday holiness featuring real conversations and practical wisdom to arm you in the ordinary pursuit of sanctification.



All Saints Day

Join Brother Francis in this special episode as he explores the lives of the saints.



Who is St. Jude? | Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. James Prothro discuss this lesser-known apostle St. Jude.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

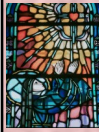
Registering for **FORMED** is easier than ever:
Go to formed.org/signup:



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.

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



In 2024 we helped 306 Swannanoa Valley families with rent, utility bills, auto repairs and other essential needs (many are hurricane victims). 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.

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.

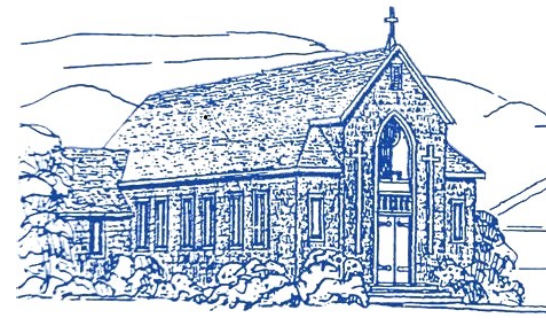
"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

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@rdoc.org.



St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

✦ Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936 ✦

October 26, 2025

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father John Allen, Pastor
Deacon Dan Hoffert
Deacon Ralph Eckoff, retired

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Pastoral Associate
Jennifer Puzerewski
Director of Ministries and Pastoral Associate
Tayler D'Abbraccio, Youth Formation
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Celebration of the Sacraments

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)

Monday - Thursday: 8:45am

Holy Days: Check website

CONFESSION

Confession is available immediately following each daily Mass and on Saturdays immediately following the 4:30pm Mass and Sundays immediately following the 8:30am, and 11am Masses.

BAPTISM

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

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Please email to register: stmmcfaith@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE

An appointment with the Pastor must be scheduled at least *twelve 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.** May also be requested during scheduled confession times.



But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

~ Luke 18: 13-14

OFFICE HOURS:

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

OFFICE: 828-686-8833, press 0 for Front Desk
Por información en español oprima 9

FAX: 828-686-8832

E-MAIL: office@saintmmc.com

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES FOR THE DYING: A family member of a St. Margaret Mary parishioner should call 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 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.

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

VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

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

October 26, 2025

Mass Intentions				
Sat	10/25	4:30pm	The Scott Family	
Sun	10/26	8:30am	Pro Populo	
		11:00am	† Ashley Hyland	
		1:00pm	Ruth Escobar & Digna Torres	
Mon	10/27	8:45am	† Elena Barrcera	
Tue	10/28	8:45am	† Kim Rovinski	
Wed	10/29	8:45am	Sharon Daniels	
Thur	10/30	8:45am	Maria Lucas Perez	



Please Pray for...

Those who are sick or have special needs:
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.

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 Linda Gurecky.
Captain Christian Kimball, son of Kristy Kimball.
Airman Jack Vess, son of Eric & Christine Vess.

Who is your favorite Saint?

Come to Mass dressed as your favorite saint on Nov. 1st or Nov. 2nd and you will be blessed with a very special goodie bag donated from a family at St. Matthews.

Ven a misa vestido como tu santo favorito el 1 o 2 de noviembre y serás bendecido con una bolsa de regalos muy especial donada por una familia de St. Matthews.



Scriptures for the Week	
MON Oct 27	Romans 8: 12-17; Ps 68: 2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Jn 17: 17b, 17a; Luke 13: 10-17
TUE Oct 28 Simon and Jude, Apostles	Ephesians 2: 19-22; Ps 19: 2-3, 4-5; Luke 6: 12-16
WED Oct 29	Romans 8: 26-30; Ps 13: 4-5, 6; 2 nd Thessalonians 2: 14; Luke 13: 22-30
THUR Oct 30	Romans 8: 31b-39; Ps 109: 21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Luke 19: 38; 2: 14; Luke 13: 31-35
FRI Oct 31	Romans 9: 1-5; Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; John 10: 27; Luke 14: 1-6
SAT Nov 01 All Saints Solemnity	Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps 24: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1st John 3: 1-3; Matthew 11: 28; Matthew 5: 1-12a
SUN Nov 02 All Souls Day	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

Schedule for the Week	
Office hours Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3pm The church is open for prayer during office hours.	
Mon Oct 27	8:45am Mass 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
Tues Oct 28	8:45am Mass
Wed Oct 29	8:45am Mass
Thur Oct 30	8:45am Mass Rosary following Mass
Fri Oct 31	Office Closed
Sat Nov 01	All Saints Day Hospitality Weekend 4:30pm Mass
Sun Nov 02	All Souls Day Hospitality Weekend 8:30am Mass 11:00am Mass 1pm Mass (Español)
* All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of obligation this year. All Souls Day will follow the regular schedule.	

IMPORTANT DATES!

November: Bring your All Souls envelopes to Mass
Nov 2: Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 8: 9:30am Women of St. MM Mtg (PH)
10am SAN First Communion Retreat
Nov 9: 9:30am Knights of Columbus Rosary

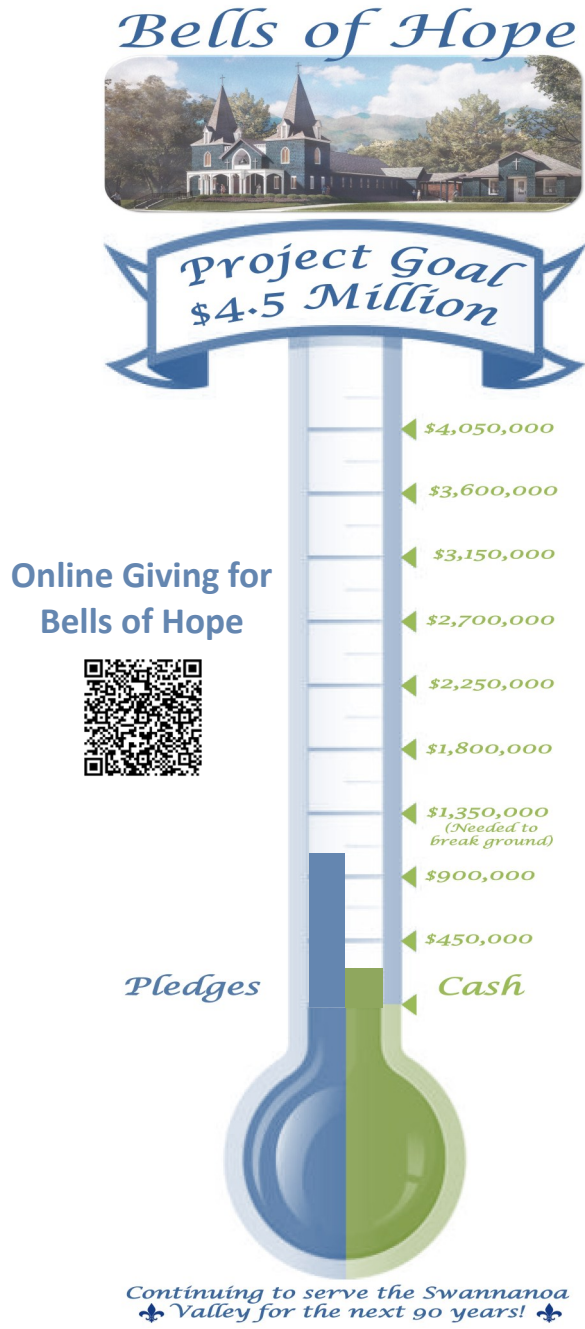
(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

- ### Our Plans

Our plans intend to:

 - ◆ Preserve the charm and appearance of our existing church
 - ◆ Improve safety by adding side aisles and an additional exit
 - ◆ Increase seating so all can worship together in the nave
 - ◆ Add a priest's sacristy and improve the working sacristy
 - ◆ Relocate the confessional to the back of the nave
 - ◆ Enlarge the narthex to allow for a public restroom and a Baptistry
 - ◆ Enhance seating access for the disabled
 - ◆ Add a choir loft accessible from the narthex
 - ◆ Enhance the church entrance with a portico and patio
 - ◆ Allow for future improvements to the plaza and grounds

For more information contact Bells of Hope at 828-747-7261



Stewardship		
		
Offertory for the Month and Year to Date		
OCT GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,000	\$17,659	73.6%
Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Oct 22		
GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$88,349	28.3%
World Mission Sunday - \$1,549		
Donate online at saintmmc.com or here		
<i>May God bless you for your financial stewardship!</i>		



Reflecting God's Light

2025 DSA Collected: \$30,023.62
2025 Goal: \$35,506.00
% of Goal: 85%





A Priest Forever

Priest Retirement 2nd Collection - \$4,007
Priest Retirement Goal - \$9,618



Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship *A way of living*
October 26, 2025
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Both the first reading and today's Psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts - of time or money or abilities - to be the means by which God answers their need?



Eucharistic Miracles

Of the World
Exhibition divided between the two weekends
Shown at St. Eugene Catholic Church

When

- October 25-26
- October 31-November 2

Hours:

- Friday: 10:00am-7:30pm
- Saturdays: 10:00am-7:30pm (Mass at 5:30pm)
- Sundays: After the 7:30am, 9:15am, and 11:30 Masses until 3:00pm

More Information

 72 Culvern St, Asheville, NC 28804 in the Social Hall

 church@eugene@steugene.org

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