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This Week on Formed

Week of December 28, 2025



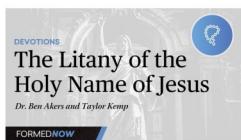
New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!



The Holy Family

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!



Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.

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

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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.

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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

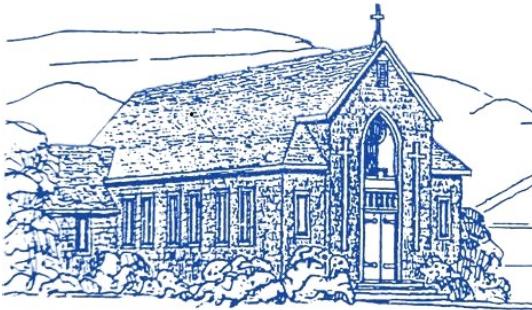


Catholic Charities serves the poor and vulnerable regardless of race, ethnicity, or religion. We offer financial help, burial assistance, bilingual licensed clinical mental health counseling, elder ministry, immigration services, and a food pantry at our Asheville office.

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@rcdoc.org.



St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

December 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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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

CONFESION

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: stmmcfaih@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.

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.”

~ Matthew 2:13

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: stmmcfaih@gmail.com.

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Our Thanks to All Who Contributed to our 2025 Christmas Flower Fund

Donations were made:

In loving memory of:

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DECEMBER 2025



Meaning and History of Holy Family

The Holy Family, made up of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, shows us the beauty of faith and the strength of love in everyday life. They are a model for every family, encouraging us to trust in God, care for one another, and bring hope to the world.

- **Jesus:** The Son of God, whose life teaches mercy and sacrifice.
- **Mary:** The loving Mother, embraced by grace and devoted to God's will.
- **Joseph:** The humble protector, a symbol of strength and dedication in fatherhood.

Holy Family as the Model of Unity and Love

The Holy Family, composed of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, is a shining example of love, unity, and obedience to God's will. They teach us to honor our duties and care for one another, showing that even in humble circumstances, one can create a household full of faith and grace.

- **Unity** – Their life together reminds us that love and mutual respect build a strong and faithful family.
- **Obedience** – Each member listened to God even when the path was hard, inspiring many to trust in divine guidance.
- **Sanctity in Daily Life** – Their ordinary daily life is seen as a way to experience the sacred, turning family routines into acts of faith.

Patronages and Devotional Practices

The Holy Family is honored in many parts of the world. They are seen as the patron of families, married life, and home life. Devotees often pray to the Holy Family for guidance, protection, and the grace to live virtuous lives founded on faith and charity.

- **Patronage of Families** – They are invoked in prayers for protection and blessing over family homes.
- **Role Models for Parenthood** – Many believe that following the example of Mary and Joseph can help parents instill values of love and discipline in their children.
- **Feast of the Holy Family** – Celebrated in the Catholic Church, this feast unites the family in prayer and reflection on the sacred bonds that tie us together.

Miracles and Intercessory Graces

The Holy Family has a long history of being believed to intercede for miracles and blessings. Many faithful have experienced unexpected graces and healing by seeking their help, making the Holy Family an enduring symbol of hope in the midst of trials.

- **Reported Miracles** – Numerous accounts, from healing illnesses to saving families in dangerous times, have been attributed to their intercession.
- **Spiritual Protection** – Their powerful example of humility and trust in God offers a spiritual shield for hearts burdened by worry and fear.
- **Community Devotion** – Special novenas and prayers centered on the Holy Family help build strong communities united in prayer and love, spreading grace wherever they gather.

The history of the Holy Family comes from the Gospels. Their journey—from Bethlehem to Egypt and back to Nazareth—reminds us that God's plan unfolds even through challenges. Their example inspires families to live in prayer, unity, and service, always placing faith at the center of life.

www.thecatholicvoice.com/holidays/holy-family

Christmas Tree outreach 2025

St. Margaret Mary Church was blessed with a generous donation this year to help families with Christmas. We are thankful that we were able to give away Christmas trees.



Dogma & Donuts

Our "Young Adults" had an afternoon of faith inspiration lead by Manuel Rodriguez. They want more! Stay tuned for our future Dogma & Donuts schedule in the New Year!



Parish Posadas 2025

This year we did something different. Our Posada Celebration was scheduled as a one-time parish event on 12/21/25. We had a terrific turnout and fun was had by all!

