

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

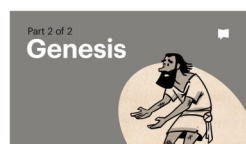
Judy Clyne, Chair (5:30pm Mass) 630-212-8522
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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Doug Thigpen, Chair 828-713-5785



Week of April 21, 2024



Genesis Part 2 | Old Testament: Book Overviews | The Bible Project
 Watch our overview video on Genesis 12-50, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Genesis, God promises to bless rebellious humanity through the family of Abraham, despite their constant failure and folly.



Lectio: Mark
 Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. Combining the insights of Dr. Tim Gray with the masterful artistry of the Augustine Institute, this Lectio series uses the Church's rich tradition of Lectio Divina to help you better understand and better pray with the Gospel of Mark.



Beloved - Session 1: Does Marriage Matter?
 Is your marriage all it can be? Beloved unlocks the sacrament of marriage in 12 sessions, showing how God designed it to fulfill you. Open to all couples, young or old.

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.



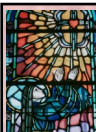
It's free! Download books, watch great movies, podcasts, and more!

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.



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 LeAnn at 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.

SAVE THE DATE!!!
 ~ Spirit of Hope ~
 Dinner and Program
 Thursday, May 9, 2024
 at 5:30pm

If you would like to attend, please email Jesse Boeckermann at jdboeckermann@ccdoc.org



St. Vincent de Paul Society



The St. Vincent de Paul Society helps families and neighbors 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 by choosing the fund St. Vincent de Paul Society.

"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



Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Bishop-Elect, Rev. Michael T. Martin, OFM Conv.

Rev. W. Christian Cook, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Dan Hoffert, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ralph Eckoff, Deacon (Ret.)

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

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I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. ~ John 10:9-10

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 at 10am. Contact the office to obtain the necessary forms. Baptisms will be scheduled once forms are completed and returned to the office.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Email: stmmcfaiht@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.

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

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY (danger of death):
 828-686-8833, after business hours 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.

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: stmmcfaiht@gmail.com.

April 21, 2024

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church - Diocese of Charlotte

Mass Intentions

Sat 4/20	5:30pm	† William Lamb
Sun 4/21	8:30am	Joanne Walker
	11:00am	Pro Populo
	1:00pm	Santiago Anaya
Mon 4/22	8:30am	† Marilyn Adams
Tue 4/23	8:30am	Priests of our Diocese
Wed 4/24	8:30am	Our Seminarians
Thur 4/25	8:30am	Edward & Gail Carroll & Family

 Please Pray for...

Those who are sick or have special needs:

Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Dana Breeding, Brother Cassian (Jeff Delgarn), Ann Bridgman, 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, Deb Rummell, 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, Dorothy Kelly, and Margaret Morrow.

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!

Apr 25: 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Apr 27: 11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood AVL
May 1: 6:30pm Confirmation Rehearsal (CH)
May 2: 7pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)
May 3: 5:30pm Sacrament of Confirmation Mass (Youth)
May 9: 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
May 11: 9:30am Women of StMMC Mtg (PH)
May 18: 11am Knights of Columbus Drive-Thru BBQ and Women of StMMC Dessert Sale

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

Scriptures for the Week

MON April 22

Acts 11: 1-18; Ps 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4; John 10: 14; John 10: 1-10

TUE April 23 - George, Martyr - Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr

Acts 11: 19-26; Ps 87: 1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10: 27; Jn 10: 22-30

WED April 24 - Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr

Acts 12: 24-13: 5; Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6 & 8; Jn 8: 12; Jn 12: 44-50

THU April 25 - Mark, Evangelist Feast

1st Peter 5: 5b-14; Ps 89: 2-3, 6-7, 16-17; 1st Cor 1: 23a, 24b; Mark 16: 15-20

FRI April 26

Acts 13: 26-33; Ps 2: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; John 14: 6; John 14: 1-6

SAT April 27

Acts 13: 44-52; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 8: 31b-32; Jn 14: 7-14

SUN April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9: 26-31; Ps 22: 26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1st Jn 3: 18-24; John 15: 4a, 5b; John 15: 1-8



Thank you for all those who donated to the 40 Cans for Lent. We collected 743 pounds of food and \$80.00 to benefit the clients of Catholic Charities of Western NC.

Spirit of Hope

JOIN US!
Thursday, May 9, 2024

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.
 Drinks and Hors D'oeuvres from 5:30-6:15 p.m.
 Dinner Stations Open at 6:15 p.m.
 Event Program from 7:00-7:45 p.m.

Double Tree by Hilton Asheville – Biltmore
 115 Hendersonville Road
 Asheville, NC 28803

At this complimentary event, you will hear impactful stories of participants being served by the Western Region Office of Catholic Charities and be invited to make a gift to help raise our goal of \$100,000 in support of our work.

We can't wait to see you there!

RSVP online at ccdoc.org/soh or call 828-820-5153.



Catholic Charities
 Diocese of Charlotte

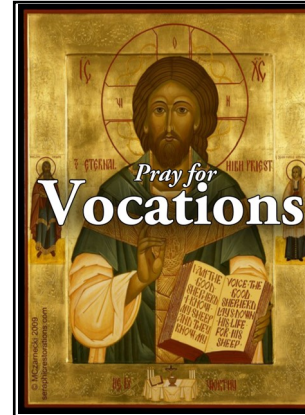
Stewardship



Stewardship Reflection

April 21, 2024
 4th Sunday of Easter

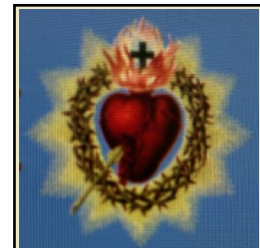
To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."



April 21st
 World Day of Prayer for Vocations has been celebrated by the Church since 1964, when the visionary Pope Paul VI recognized a decline in priestly vocations and called all Catholics to intercede for an increase in vocations.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday because of the Gospel readings.

Mass at VA Hospital Chapel
3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:10pm all are invited.
If you or a family member are Veterans, you may call the office to request a Mass Intention for the VA Hospital Masses.



Thanks you for the terrific feedback on THE HEART, our quarterly newsletter that premiered with the Spring 2024 edition last weekend!
 If you missed it, pick up a copy in the lobby of the church. Send comments, ideas, or letters to the editor to: theheartstmmc@outlook.com.



Belmont Abbey
 COLLEGE

Experience Schola: The High School Summer Program at the Abbey!

Rising sophomore high school students and older: Now is the time to plan for your summer! Introducing Schola, the high school summer program at Belmont Abbey College. Parents, this is a program that will have your students exploring classic literature and philosophy while enjoying daily prayer life and amazing outdoor activities. Rooted in our Catholic tradition, Schola offers an introduction to the Socratic method, trips to the U.S. Whitewater Center, hiking, and of course, appreciation of the good, the true, and the beautiful. Take advantage of this unforgettable experience! You'll grow in wisdom, critical thinking and make great friendships. This is the summer experience that will prepare you for a successful college career and life. Schola 2024 will be held July 14-20 at Belmont Abbey College.
 Learn more at www.bac.edu/schola.

Offertory for the Month of April

APR GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,151	\$13,181	54.6%

Offertory Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Apr 17

GOAL	ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$320,000	\$264,162	82.6%

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here 

Thank you!
 May God bless you for your generosity.

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 APPEAL 2024

ONE Body in CHRIST

2024 DSA Collected: \$27,839.00
2024 Goal: \$36,717.00; % of Goal: 76%



Schedule for the Week

Mon Apr 22 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open

Tues Apr 23 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open

Wed Apr 24 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
 No Faith Formation Classes

Thur Apr 25 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am Rosary (CH)
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)

Fri Apr 26 **Church and Office Closed**
No Confession or Mass

Sat Apr 27 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
 11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood
 4:15pm-5:00pm Confession
 5:30pm Mass

Sun Apr 28 8:30am Mass (Incense)
 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 each month at 11am** at Planned Parenthood in Asheville.



Your presence is needed on April 27th!