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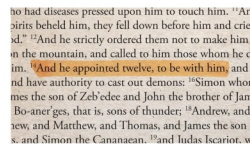
This Week on Formed

Week of April 19, 2026



St. Mark the Evangelist

Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Using outside sources, other books of the Bible, and the Gospel itself, Dr. Gray takes a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.



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.



Via Lucis

Via Lucis, or the Stations of Light, is a devotional practice for reflecting on the joy and hope of the Resurrection during the Easter season. While the Stations of the Cross commemorate Jesus' journey to his crucifixion and death, the Stations of Light focus on the events that followed the Resurrection.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

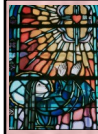
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever: Go to formed.org/signup:

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!



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: 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



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 828-582-7932 on Mondays 6am – noon, all calls are held in strictest confidence.

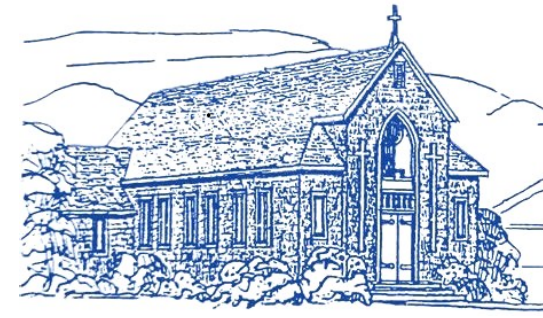
"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

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 ✦

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter



Father John Allen, Pastor

Deacon Dan Hoffert

Deacon Ralph Eckoff, retired

Claudia G. Graham

Chief Financial & Operating Officer and Pastoral Associate

Jennifer Puzerewski

Director of Ministries and Pastoral Associate

Kristina Maldonado, Youth Formation

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Celebration of the Sacraments

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm

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

Holy Days: Check website

CONFESSION

Confession times will be announced via Flocknote.

BAPTISM

Please contact the office to arrange preparation and to complete the required registrations and forms. Baptisms will be scheduled once these requirements are met.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Please email to register: stmmcfath@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE

An appointment with the Pastor must be scheduled at least *twelve months* before the intended wedding date and to begin preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office during office hours to arrange anointing for parishioners of St. Margaret Mary. Anointing should take place immediately following diagnosis of any serious illness or before major surgery. **Please do not wait until death is imminent to receive this sacrament.** May also be requested during scheduled confession times.

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"

~ Luke 24:30-32

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:15AM - 3:00PM
Closed Fridays, Holy Days and Holidays

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 EMERGENCIES FOR THE DYING:

A family member of a St. Margaret Mary parishioner should call 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 our Catholic faith, those who wish to become Catholic, and those who wish to return to the practice of their faith. For more information, please email Deacon Dan and Linda Hoffert at hofferts@bellsouth.net.

ADULT CHOIR/SCHOLA: Call the office.

VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

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

Mass Intentions

Sat	04/18	4:30pm † Russell Gambini
Sun	04/19	8:30am Alex Puzerewski
		11:00am Pro Populo
		1:00pm Santiago Anaya
Mon	04/20	 No Mass
Tue	04/21	 No Mass
Wed	04/22	 No Mass
Thur	04/23	 No Mass
Fri	04/24	 No Mass

Please Pray for...

Those who are sick or have special needs:
 Marian Bogdanowicz, Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Donna Collins, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Bernie Hyland, Allison Hoefling, Dorothy Kelly, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Cecelia Meredith, Margaret Morrow, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Bonnie Vess, Vivienne Joy, Vicki Wright, Sandy Yacovelli.

All Serving in Our Military, Especially Our Parish Family Members:
 Captain Christian Kimball, son of Kristy Kimball.
 Airman Jack Vess, son of Eric & Christine Vess.



IMPORTANT DATES!

Apr 23: 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Apr 25: 11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood
Apr 26: 12pm SAN Catechetical Meeting (PH)
Apr 27: Office Closed
May 21: Catholic Charities Spirit of Hope
 (PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

Thursday
May 21, 2026
at 5:30 p.m.

Highland Brewing
12 Old Charlotte Highway
Asheville, NC 28803

We look forward to seeing you at our annual fundraising event that supports people in need throughout western North Carolina.

Spirit of Hope

Lifting Lives throughout WNC

Scriptures for the Week

MON Apr 20
 Acts 6: 8-15; Ps 119: 23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Matt 4: 4b; John 6: 22-29

TUE Apr 21 Anselm, Bishop, Religious Doctor
 Acts 7: 51-60; Ps 31: 3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; John 6: 35ab; John 6: 30-35

WED Apr 22
 Acts 8: 1b-8; Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; John 6: 40; John 6: 35-40

THUR Apr 23 George, Martyr, Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr
 Acts 8: 26-40; Ps 66: 8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6: 51; John 6: 44-51

FRI Apr 24 Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr
 Acts 9: 1-20; Ps 117: 1, 2; John 6: 56; John 6: 52-59

SAT Apr 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

SUN Apr 26
 Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1st Peter 2: 20b-25; John 10: 14; John 10: 1-10

Schedule for the Week

Office open Monday - Thursday 9:15am-3:00pm
 The church is open for prayer during office hours.

Mon Apr 20 No Mass
Tues Apr 21 No Mass
Wed Apr 22 No Mass
Thur Apr 23 No Mass
 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)

Fri Apr 24 Office and Church Closed
Sat Apr 25 11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood
 4:30pm Mass
Sun Apr 26 8:30am Mass
 11:00am Mass
 12pm SAN Catechetical Mtg (PH)
 1pm Mass (Español)

What is OCIA?
 The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is not merely a new way to prepare adults for baptism in the Catholic Church, baptism is only the first step. The goal of the process is full communion with the Church which means "full, conscious, and active participation" (Sacrosanctum Concilium #14) in the Eucharist and the whole life of the Catholic faith community.

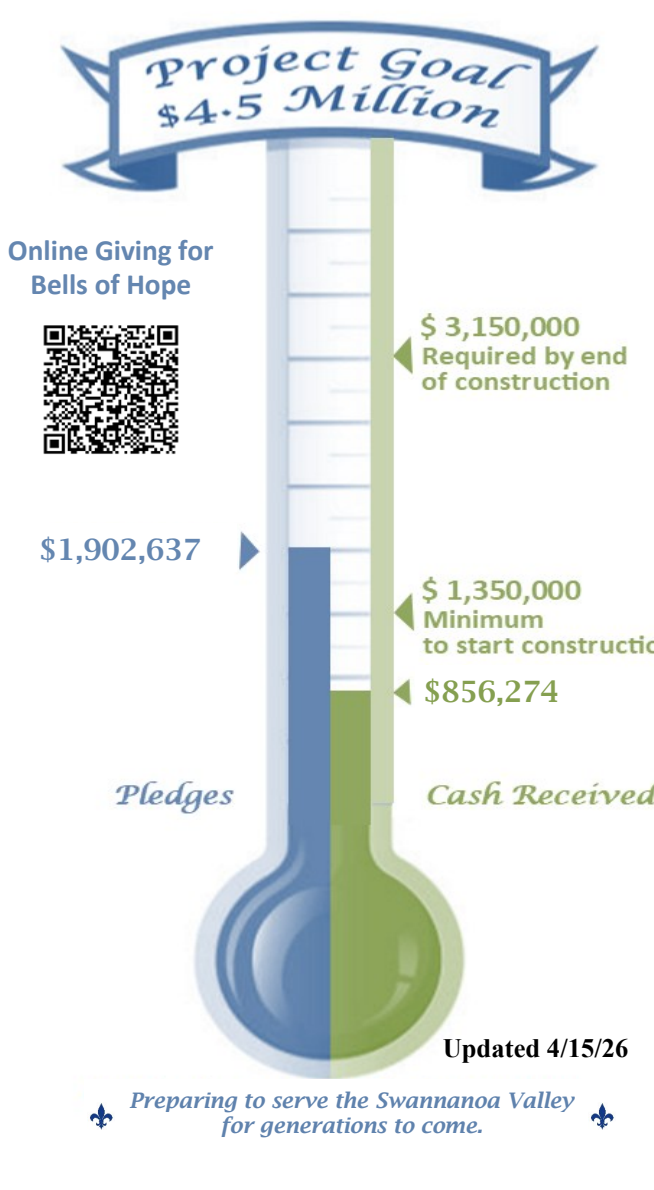
OCIA helps adults to grow in their relationship with God, become familiar with Catholic teachings and practices, get acquainted with people in their parish, and get involved in service within the parish and the wider community.

Many people who want to join the Catholic Church have already been baptized in another Christian church. They will not be rebaptized, but instead will follow a form of the **four steps of OCIA** adapted to the particular needs and concerns of Christians from other faith traditions.

OCIA isn't just for people who want to become Catholic. It's also available to Catholics who may not have had all of their sacraments of initiation (baptism, first Holy Communion or confirmation) earlier in life. OCIA can also be a great way for already active Catholics to rediscover and more deeply understand the foundations of our faith.

Bells of Hope

Cash received - \$856,274
 Pledges received - \$1,902,637
 Goal - \$4,500,000



Stewardship

Offertory for Month & Fiscal Year to Date

APR GOAL	APRIL ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,000	\$16,121	67.1%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Apr 15

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$242,285	77.6%

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here

May God bless you for your financial stewardship!

TENDING the VINEYARD

2026 DSA Collected: \$7,816
2026 Goal: \$31,948
% of Goal: 24%

Congratulations again to all who received the Easter Sacraments!

Pictured with Father Becker and Deacon Dan Hoffert are, L to R: Bentley Warnock, Geoffrey Roberts, Karen Parsons, Jackson Smith, Rebekah Gresko, Manuel Rodriguez, Chani Sanchez, and Brystal Warnock. Congratulations to all!

The total attendance for our 4 Easter Masses was a record 819 people! Ushers were located in three different areas on the campus; they did a great job. Pray that our Bells of Hope Campaign will continue to grow rapidly so we can all worship together in the nave as soon as possible!

Their next step is mystagogy.

What is Mystagogy?

Our faith needs mystagogy first and foremost because of one simple reason: we celebrate and proclaim a *mystery*.

Through the sacraments, we are made participants in the life of Jesus Christ. Faith begins and ends in mystery, most especially the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, "the central mystery of Christian faith and life . . . the source of all other mysteries of faith" (CCC 234).

Mystagogy meetings are held on Sunday, April 19th and April 25th at 9:30am In our Parish Hall.