

You will find that St. Margaret Mary 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 PASTORAL COUNCIL

Judy Clyne, Chair	4:30pm	Contact any Parish Council member with topics you would like discussed at their next meeting.
Phyllis Benbow	4:30pm	
Dan Little	8:30am	
Vacant	8:30am	
LeAnn Wilson	11:00am	
David Langdon	11:00am	
Cesar Cueva	1:00pm	
Salvador Figueroa	1:00pm	

FINANCE COUNCIL

Doug Thigpen, Chair
John Czarnecki
Ernie Reynolds
Tom Schodorf

Finance Council meets quarterly.

To contact any Council Member, please send an email to: office@saintmmc.com.



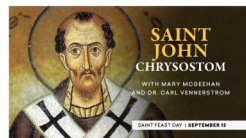
This Week on Formed

Week of September 07, 2025



The Boy from Milan

You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



St. John Chrysostom | Catholic Saints

From Antioch, the political center of the fifth-century world, arose a golden-tongued preacher and bishop: St. John Chrysostom. Listen to Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies.



Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer

"Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer" is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

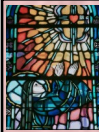
Registering for **FORMED** is easier than ever:
Go to formed.org/signup:

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



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 LeAnn at 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



In 2024 we helped 306 Swannanoa Valley families with rent, utility bills, auto repairs and other essential needs (many are hurricane victims). 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@rdoc.org.



St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

✦ *Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936* ✦

September 7, 2025

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father John Allen, Pastor

Deacon Dan Hoffert

Deacon Ralph Eckoff, (Ret.)

Claudia G. Graham, Office Manager
Jennifer Puzerewski, Admin. Assistant & Stewardship Coordinator
Taylor D'Abbraccio, Youth Formation
Karen Parsons, Organist

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Celebration of the Sacraments

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil (Anticipated Mass): 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)

Monday - Thursday: 8:45am

Holy Days: Check website

CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Confession will be available immediately after every daily Mass and on Saturdays after the 4:30pm Vigil Mass and Sundays after the 8:30am, and 11am Masses.

BAPTISM

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: 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 0; **after** hours, press 2. If there has been a terminal diagnosis or scheduled surgery, please see Father in the confessional after Mass or call the office.



Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ~ Luke 14:27

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:15AM - 3:00PM
Friday: Closed

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 EMERGENCY (danger of death):
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 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.

CATHOLIC FORMATION: Contact the Catholic Formation Team at: stmmcfait@gmail.com.

September 7, 2025

Mass Intentions				
Sat	09/06	4:30pm		† Bill Blanchard
Sun	09/07	8:30am		Pro Populo
		11:00am		Rev. Joseph Yellico
		1:00pm		Debra Rovinski
Mon	09/08	8:45am		† Benjamin Adler
Tue	09/09	8:45am		† Sandra Joyce Shaffer
Wed	09/10	8:45am		Margarito Anaya
Thur	09/11	8:45am	Annunciation Catholic School, MN	
Fri	09/12			NO MASS



Please Pray for...

Those who are sick or have special needs:
Baby Arty Auvil, Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Kate Bogush, Dana Breeding, Joseph Buttera, Donna Collins, Barry Cook, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Maureen Flannigan, Patricia Grace, Baby Elizabeth Heimer, Bernie Hyland, Allison Hoefling, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Lane Lehman, Janet Linda, Meghan McGinnis, Cecelia Meredith, Lori Owensby, Lindsey & Jordan Owensby, Marilyn Rebholz, Rhonda Rivera, Linda Robinson, Roger Salten, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Betty Testa, Arlene Turner, Vickie Wright, Toddler Vivienne Joy, Sandy Yacovelli, Andy Zichy.

Homebound or in Assisted Living:
Marian Bogdanowicz, Dorothy Kelly, 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. **Captain Christian Kimball**, son of Kristy Kimball. **Airman Jack Vess**, son of Eric & Christine Vess.

IMPORTANT DATES!

Sept 14: 9:30am OCIA Meeting (St. Teresa Conf. Room)
Sept 20-21: Priest Retirement Second Collection
Sept 21: Parish Picnic!
Sept 27: 12pm-3pm Eucharistic Adoration
Sept 29: 5pm Confirmation with Bishop Martin

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

Scriptures for the Week	
MON Sept 08 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Micah 5: 1-4a; Ps 13: 6ab, 6c; Matthew 1: 1-16, 18-23	
TUE Sept 09 Peter Claver, Priest, Religious Col 2: 6-15; Ps 145: 1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Jn 15: 16; Lk 6: 12-19	
WED Sept 10 Colossians 3: 1-11; Ps 145: 2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Luke 6: 23ab; Luke 6: 20-26	
THUR Sept 11 Col 3: 12-17; Ps 150: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 st John 4: 12; Lk 6: 27-38	
FRI Sept 12 Holy Name of Mary 1 st Timothy 1: 1-2, 12-14; Ps 16: 1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; John 17: 17b, 17a; Luke 6: 39-42	
SAT Sept 13 John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor 1 st Timothy 1: 15-17; Ps 113: 1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7; John 14: 23 Luke 6: 43-49	
SUN Sept 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast Numbers 21: 4b-9; Ps 78: 1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Philippians 2: 6-11; John 3: 13-17	

Schedule for the Week	
Office hours Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3pm The church is open for prayer during office hours.	
Mon Sept 8	8:45am Mass 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
Tues Sept 9	8:45am Mass
Wed Sept 10	8:45am Mass
Thur Sept 11	8:45am Mass Rosary following Mass 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Fri Sept 12	Church and Office Closed
Sat Sept 13	9:30am Women of St.MMC Mtg (PH) 4:30pm Mass
Sun Sept 14	8:30am Mass 9:30 Rosary following Mass 9:30am OCIA Meeting (St. Teresa Rm) 11:00am Mass 1pm Mass Español 2pm Jimenez Baptism

FOOD!

FELLOWSHIP!

MUSIC!

St. Margaret Mary's Annual Parish Family Picnic!

Sunday, September 21st 12:30pm-3:30pm

SAVE THE DATE!

CHILI COOK-OFF!

FUN!

GAMES!



Stewardship

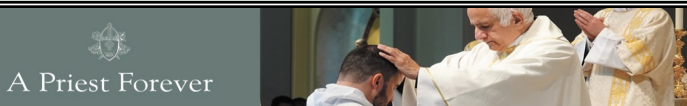


Stewardship Reflection

September 7, 2025
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We must speak to them with our hands by giving, before we try to speak to them with our lips.

~ St. Peter Claver



A Priest Forever

The 2025 collection for Priests' Retirement and Benefits Collection is scheduled to be taken in all parishes on September 20th & 21st.
The theme this year is "In Service to All."

FACTS:

- ♦ A total of 37 retired diocesan priests currently receive benefits.
- ♦ There are 161 diocesan priests in active ministry.
- ♦ A contribution will be made to the retirement funds of the nine religious orders serving the Diocese of Charlotte.
- ♦ There are currently 26 religious order priests for whom contributions will be made.
- ♦ The amount assessed each parish is 3.0% of the annual offertory income.
- ♦ While the average age of retirement in this country is 60, priests are asked to serve until age 70 and beyond.
- ♦ The Priests' Retirement and Benefits Collection helps provide for the future retirement of those priests who are currently working, ensuring the funds will be available when a priest becomes eligible for retirement benefits.

Catherine's House will be here on the weekend of October 4-5, 2025 selling raffle tickets. See bulletin insert for more details.



Join us Sunday, September 7th in the overflow after the 11am Mass.

School At Nazareth needs your help for the upcoming school year.

We are in need of volunteers who are interested in serving as Small Group Leaders this year in our faith formation program. We want families to learn about the faith with the support of their parish community. Small group leaders can be members of the laity or parents whose families are already enrolled in the School At Nazareth.

Questions? Email Tayler at tcdabbraccio@rcdoc.org

Offertory for the Month and Year to Date

AUG GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$30,000	\$25,151	83.8%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Aug 31

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$46,595	14.9%

Archdiocese Military Service Second Collection \$1,273

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here 

May God bless you for your financial stewardship!

Reflecting God's Light

2025 DSA Collected: \$28,458.62
2025 Goal: \$35,506.00
% of Goal: 80%



Thanks to everyone.

The Knights of Columbus collected \$900 during the Operation LAMB (Least Among My Brethren) drive after all the masses August 16-17. Thanks for your generosity. All the funds will help people with intellectual disabilities in our area at the McCune Center and the Black Mountain Neuro Medical Treatment Center.





May Our Life Be a Host

My Daily Offering. I offer all...

Heavenly Father, I place myself upon the paten, with my whole being, my soul, my body, with my intellect and my will, for I offer You all that I am and have.

I place upon this paten all my joys, my sorrows of today, my work with its fatigue my crosses with their bitterness.

I place also upon this paten all those whom I love, those who do me good, those who have done me good, those who have recommended themselves to my prayers.

Through the Immaculate Heat of Mary, I unite all this to the offering of Jesus as a holocaust of love for the salvation of the world for the sanctification of priestly and religious souls, and for own sanctification.