

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 September 06, 2026



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.



Mary of Nazareth

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

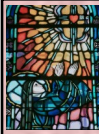
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:
Go to formed.org/signup:

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: 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 ✦

September 6, 2026

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Aaron Z. Huber
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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.**



"Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

~ Matthew 18:18

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.

September 6, 2026

Mass Intentions				
Sat	09/05	4:30pm		† Mary & Bill Hayes
Sun	09/06	8:30am		† John & Edwiga Rovinski
		11:00am		John Teague
		1:00pm		Pro Populo
Mon	09/07	8:45am		Jesus Maldonado
Tue	09/08	8:45am		Jesus Maldonado
Wed	09/09	8:45am		Jesus Maldonado
Thur	09/10			NO MASS
Fri	09/11			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.



Join us September 13th & 27th at 9:30am in the Parish Hall for OICA Inquiry Sessions and Registration.

2026-2027 OCIA SESSIONS
Classes will meet Oct. 7th through April of 2027. These classes are for those who wish to be Baptized or Confirmed in the Catholic Faith at Easter 2027. Classes are held Wednesdays at 6:45pm.
There is no remote or online option for preparation.

REGISTRATION & FEES
There is a \$25 materials fee for OCIA. For more information contact hofferts@bellsouth.net.

Stewardship Opportunity For Adults & Confirmed Teens

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

Our Catholic Youth Formation program, **SAN**, needs help with the upcoming school year. You don't need to be a trained catechist for this role, you just need to be a practicing Catholic.

If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Kristina at stmmcfait@gmail.com.

Volunteer Meeting 9-16-26 at 6:30pm

Scriptures for the Week	
MON Sept 7	1 st Cor 5: 1-8; Ps 5: 5-6, 7, 12; John 10: 27; Luke 6: 6-11
TUE Sept 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast	Mic 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Matt 1:1-16, 18-23
WED Sept 9 Peter Claver, Priest, Religious, Missionary	1 st Cor 7: 25-31; Ps 45: 11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Luke 6: 23ab; Luke 6: 20-26
THUR Sept 10	1 st Corinthians 8: 1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139: 1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; 1 st John 4: 12; Luke 6: 27-38
FRI Sept 11	1 st Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84: 3, 4, 5-6, 12; John 17: 17b, 17a; Luke 6: 39-42
SAT Sept 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary	1 st Corinthians 10: 14-22; Ps 116: 12-13, 17-18; John 14: 23; Luke 6: 43-49
SUN Sept 13	Sirach 27: 30 - 28: 7; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Romans 14: 7-9; John 13: 34; Matthew 18: 21-35

Schedule for the Week	
Office open Tuesday - Thursday 9:15am-3:00pm The church is open for prayer during office hours.	
Mon Sept 7	Labor Day-Diocesan Holiday 8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass Campus Closed after Mass
Tues Sept 8	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass
Wed Sept 9	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass Rosary following Mass (Español)
Thur Sept 10	No Confession or Mass 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Fri Sept 11	Eucharistic Congress Office & Church Closed
Sat Sept 12	Eucharistic Congress NO Confession or Mass 9:30am Women of StMMC Mtg (PH)
Sun Sept 13	8:30am Mass 9:40am KoC Rosary following Mass 11:00am Mass 1pm Mass (Español)

IMPORTANT DATES	
Sept 11-12:	Eucharistic Congress
Sept 12:	9:30am Women of StMMC Mtg
Sept 16:	6:30pm SAN Volunteer Mtg
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: \$1,191,782
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



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 Sept. 5th.



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)

Stewardship

Offertory for Month & Fiscal Year to Date

AUG GOAL	AUG ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$30,577	\$25,614	83.7%

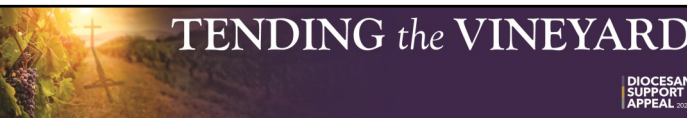
Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Aug 31

GOAL	FYTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$318,000	\$43,530	13.7%

Catholic Univ./Belmont Abbey College - \$1,435.00

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%





Honoring Our Faithful Shepherds

The annual appeal for Priests' Retirement Benefits Collection will be held in every parish
September 19-20, 2026

