

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 August 09, 2026



Triumph of the Heart

In the harrowing confines of Auschwitz's starvation cell, Catholic priest St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteers to die in place of another prisoner, joining nine others condemned by the Nazis.



The New Eve | LECTIO: Mary | Episode 1

The Book of Genesis begins with the story of Adam and Eve, whose sin of disobedience breaks their relationship with God. God does not abandon his people, but gradually prepares them for the coming of his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus, the promised "seed" of Genesis 3:15 is the "New Adam," and his mother, the promised "woman," is the "New Eve."



Clare and Francis

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

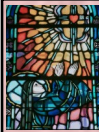
Registering for **FORMED** is easier than ever:
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1. Select our Parish by name;
2. Register with your name and email address;
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It's free! Download books, watch great movies, podcasts, and more!



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: office@saintmmc.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 828-582-7932 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 ✦

August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
~ Matthew 14:30-31

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:
For sacramental emergencies where there may be danger of death requiring a priest, call 828-686-8833 and 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.

CHOIR: Email Claudia: cggraham@saintmmc.com.

VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

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

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Celebration of the Sacraments

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30pm

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

Daily Mass: Monday - Thursday 8:45am

Holy Days: Check website

CONFESSION

Monday-Thursday 8am-8:30am
Saturday 3pm-4pm or by appointment

BAPTISM

Please contact the office to arrange preparation and to complete the required forms. Baptisms will be scheduled once all 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.**

August 9, 2026

Mass Intentions					
Sat	08/08	4:30pm		Christina DeSousa	
Sun	08/09	8:30am		The Green Family	
		11:00am		Pro Populo	
		1:00pm		† Leticia Romea-Patuasi	
Mon	08/10	8:45am		Rachel's Vineyard Retreats	
Tue	08/11	8:45am		Joanna Lynn	
Wed	08/12	8:45am		Bob Kirkman	
Thur	08/13	8:45am		† Jennie Balukiewicz	
Fri	08/14	8:45am		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, Jim Lauer, Cecelia Meredith, Margaret Morrow. Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Vivienne Joy, Vicki Wright, Sandy Yacovelli.

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

Attention Families...



SAINTS

School At Nazareth...

"Forming Future Saints"

Enrollment Coming Soon!

Enrollment for our Catholic Youth Formation program, School At Nazareth, is the weekend of **August 15 & 16, immediately following each Mass** in the Parish Hall. Family enrollment includes children ages 5 and above.
Enrollment fee is \$35 per family.

SAN classes begin on Sunday, September 27th at noon in the Parish Hall.
If you have questions please email **Kristina at stmmcfaith@gmail.com** .

Scriptures for the Week	
MON Aug 10 Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr 2 nd Corinthians 9: 6-10; Ps 112: 1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; John 8: 12bc; John 12: 24-26	
TUE Aug 11 Clare, Virgin, Religious Founder Ezekiel 2: 8 - 3: 4; Ps 119: 14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Matthew 11: 29; Matthew 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14	
WED Aug 12 Jane Frances De Chantal, Married Woman Ezekiel 9: 1-7; 10: 18-22; Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 2 nd Corinthians 5: 19; Matthew 18: 15-20	
THUR Aug 13 Pontian, Pope, Martyr Ezekiel 12: 1-12; Ps 78: 56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Ps 119: 135; Matthew 18: 21 - 19: 1	
FRI Aug 14 Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr Ezekiel 16: 1-15, 60, 63 or 16: 59-63; Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 1 st Thessalonians 2: 13; Matthew 19: 3-12	
SAT Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45: 10, 11, 12, 16; 1 st Corinthians 15: 20-27; Luke 1: 39-56	
SUN Aug 16 Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7; Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8; Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32; Matthew 4: 23; Matthew 15: 21-28	

Schedule for the Week	
Office open Monday - Thursday 9:15am-3:00pm The church is open for prayer during office hours.	
Mon Aug 10	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass
Tues Aug 11	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass
Wed Aug 12	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass Rosary following Mass (Español)
Thur Aug 13	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass Rosary following Mass (English) 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Fri Aug 14	Office & Church Closed
Sat Aug 15	8:45am Mass-Feast of the Assumption (Does not fulfill your Sunday obligation) Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year 3:00pm-4pm Confession 4:30pm Mass (Anticipated)
Sun Aug 16	8:30am Mass 11:00am Mass 1pm Mass (Español)
School At Nazareth enrollment 8/15 & 8/16!	



Condolences...

To the family of parishioner,
Donald Kuffel, husband of Priscilla.
Don died on July 30th.
May Don rest in peace.

Bells of Hope Capital Campaign



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

- \$2,024,719 in pledges
 - 1 pledge \$500,000 or over
 - 2 pledges \$200,000 or over
 - 7 pledges \$50,000 or over
 - 12 pledges \$10,000 or over
 - 21 pledges \$5,000 or over
- Many generous one-time donations
- Many stock gifts and RMD gifts
- \$1,104,573 in the bank
- 154 Donors

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.

October 11, 2026 marks the 90th Anniversary of the dedication of St. Margaret Mary Parish. It is time to position our parish for the future. The Bells of Hope Capital Campaign will do exactly that.

If you have any questions, please call our Bells of Hope help desk: 828-747-7261.



Use this QR Code to donate today

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School At Nazareth...

"Forming Future Saints"

Share your time and talents with our **School At Nazareth (SAN)** Team.

Our Catholic Youth Formation program, **SAN**, needs help with the upcoming school year. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Kristina at stmmcfaith@gmail.com

Stewardship



Offertory for Month & Fiscal Year to Date

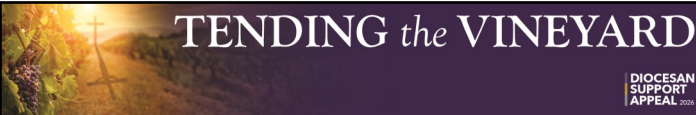
AUG GOAL	AUG ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$30,577	\$6,038	19.7%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Aug 4

GOAL	FYTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$318,000	\$27,849	8.75%

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here 

May God bless you for your financial stewardship!



TENDING the VINEYARD

2026 DSA Collected: **\$17,729.00**
2026 Goal: **\$31,948**
% of Goal: **55%**



Altar Flowers



Sponsoring Altar Flowers is a beautiful way to remember a loved one or to honor a special birthday or anniversary! Call the office to sponsor flowers.

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