

You will find that St. Margaret Mary's is a parish where the fullness of the Truth of Jesus Christ is taught and lived, under the protection of our Patroness, St. Margaret Mary.

### St. Margaret Mary Councils

#### PARISH COUNCIL

Judy Clyne, Chair (5:30pm Mass) 630-212-8522  
 Phyllis Benbow (5:30pm Mass) 828-273-5818  
 Tom Schodorf (8:30am Mass) 770-778-8335  
 Dan Little (8:30am Mass) 828-298-1452  
 Jesse Boeckermann (11:00am Mass) 605-376-4234  
 LeAnn Wilson (11:00am Mass) 678-993-6456  
 Cesar Cueva (1:00pm Mass) 828-424-1690  
 Salvador Figueroa (1:00pm Mass) 828-573-4141

#### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Doug Thigpen, Chair 828-713-5785



Week of March 03, 2024



**Liturgical Living | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney**  
 Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyyear.com/at-home/>.



**The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4**  
 What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



**Death, Where is Your Sting? Sarah Kirchner's Story | Fearless | Episode 4**  
 Despite our attempts to cheat it, we all must face death eventually. Listen as Chris shares the powerful story of Sarah Kirchner and her courageous battle against pediatric bone cancer. Who can bring us victory in the face of such significant trials? Find out in this lesson.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [signup.formed.org](http://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](http://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.



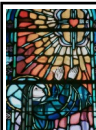
**It's free! Download books, watch great movies, podcasts, and more!**

### 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 Peter Graham at 828-989-2505 or email [wpgraham912@charter.net](mailto:wpgraham912@charter.net).



### Women of St. Margaret Mary



#### OUR MISSION

Women of St. Margaret Mary is a service organization created to support the mission of our parish and our pastor's initiatives, and to promote individual spiritual growth through prayer, 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 Jane at [stmargaretmary1936@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretmary1936@gmail.com).

### 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 aim to strengthen families, build communities, and reduce poverty.*

We couldn't do what we do without our caring, dedicated volunteers and your generous donations. Donate at [www.cdcc.org/give](http://www.cdcc.org/give). Join our volunteer team by contacting Hilary Kalisch at [HRKalisch@rcdoc.org](mailto:HRKalisch@rcdoc.org).

### St. Vincent de Paul Society



The St. Vincent de Paul Society helps Swannanoa Valley families in crisis with rent, utility bills, auto repairs and other essential needs. Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers to support our ministry. If you would like to help us continue our mission of serving our neighbors, the 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 online through the parish website [saintmmc.com](http://saintmmc.com) by choosing the fund St. Vincent de Paul Society.

If you or someone you know is experiencing financial difficulties, please call 800-862-1633 to leave a message for our volunteer team; all calls are held in strictest confidence.

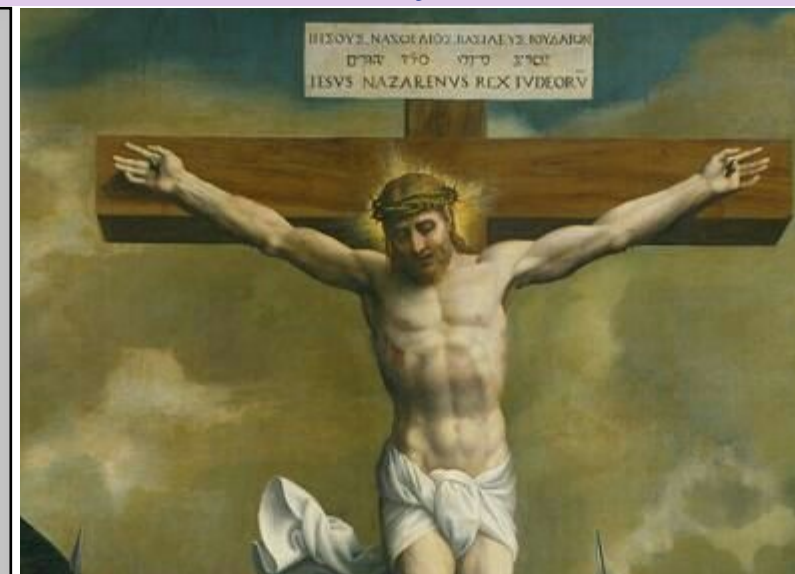


# Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

March 3, 2024

## Third Sunday of Lent



**Most Rev. Peter J. Jugis J.C.D., Bishop**  
**Rev. W. Christian Cook, Pastor**  
**Rev. Mr. Dan Hoffert, Deacon**  
**Rev. Mr. Ralph Eckoff, Deacon (Ret.)**

**Claudia G. Graham, Office Manager**  
**Kim MacNeil, Administrative Assistant**  
**Jennifer Puzerewski, Admin. Assistant & Stewardship Coordinator**  
**Karen Parsons, Organist**

102 Andrews Place  
 Swannanoa, North Carolina 28778  
 Website: [www.saintmmc.com](http://www.saintmmc.com)  
[www.facebook.com/stmargaretmaryswannanoa](http://www.facebook.com/stmargaretmaryswannanoa)

### Celebration of the Sacraments

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil (Anticipated Mass):** 5:30pm  
**Sunday:** 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)  
**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:** 8:30am  
**Holy Days:** 8:30am & 5:30pm  
**First Fridays:** 5:30pm

#### CONFESSION

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00am  
 Saturday: 4:15pm

#### BAPTISM:

First Sunday of the month. Call the office one month prior to anticipated date for forms and information.

#### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Email: [stmmcfaiith@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfaiith@gmail.com).

**MARRIAGE:** An appointment with a priest or deacon must be scheduled at least *twelve months* before the intended wedding date.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If a Catholic is in danger of death needing the Anointing of the Sick call the office during regular hours (828-686-8833) and press 4; **after** hours, press 2. If there has been a terminal diagnosis, please call the office as soon as possible to schedule an anointing early in the illness.

#### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION:

Contact the Faith Formation Team at: [stmmcfaiith@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfaiith@gmail.com).

*For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ~ 1 Corinthians 1:22-24*

#### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00AM - 3:00PM  
 Friday: Closed

**OFFICE:** 828-686-8833, press 4 for Front Desk  
 Por información en español oprima 3

**FAX:** 828-686-8832

**E-MAIL:** [office@saintmmc.com](mailto:office@saintmmc.com)

**SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY (danger of death):**  
 828-686-8833, press 2

**WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC? Join R.C.I.A.!** RCIA is Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. We welcome those who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith, who desire to become Catholic, or who have been away from the church and would like to return. If you want to know more, please email Deacon Dan and Linda Hoffert at [hofferts@bellsouth.net](mailto:hofferts@bellsouth.net).

**ADULT CHOIR/SCHOLA:** Call the office at 828-686-8833.

**VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Call parish office.

#### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION:

Contact the Faith Formation Team at: [stmmcfaiith@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfaiith@gmail.com).

# St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church - Diocese of Charlotte

## Mass Intentions

Sat 03/02 5:30pm .....Gail Lefevre  
 Sun 03/03 8:30am .....† Josephine Nakimaka  
 11:00am ..... Pro Populo  
 1:00pm ..... † Jonathan Morales  
 Mon 03/04 8:30am ..... Jessica Hannah  
 Tue 03/05 8:30am ..... † Betty Portmann  
 Wed 03/06 8:30am ..... Kim Rovinski  
 Thu 03/07 8:30am ..... Tom & Scottie Cannon

## Scriptures for the Week

**MON March 4: St. Casimir**  
 2 Kings 5:1-15; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Ps 130:5, 7; Lk 4:24-30

**TUE March 5**  
 Dan 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-9; Joel 2:12-13; Mt 18:21-35

**WED March 6**  
 Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Jn 6:63c, 68c; Mt 5:17-19

**THU March 7: Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**  
 Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Joel 2:12-13; Lk 11:14-23

**FRI March 8: John of God, Religious Founder, Day of Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 and Up)**  
 Hosea 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mt 4:17; Mk 12:28-34

**SAT March 9: Frances of Rome, Religious Founder**  
 Hosea 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Ps 95:8; Lk 18:9-14

**SUN March 10: Fourth Sunday of Lent, Second Scrutiny of the Elect**  
 2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:16; Jn 3:14-21



Please Pray for...

### Those who are sick or have special needs:

Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Dana Breeding, Ann Bridgman, Dianna Bryant, Joseph Buttera, Donna Collins, Barry Cook, Sister Pat Coyle, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Mike Fitzgerald, Maureen Flannigan, George Frazier, Allison Geraghty, Patricia Grace, Jackie Gunn, Eleanor Harker, Allison Hoefling, Michael Hayduk, Jim Lauer, Jamie Lauren, Lane Lehman, Janet Linda, Bea Madden, Meghan McGinnis, Cecelia Meredith, Lori Owensby, Lindsey & Jordan Owensby, Beverly Penland, Marilyn Rebholz, Rhonda Rivera, Kim Rovinski, Roger Salten, Sally Schoen, Larry Scott, Marellen Struhar, Betty Testa, Arlene Turner, John F. White, Vickie Wright, Toddler Vivienne Joy, Sandy Yacovelli, Fran Yoli.

### Homebound or in Assisted Living:

Marian Bogdanowicz, Julie Howachyn, Dorothy Kelly, Margaret Morrow, and Anne Papay.

### Our Family Members Serving in the Military:

**Chief Petty Officer Chris Balot**, son of Randy Balot  
**Staff Sgt. Jordan Owensby**, grandson of Don & Linda Gurecky. **David Woodward**, serving in Afghanistan-friend of Samuel Medlin. **SPC Alex Czarnecki**, son of Maureen & John Czarnecki. **First Lieutenant Christian Kimball**, son of Kristy Kimball. **Airman Jack Vess**, son of Eric & Christine Vess.

### IMPORTANT DATES!

**Mar 9:** 9:30am Women of St MM meeting (PH)  
**Mar 10:** 9:30am & 12pm KoC Pancake Breakfast (PH)  
**Mar 23:** 11am Vigil at Planned Parenthood  
**March 25-29 Holy Week** (PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

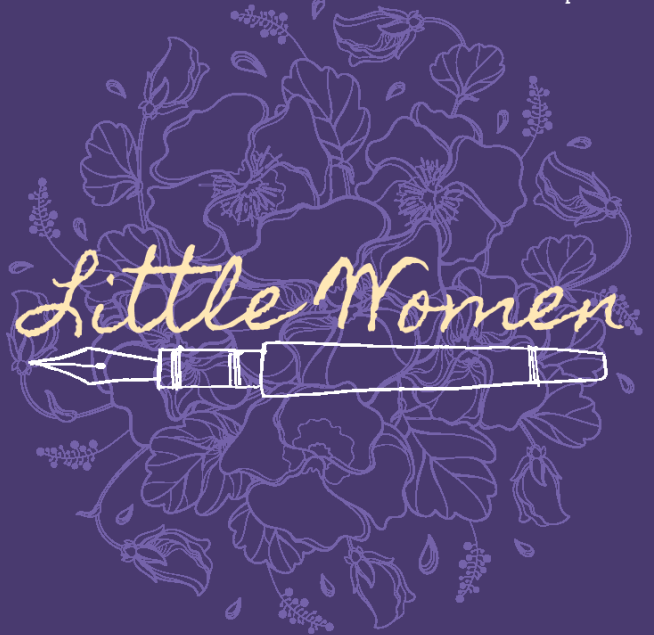
### Devotions to St. Joseph

At 9:45am this Sunday and for the two following Sundays, the Knights will lead the Seven Sundays Devotion to St. Joseph.

## Canongate Catholic High School Lantern Bearer Theatre Presents:

Adapted from the novel by  
Louisa M. Alcott

A Play by  
Peter Clapham



**March 22 & 23** 7:00 pm

**March 24** 3:00 pm

Fairview Christian Fellowship

596 Old US Highway 74

Fairview, NC

for tickets and info: [bit.ly/littlewomen2024](http://bit.ly/littlewomen2024)

**Tickets**

\$10 Adult

\$5 Child

(12 and under)



## Stewardship

### Stewardship Reflection



March 3, 2024  
 3rd Sunday of Lent

“You shall not cover” is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God’s many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

### Lenten Stewardship Opportunity



St. Margaret Mary’s Knights of Columbus are sponsoring **40 Cans for Lent**. Donate one can of food for each day of Lent to benefit Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Deposit cans in the collection container located in front of the Parish Office Building. **Financial donations are also welcome.** Please make checks payable to ‘Knights of Columbus Council 13016’ with ‘40 Cans for Lent’ in the memo field. Place donation envelopes in the collection baskets during Mass, or place in the black mailbox at the entrance of the office building.

**Thank you for your generosity!**



Knights of Columbus  
 Pancake and Sausage Breakfast  
 Sunday, March 10th after the  
 8:30am & 11am Masses



Donations are appreciated to help supports the Knight’s charitable outreach.



### Jesus in the Temple

On this third Sunday of Lent, we see **Jesus in the Temple**. But instead of seeing his countenance wrapped in divine glory as when he was in the desert and in the mountain, we see him very angry. The first reason for his righteous anger was because the Temple, instead of being a house of prayer, has become a den of thieves.

### Offertory for the Month of February

FEB GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,151	\$22,892	94.8%

### Offertory Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Feb 28

GOAL	ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$320,000	\$215,246	67.3%

Donate online at [saintmmc.com](http://saintmmc.com) or here →



Thank you!

May God bless you for your generosity.



## ONE Body in CHRIST

2024 DSA : \$15,903

DSA Goal: \$36,717.00 % of Goal: 43%



### Schedule for the Week

**Mon Mar 04** 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass  
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open  
**Tues Mar 05** 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass  
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open  
**Wed Mar 06** 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass  
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open  
 4pm-6pm Atrium Classes  
 6:30pm-7:45pm Faith Formation Classes  
**Thu Mar 07** 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass  
 9am Rosary  
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open  
 7pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)  
**Fri Mar 08** **Church and Office Closed**  
 4:45pm Confession  
 5:30pm Stations of the Cross  
 6:30pm Estaciones de la Cruz  
 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)  
**Sat Mar 09** 4:15pm-5:00pm Confession  
 5:30pm Mass  
 9:30am-11:30am Women of StMM Mtg (PH)  
**Sun Mar 10** 8:30am Mass (Incense)  
 9:45am K of C St. Joseph Devotion (CH)  
 9:45am-10:45am RCIA Mtg (PH)  
 11:00am Mass  
 1pm Mass Español (Incense)

St. Margaret Mary parishioners are participating in a 1-hour prayer vigil on the **fourth** Saturday of each month at 11am at Planned Parenthood.

**Your presence is needed on March 23rd!**

