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	
Phyllis Benbow	4:30pm	Contact any
Dan Little	8:30am	Parish Council
Vacant	8:30am	member with topics
LeAnn Wilson	11:00am	you would like
David Langdon	11:00am	discussed at their
Cesar Cueva	1:00pm	next meeting.
Salvador Figueroa	1:00pm	9

FINANCE COUNCIL

Doug Thigpen, Chair

John Czarnecki

Ernie Reynolds Finance Council meets quarterly.

Tom Schodorf

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



This Week on Formed

Week of August 31, 2025



Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.



Pope Saint Gregory the Great | Catholic Saints

In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title the Great. One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. Gregory is known for his prolific writing, his addical humility, his emphasis on missions, and his dedication to almsgiving Enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehom.



Mother Teresa

See Mother Teresa in the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone in this moving film.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

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- 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.

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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!

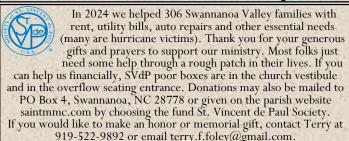
Catholic women 18 years and older are invited to join. Our group gives women the opportunity to fully live their Catholic faith by sharing their gifts and talents with our parish, the community, and each other.

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



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." \sim 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@rcdoc.org.



St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

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August 31, 2025

The Twenty-Second 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 Tayler 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: stmmcfaith@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.



Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

— Luke 14:10-11

OFFICE HOURS:

FAX:

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

OFFICE: 828-686-8833, press 0 for Front Desk

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E-MAIL: office@saintmmc.com

828-686-8832

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: stmmcfaith@gmail.com.

August 31, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat	08/30	4:30pm	† Tim Cutter
Sun	08/31	8:30am	Rev. Kolbe Murrey
		11:00am	† Robert Little
		1:00pm	Pro Populo
Mon	09/01	8:45am	† Robert Richard
Tue	09/02	8:45am	† Bob Russo
Wed	09/03	8:45am	† Joel Romea
Thur	09/04	8:45am	† Peter Leahy
Fri	09/04		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!

Aug 30-31: Archdiocese for the Military Services 2nd Coll

Sept 3: 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)

Sept 4: 7pm Dr. O'Donnell Presentation

Sept 5-6: Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress

Sept 21: Parish Picnic!

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

We Need Your Help

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. If you want to know more about the time commitments and the responsibilities for this role please attend the Volunteer interest meeting on September 7th in the Parish Hall after the 11am Mass.

Questions? Email Tayler at tcdabbraccio@rcdoc.org.

Scriptures for the Week

MON Sept 01

1st Thess 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Luke 4:18; Luke 4:16-30

TUE Sept 02

1st Thesi 5: 1-6, 9-11; Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14; Lk 7: 16; Lk 4: 31-37

WED Sept 03 Gregory the Great, Pope, Religious, Doctor Colossians 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Luke 4: 18; Luke 4: 38-44

THUR Sept 04

Colossians 1: 9-14; Ps 98: 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Matthew 4: 19; Luke 5: 1-11

FRI Sept 05

Col 1: 15-20; Ps 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; John 8: 12; Luke 5: 33-39

SAT Sept 06 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Colossians 1: 21-23; Ps 54: 3-4, 6 and 8; John 14: 6; Luke 6: 1-5

SUN Sept 07 Wisdom 9: 13-18b; Ps 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17; Ps 119: 135; Luke 14: 25-33

Schedule for the Week

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

Mon Sept 1 Diocesan Holiday - Office Closed

8:45am Mass

7pm Reunión del grupo masculine (PH)

Tues Sept 2 8:45am Mass

Wed Sept 3 8:45am Mass

6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)

Thur Sept 4 8:45am Mass

Rosary following Mass

7pm Dr. Tim O'Donnell Presentation

Fri Sept 5 Church and Office Closed

Sat Sept 6 **Hospitality Weekend**

4:30pm Mass Sun Sept 7 8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1pm Mass Español

"Devotion to the Heart of Jesus: St. Margaret Mary & the Promises of the Sacred Heart"



Join us Thursday, September 4th at 7pm for a talk on the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Dr. Tim O'Donnelly.

Following his talk, meet Dr. O'Donnell and enjoy light refreshments in the Parish Hall.

See the bulletin insert for Dr. O'Donnell's bio. Seats are limited, sign-up today with Flocknote or call the office 828-686-8833!

Stewardship

Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship
A way of living

August 31, 2025 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is chal lenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28). ~USCCB.com

The Drop of Water... It is Our Life

United to Christ

By this drop of water which represents me, O my God, permit me to cast into the chalice, with Jesus Christ, every moment of my life so that all may be sanctified super naturalized in the



Blood of Christ and may pass through Him to the Adorable Trinity. I cast also into the Chalice and I offer Thee the life and sufferings of those who do not offer them. That their lives and sufferings be untied to those of Christ who suffered as they do and who died for them.

ODAYS FOR LIFE

Join us for prayer, fasting and community outreach to stop abortion! The Fall 2025 40 Days for Life campaign, a peaceful, prayerful and law-abiding campaign starts on Wednesday, September 24, and ends Sunday, November 2, 2025. There will be two campaign locations in Charlotte this fall. One will be held at **Planned Parenthood 700 Torrence St**. from 7 AM to 7 PM Monday through Saturday. The second campaign will be held in front of A Woman's Choice facility 421 N. Wendover Rd. in Charlotte. The times are from 8 AM to 8 PM, Monday through Saturday.

For more information go to 40DaysForLife.com. If you need more information, on the Planned Parenthood location please contact Maureen Barrett at mbarrett25@gmail.com or 571-236-9583. If you need more information on the Woman's Choice location, please contact Savannah O'Brien at 516-302-7112 or email at charlotte40dfl@gmail.com.

Please come! When even one person prays outside the no show rate for abortions can go as high as 75%.



Offertory for the Month and Year to Date

MONTH ACTUAL

% OF GOAL

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Aug 20 % OF GOAL YTD ACTUAL

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here May God bless you for your financial stewardship!



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Reflecting God's Light

2025 DSA Collected: \$28,218.62 2025 Goal: \$35,506.00 % of Goal: 79%



Today, we have a collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), this collection is approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy,

being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which

> To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.

to receive a weekly assessment.



Condolences...

To the family of parishioner, Andy Zichy who died August 22, 2025.

May Andy rest in peace.

FOOD!

St. Margaret Mary's Annual FELLOWSHIP! Parish Family Picnic! F

CHILI COOK-OFF

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



