

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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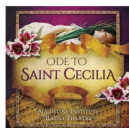
This Week on Formed

Week of November 16, 2025



What Catholics Believe About Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity

Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary. Who is Mary? Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How could she be a virgin if Jesus had brothers and sisters according to the Bible? Find out answers to these and more questions in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



Ode to Saint Cecilia

The lives of the saints are epic stories and particular expressions of God's grace in humanity. Celebrate St. Cecilia with this audio drama by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre.



St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Littlest Saints

A group of kids stages a play about St. Elizabeth of Hungary, focusing on her love for the poor and her devotion to serving others. The episode highlights her life, including the Miracle of the Roses, where her hidden acts of charity are revealed.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

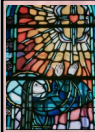
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:
Go to formed.org/signup:



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: 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 ✦

November 16, 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Claudia G. Graham
Chief Financial & Operating Officer and
Pastoral Associate
Jennifer Puzerewski
Director of Ministries and Pastoral Associate
Tayler D'Abbraccio, Youth Formation
Karen Parsons, Organist

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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: stmmcfait@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.



"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

~ Luke 21:17-19

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: stmmcfait@gmail.com.

November 16, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat	11/15	4:30pm	† Charlye Christie
Sun	11/16	8:30am	 Henry Puzerewski
		11:00am	 Pro Populo
		1:00pm	 † Elena Barrera
Mon	11/17	8:45am	 Annunciation Parish in MN
Tue	11/18	8:45am	 Earlene Marano
Wed	11/19	8:45am	 Judy Watmough
Thur	11/20	8:45am	 † Cullen Ferguson
Fri	11/21	8:45am	No Mass

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.



Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:45am



Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries
Food for Families

The Knights of Columbus is conducting a ‘Food for Families’ non-perishable food drive to the benefit of the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries Black Mountain food pantry.

Start: Saturday, November 15th
End: Sunday November 23rd

Bring non-perishable, in-date food and place in the marked barrel on the front porch of the office building.
(Please do not put any food in church entrance.)
Financial donations accepted: Checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 13016 with “KofC FFF Drive” may be placed in offertory basket or brought to parish office. Thank you for supporting the food needs of our community!

Scriptures for the Week

MON Nov 17 Elizabeth of Hungary, Married Women, Rel 1 st Mac 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119: 53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; John 8: 12; Luke 18: 35-43
TUE Nov 18 Dedication of the Churches of Peter & Paul 2 nd Mac 6: 18-31; Ps 3: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 1 st Jn 4: 10b; Lk 19: 1-10
WED Nov 19 2 nd Mac 7: 1, 20-31; Ps 17: 1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; John 15: 16; Luke 19: 11-28
THUR Nov 20 1 st Mac 2: 15-29; Ps 50: 1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Ps 95:8; Lk 19: 41-44
FRI Nov 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1 st Mac 4: 36-37, 52-59; 1 st Chron 29: 10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; John 10: 27; Luke 19: 45-48
SAT Nov 22 Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr 1 st Mac 6: 1-13; Ps 9: 2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; 2 nd Tim 1: 10; Luke 20: 27-40
SUN Nov 23 Christ the King Solemnity 2 nd Samuel 5: 1-3; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Colos 1: 12-20; Mark 11: 9, 10; Luke 23: 35-43

Schedule for the Week

Office hours Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3pm The church is open for prayer during office hours.		
Mon Nov 17	8:45am Mass	7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
Tues Nov 18	8:45am Mass	
Wed Nov 19	8:45am Mass	
Thur Nov 20	8:45am Mass	Rosary following Mass 5pm Parish Council Mtg (PH)
Fri Nov 21	Office Closed	
Sat Nov 22	11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood	4:30pm Mass
Sun Nov 23	8:30am Mass	9:30am OCIA Mtg (PH) 11:00am Mass 12pm SAN Catechetical Mtg (PH) 1pm Mass (Español)

IMPORTANT DATES!

Nov 19: 5pm Parish Council Mtg (PH)

Nov 22: 11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood

Nov 23: 12pm School At Nazareth Mtg (PH)

Dec 8: Holy Day of Obligation-Immaculate Conception

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

Bells of Hope



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

