

Saturday Prayer Vigils

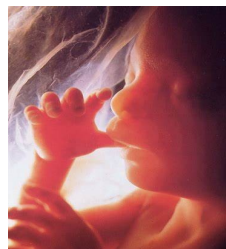
St. Margaret Mary parishioners are participating in a 1-hour prayer vigil on the **fourth** Saturday of each month from 11am to 12pm.

Your presence is needed!

He who closes his ear to the cry of the helpless will himself cry out and not be heard. Proverbs 21:13

Pray for the Sanctity of Life!

Feb 24, Mar 23



Community Events

Sermon on the Plain: A Musical based on the 6th Chapter of Luke's Gospel. Written and composed by Asheville musician, composer Rita Pisano

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
768 Asbury Rd, Candler, NC 28715

Saturday, February 17, 2024, 7:00 PM

Limited seating for dinner available at 6:00 PM.

Sunday, February 18, 2024, 3:00 PM

Tickets can be purchased online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)
For further information please call Candace Werhan at 704-548-9521



Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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

Or by appointment, call office to schedule.

BAPTISM:

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

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Email: stmmcfait@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:
stmmcfait@gmail.com.



So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. ~ 1 Cor 10:31—11:1

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, 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 Karen Parsons 828-275-4977.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: For information, call Peter Graham at 828-669-7730.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Call 800-862-1633 for information or assistance with food, finances, etc.

VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

WOMEN OF ST. MARGARET MARY: Women 18+ yrs. Contact the Parish Office for more information on our Women's Group.

February 11, 2024

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of February 11, 2024



Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



The Story of Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.



The Spirituality of Lent

Looking to take Lent more seriously this year? Join Tim Gray for ideas for a Lenten spirituality.

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Parish Stewardship

February 11, 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards.

11 de febrero de 2024

Sexto domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo insta a los corintios a "hacer todo para la gloria de Dios". Si seguimos ese consejo en todo lo que hacemos, no podemos evitar ser buenos administradores.



If you have questions about Stewardship opportunities, contact: Jen Puzerewski, Parish Stewardship Coordinator at office@stmmc.com.

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)	828-424-5085

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Doug Thigpen, Chair	828-713-5785
John Czarnecki	828-767-1916
Dennis Sadelson	828-231-6136

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church - Diocese of Charlotte

Mass Intentions

Sat 02/10 5:30pm† Vicki Cram
 Sun 02/11 8:30amPro Populo
 11:00am † Roberta Burghart
 1:00pm† Heriberto Paez Monjaraz
 Mon 02/12 8:30am† Jeffrey Slosarczyk
 Tue 02/13 8:30am † Neil Flint
 Wed 02/14 8:30am Kim Rovinski
 Thu 02/15 8:30amRoger Slosarczyk

Scriptures for the Week

MON Feb 12
 James 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Jn 14:6; Mk 8:11-13

TUE Feb 13
 James 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-15, 18-19; Jn 14:23; Mk 8:14-21

WED Feb 14: Ash Wednesday, Day of Fast (Ages 18-59) and Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 and Up)
 Joel 2: 12-18; Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Ps 95:8; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THU Feb 15
 Deut 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 4:17; Lk 9:22-25

Fri Feb 16: Day of Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 and Up)
 Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Amos 5:14; Mt 9:14-15

SAT Feb 17: Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
 Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Ez 33:11; Lk 5:27-32

SUN Feb 18: First Sunday Of Lent
 Gen 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mt 4:4b; Mk 1:12-15

Upcoming Youth Events



DIocese OF CHARLOTTE

Bishop's Youth Pilgrimage 2024
 April 13, 2024

goeucharist.com/bishops-youth-pilgrimage-2024

2024 Diocesan Youth Conference
 April 26-28, 2024

charlottediocese.org/event/diocesan-youth-conference

Quo Vadis Days 2024
 June 10-14, 2023

charlottediocese.org/vocations/priest/quo-vadis-days

Duc In Altum 2024
 June 24-28, 2024

charlottediocese.org/vocations/woman-religious/duc-in-altum



2023 Year End Contribution Statements

were mailed on January 29, 2024.

In future years we ask that parishioners call or email the office if they would like a donation statement.

Thank you for being good Stewards of our parish!

St. Vincent de Paul Society



St. Vincent de Paul Society

In 2023 we helped 260 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. Most folks just need some help through a rough patch in their lives.

If you can 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 given on the parish website saintmmc.com by choosing the fund St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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

ONE Body in CHRIST

DIocesan SUPPORT APPEAL 2024

We had a strong DSA Kickoff!

“One Body in Christ” is the theme of the 2024 Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA). Bishop Jugis asks each of us to prayerfully consider a gift to the DSA as a way of serving Christ through to thousands of Catholics in Western North Carolina.

Our Parish goal this year is \$36,717.00

PEOPLE ACROSS OUR DIOCESE BENEFIT BECAUSE OF THE DSA-FUNDED MINISTRIES. AMONG THOSE SERVED ARE:

- 42,070 Children and adults through programs assisted by the Faith Formation Office
- 8,101 Students in Catholic Schools
- 2,100 Catholic college students through Campus Ministry programs
- 22,994 Clients of Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte, served in the following office locations: Asheville, Charlotte, Murphy, Greensboro, Winston-Salem
- 96 Permanent deacons through the Permanent Diaconate program
- 82 Religious Sisters serving in our diocese
- 50 Seminarians currently in formation for the diocese

WAYS TO GIVE:

- ⇒ Make a Pledge - Pledging allows you to make a great gift over time
- ⇒ One-Time Gift - Respond to a mailing, in-pew appeal card, or bulletin insert
- ⇒ Make a one-time gift or set up a monthly pledge via credit or debit card at saintmmc.com
- ⇒ Donate online at www.charlottediocese.org/dsa
- ⇒ Scan QR code



Thank you for your generosity!

IF WRITING A CHECK, PLEASE MAKE IT PAYABLE TO DSA.

Stewardship



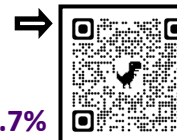
Offertory for the Month of February

FEB GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,151	\$9,427.90	39.0%

Offertory Fiscal YrToDate Jul 1 - Feb 4

GOAL	ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$320,000	\$201,782	63.1%

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here



2024 DSA : \$8,352.00
 DSA Goal: \$36,717.00 % of Goal: 22.7%

Thank you!

May God bless you for your generosity.

Schedule for the Week

Mon Feb 12 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
 11am Funeral Rite-Kathleen Quarles

Tues Feb 13 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open

Wed Feb 14 ASH WEDNESDAY
 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass-Ashes Dist.
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
 12pm Ash Service-Ashes Distributed
 5:30pm Ash Service-Ashes Distributed
 NO Faith Formation Classes

Thu Feb 15 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am Rosary
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open

Fri Feb 16 Church and Office Closed
 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)

Sat Feb 17 4:15pm-5:00pm Confession
 5:30pm Mass

Sun Feb 18 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)

Altar Flowers



No Altar Flowers during lent.
 Stay tuned for more information on
 Easter Flower Sponsorship.

Please Pray for...

Those who are ill 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, 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.

IMPORTANT DATES!

Feb 14: Ash Wednesday

8am Confession; 8:30am Mass with Ashes
 12pm & 5:30pm Ash Services

Feb 23: 4:45pm Confession; 5:30 Stations of the Cross

Feb 24: 11am Vigil at Planned Parenthood

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)