

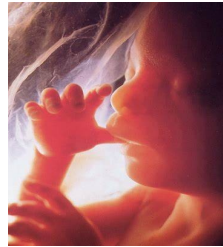
Saturday Prayer Vigils

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



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of February 04, 2024



Sts. Benedict and Scholastica | Little Saints
A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica. Visit their website here: www.littlestsaints.com



St. Scholastica | Holy Women You Never Heard Of | Episode 3
Dive into the lives of Holy Women You've Never Heard Of with Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Dr. Jessica Murdoch. St. Scholastica is the sister of St. Benedict. Holy siblings and holy families change the world!



Bakhita: From Slave to Saint
Bakhita: From Slave to Saint tells the incredible story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.

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

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and SPAXCULI: PRESENTS

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!

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
For further information please call Candace Werhan at 704-548-9521

Meals on Wheels of Asheville and Buncombe Cty

Today, we face a pressing challenge in our community. Several homebound seniors in your area receive our meal delivery service, and several others await. Demand for services has grown nearly 40% since COVID-19. Our current rural meal delivery routes are at capacity, and we have about 20 seniors on our waiting list in our community. If you are interested in assisting with Meals on Wheels, please contact Shanna at www.mowabc.org or 828-253-5286

Parish Stewardship

February 4, 2024
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

Febrero 4, 2024
Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Como San Pablo en la segunda lectura, el buen mayordomo puede decir: "Hago todo lo que hago por el evangelio con la esperanza de participar en sus bendiciones".

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



Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

February 4, 2024

Fifth 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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Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit. The LORD sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground.
~ Psalm 147:5-6

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.

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 4, 2024

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church - Diocese of Charlotte

Mass Intentions

Sat 02/03 5:30pm Rev. Mr. Dan Hoffert
 Sun 02/04 8:30amPro Populo
 11:00am † Jared Lifante
 1:00pm † Margarita Montes Angulo
 Mon 02/05 8:30am † Leora Arnold
 Tue 02/06 8:30am † Cesar Augusto Cueva
 Wed 02/07 8:30am † Gary Presson
 Thu 02/08 8:30am † James Adams

Scriptures for the Week

MON Feb 5: Agatha, Virgin, Martyr
 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-10; Mt 4:23; Mk 6:53-56

TUE Feb 6: Paul Miki, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Ps 119:36, 29b; Mk 7:1-13

WED Feb 7
 1 Kings 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Jn 17:17b, 17a; Mk 7:14-23

THU Feb 8: Jerome Emiliani / Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
 1 Kings 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; James 1:21bc; Mk 7:24-30

FRI Feb 9
 1 Kings 11: 29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab-15; Acts 16:14b; Mk 7:31-37

SAT Feb 10: Scholastica, Virgin, Religious
 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mt 4:4b; Mk 8:1-10

SUN Feb 11: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Lk 7:16; Mk 1:40-45



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, Norma Brandin, 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 Czarnacki**, son of Maureen & John Czarnacki. **First Lieutenant Christian Kimball**, son of Kristy Kimball.



IMPORTANT DATES!

Feb 10: 9:30am Women of St. MMC Mtg (PH)
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)

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.

Stewardship



Offertory for the Month of January

JAN GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,151	\$22,321	92.4%

Offertory Fiscal YrToDate Jul 1 - Jan 31

GOAL	ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$320,000	\$192,355	60.1%

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here → 
 2024 DSA kickoff THIS weekend!
Thank you!
May God bless you for your generosity.



Schedule for the Week

Mon Feb 05 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open

Tues Feb 06 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open

Wed Feb 07 8am Confession; 8:30am Mass
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
 4pm-6pm Atrium Classes
 6:30pm-7:45pm Faith Formation Classes

Thu Feb 08 NO Confession or Mass
 9am Rosary
 9am-3pm Office & Church Open
 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)

Fri Feb 09 Church and Office Closed
 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)

Sat Feb 10 9:30am Women of STMM Mtg (PH)
 4:15pm-5:00pm Confession
 5:30pm Mass

Sun Feb 11 8:30am Mass (Incense)
 9:45am Knights of Columbus
 St. Joseph Devotion
 9:45am-10:45am RCIA Mtg (PH)
 11:00am Mass
 1pm Mass Español (Incense)

Knights of Columbus



Support The Knights of Columbus

There are many ways that you can help support the Knights of Columbus in their outreach initiatives.

- ◆ **February 4th:** Seven Sundays Devotion to Saint Joseph Following the 8:30am Mass. The Seven Sundays devotion honors the seven joys and sorrows of St. Joseph. Each devotion takes less than 10 minutes: please plan to join us for this long-standing tradition of the Church in preparation for the feast of St. Joseph on March 19th.

Thank you for your support in meeting the needs of our community!

The Knights of Columbus thanks all who donated to last weekend's 'Diaper Drive' for Catholic Charities.
The Knights collected 1,591 packs of diapers and 60 packs of wipes.

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 statement mailed.

ONE Body in CHRIST

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2024

THIS IS DSA KICKOFF WEEKEND!
 "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.

Altar Flowers



Sponsoring Altar Flowers is a beautiful way to remember a loved one or to honor a special birthday or anniversary. Call the office to sponsor flowers.