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This Week on Formed

Week of August 23, 2026



The Confessions of St. Augustine | Littlest Saints

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.



Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.



Restless Heart

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

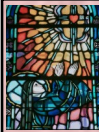
Registering for **FORMED** is easier than ever:
Go to formed.org/signup:

1. Select our Parish by name;
2. Register with your name and email address;
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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: 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 23, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Aaron Z. Huber
Parochial Administrator
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Deacon Ralph Eckoff, retired

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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: stmmcfaiht@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.**



Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."
~ Matthew 16:17-18

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: stmmcfaiht@gmail.com.

August 23, 2026

Mass Intentions				
Sat	08/22	8:45am	† Don Kuffel	
		4:30pm	Pro Populo	
Sun	08/23	8:30am	† Nancy Kachmarik	
		11:00am	† Nguyen Tia Lieu	
		1:00pm	† Eugenia Portillo Bonifacio Argueta	
Mon	08/24	8:45am	† Patricia Bastow-Overton	
Tue	08/25	8:45am	Brian Duffy	
Wed	08/26	8:45am	† Angelo Boscarino	
Thur	08/27	8:45am	† Richard Isele	
Fri	08/28		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, 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.

Support Belmont Abbey College & Catholic University of America

SPECIAL COLLECTION: AUGUST 29-30



Give at the weekend Masses or give online





Scriptures for the Week	
MON Aug 24 Bartholomew, Apostle	Revelation 21: 9b-14; Ps 145: 10-11, 12-13, 17-18; John 1: 49b; John 1: 45-51
TUE Aug 25 Louis of France, Married Man	2 nd Thessalonians 2: 1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96: 10, 11-12, 13; Hebrews 4: 12; Matthew 23: 23-26
WED Aug 26	2 nd Thessalonians 3: 6-10, 16-18; Ps 128: 1-2, 4-5; 1 st John 2: 5; Matthew 23: 27-32
THUR Aug 27 Monica, Married Women	1 st Corinthians 1: 1-9; Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matt 24: 42a, 44; Matthew 24: 42-51
FRI Aug 28 Augustine, Bishop, Doctor	1 st Corinthians 1: 17-25; Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Luke 21: 36; Matthew 25: 1-13
SAT Aug 29 Martyrdom of John the Baptist	1 st Corinthians 1: 26-31; Ps 33: 12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Matthew 5: 10; Mark 6: 17-29
SUN Aug 30	Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Ps 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Romans 12: 1-2; Ephesians 1: 17-18; Matthew 16: 21-27

Schedule for the Week	
Office open Monday - Thursday 9:15am-3:00pm The church is open for prayer during office hours.	
Mon Aug 24	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass
Tues Aug 25	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass
Wed Aug 26	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass Rosary following Mass (Español)
Thur Aug 27	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass Rosary following Mass (English) 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Fri Aug 28	Office & Church Closed
Sat Aug 29	Catholic University of America 2nd Coll. 3:00pm-4pm Confession 4:30pm Mass
Sun Aug 30	Catholic University of America 2nd Coll. 8:30am Mass 11:00am Mass 1pm Mass (Español)

IMPORTANT DATES
Aug 27: 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Sept 2: 4:30pm Parish Council Mtg (PH)
6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)
Sept 11-12: Eucharistic Congress
Sept 20: Parish Picnic (PH = Parish Hall)

Our 4:30pm Mass on Sept.12th is cancelled due to the Eucharistic Congress in Charlotte.

Bells of Hope Capital Campaign

Total Cash Donated: \$1,178,485

THANK YOU to all who have pledged to our Bells of Hope campaign.

Imagine this...

- Having a nave where we can all worship together...
- Having a real narthex with a public restroom...
- Having side aisles for ease in going to communion and improved safety...
- Having improved access and seating for those with walkers, wheelchairs and canes...

All while honoring our iconic "country gothic" beauty given to us by our original architect, Fr. Michael McInerney, OSB.

For questions or more information on giving, contact Bells of Hope at 828-747-7261.



Use this QR Code to donate today

Stewardship

Offertory for Month & Fiscal Year to Date

AUG GOAL	AUG ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$30,577	\$17,061	55.8%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Aug 18

GOAL	FYTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$318,000	\$38,872	12.2%

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here 

May God bless you for your financial stewardship!



TENDING the VINEYARD

2026 DSA Collected: \$17,754.00
2026 Goal: \$31,948
% of Goal: 56%



August Wedding Anniversaries!

Dcn Ralph & Ruth Eckoff ~ 66 years
Trent & Celine Codd ~ 58 years
Dan & Jane Little ~ 57 years
Tony & JoAnn Lazaro ~ 54 years
George & Esther Dunham ~ 32 years
Ernesto & Dalila Romero ~ 23 years

Happy Anniversary!



ATTENTION!

Mass time change for Parish Picnic weekend only!

Misa del domingo a la 1 pm cancelada

Saturday, Sept 19 at 6:30pm (Misa en español)



90th Anniversary Family Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 20th, 12:15-3:00pm

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF ~ DUNK TANK
CAKE WALK ~ BASKETBALL SHOOT-OUT ~ INFLATABLE
OBSTACLE COURSE ~ CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
TROPHIES & DOOR PRIZES ~ ICE CREAM STAND
FOOD ~ FUN ~ FELLOWSHIP & MORE!

Attendance & Volunteer sign-ups begin August 29th.



CANONGATE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

CLASSICAL & CATHOLIC

FORMING SOULS & FORMING MINDS

Canongate job opportunities...

Part time teachers: Theology (Theology of the Body)
Chemistry
Physics

If you or someone you know are interested in working at Canongate, please contact Jennifer Murrey at jmurrey@canongatecatholic.org