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This Week on Formed

Week of February 08, 2026



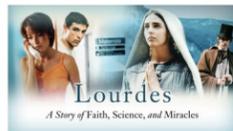
Sts. Benedict and Scholastica

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.



Beloved

Beloved uncovers the mystery and the meaning of the sacrament of marriage. What if marriage is more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage? Beloved invites all couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do" ... whether you said it last year or many years ago.



Lourdes: Story of Faith, Science, and Miracles

The film follows a journalist, his ancestor who met Bernadette at Lourdes, and the story of a woman healed by Lourdes' waters, tracing three lives.

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 ✦

February 8, 2026

Fifth 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: stmmcfath@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.



"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."
~ Matthew 5:16

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: stmmcfath@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions				
Sat	02/07	4:30pm	.....	† Joey E. Blanchard
Sun	02/08	8:30am	.....	† Jim Adams
		11:00am	.....	† Judith Hull Wright
		1:00pm	.....	Pro Populo
Mon	02/09	8:45am	.....	Patrick Curtin
Tue	02/10	8:45am	.....	† Peg Russ
Wed	02/11	8:45am	.....	† George & Edith Hilbert
Thur	02/12	8:45am	.....	Celebrant's Intentions
Fri	02/13		.....	No Mass

 **Please Pray for...**

Those who are sick or have special needs:
 Marian Bogdanowicz, Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Donna Collins, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Bernie Hyland, Allison Hoefling, Dorothy Kelly, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Cecelia Meredith, Margaret Morrow Marilyn Rebholz, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Vivienne Joy, Vicki Wright, Sandy Yacovelli.

Our Family Members Serving in the Military:
Captain Christian Kimball, son of Kristy Kimball.
Airman Jack Vess, son of Eric & Christine Vess.

 **VESPERS AND SOUP**
 Vespers and Soup is a cherished tradition at STMM that brings together parishioners for prayer & fellowship. Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be prayed in the church followed by soup and bread in the Parish Hall.
Join us on Tuesdays
February 24th - March 24th
6pm – 7pm.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

 **STATIONS of the CROSS**
 We are inviting all kids ages 8-16 to participate in the **Bi-lingual Living Stations of the Cross.** Join us February 19th, 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Hall for the first practice. For more information please contact Lorena Valdez at 828-551-7123

Scriptures for the Week

MON Feb 9
 First Kings 8: 1-7, 9-13; Ps 132: 6-7, 8-10; Matthew 4: 23; Mark 6: 53-56

TUE Feb 10 Scholastica, Virgin, Religious
 1st Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30; Ps 84: 3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Ps 119: 36, 29b; Mark 7: 1-13

WED Feb 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
 1st Kings 10: 1-10; Ps 37: 5-6, 30-31, 39-40; John 17: 17b, 17a; Mark 7: 14-23

THUR Feb 12
 1st Kings 11: 4-13; Ps 106: 3-4, 35-36, 37 & 40; James 1: 21bc; Mark 7: 24-30

FRI Feb 13
 1st Kings 11: 29-32; 12: 19; Ps 81: 10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Acts 16: 14b; Mark 7: 31-37

SAT Feb 14 Cyril & Methodius, Bishops
 1st Kings 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34; Ps 106: 6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Matthew 4: 4b; Mark 8: 1-10

SUN Feb 15
 Sirach 15: 15-20; Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1st Cor 2: 6-10; Matthew 11: 25; Matthew 5: 17-37

Schedule for the Week

Office open Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3:00pm
 The church is open for prayer during office hours.

Mon Feb 9 8:45am Mass
Tues Feb 10 8:45am Mass
Wed Feb 11 8:45am Mass
Thur Feb 12 8:45am Mass; Rosary following Mass
 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)

Fri Feb 13 Church and Office Closed
Sat Feb 14 9:30am Women of StMM Mtg (PH)
 4:30pm Mass
Sun Feb 15 8:30am Mass
 11:00am Mass; Rite of Sending
 12pm OCIA Mtg (PH)
 1pm Mass (Español)

IMPORTANT DATES!

Feb 18: Ash Wednesday
 Distribution of Ashes: 7:30am & 6pm
 Mass: 8:45am

Feb 16: Presidents Day Holiday
 8:45am Mass; Office Closed

Feb 19: 6:30pm Living Stations of the Cross Practice (PH)
Feb 20: 5:30pm Stations of the Cross-English (CH)
 6:30pm Stations of the Cross-Spanish (CH)
 (PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

 **February Wedding Anniversaries:** 

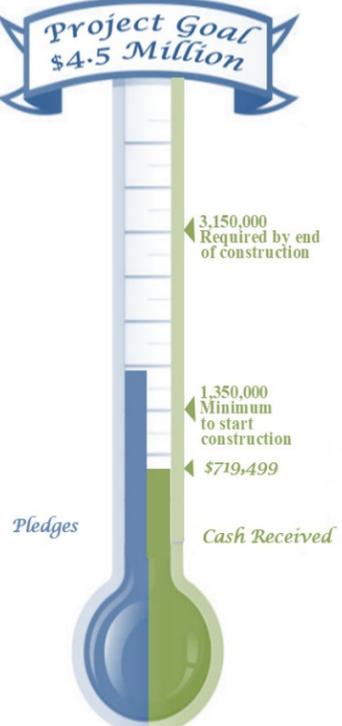
William & Betty Harvey ~ 57
 David & Mary Lastinger ~ 36
 Eric & Christine Vess ~ 30
 Victor & Alma Evangelio-Cruz ~ 19

Happy Anniversary!

Bells of Hope



Project Goal \$4.5 Million



Thank you to everyone who has pledged to our Bells of Hope campaign. We have made progress toward our groundbreaking goal and need your ongoing generosity to fulfill our construction commitments and meet the future financial needs of our church.

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

Online Giving for Bells of Hope



Continuing to serve the Swannanoa Valley for the next 90 years!

Stewardship

Offertory for the Month and Year to Date

FEB GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,000	\$1,465	.06%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Feb 4

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$181,186	58%

National Mission Collection—\$978.56

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here 

May God bless you for your financial stewardship!

 Our parish thanks Salvador Figueroa for decades of service on our Parish Council. Salvador has resigned and Maria Borges has been appointed to complete his unexpired term.

Nuestra parroquia agradece a Salvador Figueroa por sus décadas de servicio en nuestro Consejo Parroquial. Salvador ha renunciado y María Borges ha sido nombrada para completar su mandato restante.

 **Knights of Columbus Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** February 8th, after the 8:30am & 11am Masses
 Donations are appreciated to help support the Knight's charitable outreach. 

Father Allen's Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

