

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 January 04, 2026



God's Doorkeeper

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



The Three Wise Men

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.



Epiphany

Have you ever wondered what the Epiphany is? In this engaging episode of the True Meaning of Christmas, join Dr. Michael Barber to find out what the Epiphany is.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

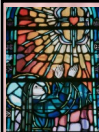
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:
Go to formed.org/signup:

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 movies, podcasts, and more!



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



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 ✦

January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

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Pastoral Associate
Jennifer Puzerewski
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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.



And on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ~ Matthew 2:11

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.

January 4, 2026

Mass Intentions				
Sat	01/03	4:30pm	.....	† Bill & Mary Hayes
Sun	01/04	8:30am	.....	Pro Populo
		11:00am	.....	† Jane Ensor
		1:00pm	.....	† Marsiano Galdamez
Mon	01/05	8:45am	.....	Souls in Purgatory
Tue	01/06	8:45am	.....	Anastasia Mayeux
Wed	01/07	8:45am	.....	† Bertha Riegger
Thur	01/08	8:45am	.....	† Ruben Guilatco
Fri	01/09		.....	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.



26th Carolina Men's Emmaus

ATTENTION MEN!!! Are you looking for a chance to learn more about yourself, your faith and your role in today's society?

Come spend the weekend, **Feb 27th to Mar 1st, 2026** with other men, just like you, and have an authentic, intentional, life changing weekend.


See any of the men in an Emmaus shirt, contact **Steve Corson at (864) 982-1640**, visit www.emmausofthecarolinas.org



Scriptures for the Week	
MON Jan 05 John Neumann, Bishop 1 st Jn 3: 22 - 4: 6; Ps 2: 7bc-8, 10-11; Matthew 4: 23; Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25	
TUE Jan 06 Andre Bessett, Religious 1 st John 4: 7-10; Ps 72: 1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Luke 4: 18; Mark 6: 34-44	
WED Jan 07 Raymond of Peñafort, Priest 1 st Jn 4: 11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; 1 st Tim 3: 16; Mk 6: 45-52	
THUR Jan 08 1 st John 4: 19 - 5: 4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Luke 4: 18; Luke 4: 14-22	
FRI Jan 09 1 st John 5: 5-13; Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Matthew 4: 23; Luke 5: 12-16	
SAT Jan 10 1 st John 5: 14-21; Ps 149: 1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b; Matt 4: 16; John 3: 22-30	
SUN Jan 11 Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Ps 29: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10; Acts 10: 34-38; Mark 9: 7	

Schedule for the Week	
Office open Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3:00pm The church is open for prayer during office hours.	
Mon Jan 05	8:45am Mass 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
Tues Jan 06	8:45am Mass
Wed Jan 07	8:45am Mass 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)
Thur Jan 08	8:45am Mass 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Fri Jan 09	Church and Office Closed
Sat Jan 10	9:30am Women of StMMC Mtg (PH) 4:30pm Mass
Sun Jan 11	The Baptism of the Lord 8:30am Mass 9:30am KoC Rosary (CH) 9:30am OICA Mtg (PH) 11:00am Mass 1pm Mass (Español)

IMPORTANT DATES!	
Jan 7:	6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)
Jan 8:	11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Jan 10:	9:30am Women of St. Margaret Mary Mtg (PH)
Jan 11:	9:30am OCIA (PH)
(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)	



Bells of Hope




UPDATE:
Our campaign is going extremely well. Thus far we have received:

- ♦ \$1,757,218 in pledges
3 pledges \$200,000 or over
6 pledges \$50,000 or over
5 pledges \$10,000 or over
14 pledges \$5,000 or over
- ♦ \$ 496,162 in the bank
- ♦ 88 families are participating: 53 parishioners and 35 non-parishioners.


The “Bells of Hope” Capital Campaign is our opportunity to ensure that our bells continue to ring for generations to come. You can play a role in making St. Margaret Mary fit for the future. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial pledge over three years or a significant one-time gift to make an impact that will live on long after we are gone.

Saint Margaret Mary Parish has begun her 90th year in the Swannanoa Valley. It is time to position our parish for the next 90 years. The Bells of Hope capital campaign will do exactly that.

If you have any questions, big or small, please call Anne at our Bells of Hope help desk: 828-747-7261.
Use the QR code to donate or to make a pledge:



Online Giving for Bells of Hope



We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed financially and materially to the St. Margaret Mary Hurricane Relief effort. The response was overwhelming during these past 15 months. We were able to substantially assist over 50 families and several local businesses due to donations from parishes and individuals from all over the world.

As of December 29th we closed our Hurricane Relief fund and referring those in need to Catholic Charities Asheville or other local agencies for hurricane-related needs. Also, our St. Vincent de Paul Society continues their incredible outreach within our geography.

In October we launched our Bells of Hope Capital Campaign which was in the works months prior to Helene. Our focus now is to undertake long-anticipated improvements to the church while maintaining our country gothic charm and ambiance.

May God continue to bless you and yours and St. Margaret Mary parish as we strive to do His work in the Swannanoa Valley for generations to come.

Stewardship

Offertory for the Month and Year to Date

DEC GOAL

\$24,000

MONTH ACTUAL

\$30,306

% OF GOAL

126%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Dec 31

GOAL

\$312,000

YTD ACTUAL

\$153,846

% OF GOAL

49.3%

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here

*May God bless you for
your financial stewardship!*



Reflecting God's Light


2025 DSA Collected: \$33,339.31
2025 Goal: \$35,506.00
% of Goal: 94%





A Priest Forever

Priest Retirement Collected - \$5,983
Priest Retirement Goal - \$9,618



Stewardship Reflection

January 4, 2026
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Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring - our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do - are equally precious in His sight.



Need a Mass Intention?
Need a Quinceanera Blessing?
Need any kind of Blessing?
Need Anointing?

If you are in need of any kind of Blessing or Prayer, contact the office at 828-686-8833.

The sacristy is a place for the servers and Fr. Allen to prepare for Mass. Please refrain from going to the sacristy for these types of requests.

¿Necesita una intención para la Misa?
¿Necesita una bendición para su quinceañera?
¿Necesita algún tipo de bendición?
¿Necesita la Unción de los Enfermos?

Si necesita algún tipo de bendición u oración, comuníquese con la oficina al 828-686-8833.

La sacristía es un lugar donde los monaguillos y el Padre Allen se preparan para la Misa. Por favor, no acuda a la sacristía para este tipo de solicitudes.

