

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church is a welcoming parish of disciples inviting all to grow in holiness through the reverent celebration of the Eucharist and Sacraments while reaching out to those in need and sharing our Catholic faith with all.

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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: 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.

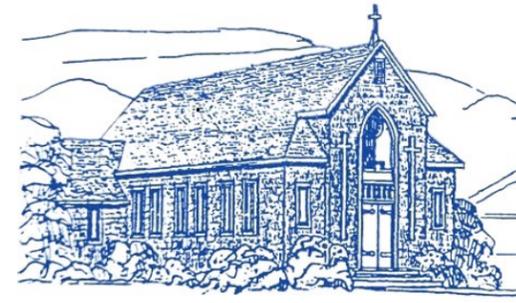
"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

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 ✦

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent



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
Taylor D'Abbraccio, Youth Formation
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Celebration of the Sacraments

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)
Monday - Thursday: 8:45am
Holy Days: Check website

CONFESSION

Confession is available immediately following each daily Mass and on Saturdays immediately following the 4:30pm Mass and Sundays immediately following the 8:30am, and 11am Masses.

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.

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."
~ Matthew 17: 5-7

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 at 828-686-8833.

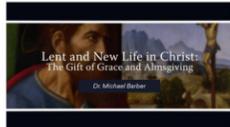
VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

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



This Week on Formed

Week of March 01, 2026



Lent and New Life in Christ

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.



Sts. Perpetua

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp discuss the life and impact of two female martyrs from the third century, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity. Both were beheaded for refusing to renounce their Christian faith.



The Total Gift: A Katharine Drexel Story

Saint Katharine Drexel chose a life dedicated entirely to serving marginalized communities. Born into a wealthy Philadelphia family, Katharine Drexel used her fortune to challenge societal norms and dedicate her life to education and racial healing.

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Mass Intentions

Sat	02/28	4:30pm† Fred Petrazio
Sun	03/01	8:30am Lane Fulwiler
		11:00am † Olivier Family
		1:00pm Pro Populo
Mon	03/02	8:45am DeBlanc Family
Tue	03/03	8:45am ..	† Mildred & Albert Vondenbosch
Wed	03/04	8:45am † Maria DeJesus Hernandez
Thur	03/05	8:45am † Eva & Anthony Lorenzetti
Fri	03/06	8:45am † Elwood Raymond

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, Marilyn Rebholz, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Vivienne Joy, Vicki Wright, Sandy Yacovelli.

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



VESPERS AND SOUP

Vespers and Soup is a cherished tradition at STMM that brings together parishioners for prayer & fellowship. Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be prayed in the church followed by soup and bread in the Parish Hall.

Join us on Tuesdays
February 24th - March 24th
6pm – 7pm.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



STATIONS of the CROSS

We are inviting all kids ages 8-16 to participate in the **Bi-lingual Living Stations of the Cross.** Join us February 26th, 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Hall for the first practice. For more information please contact Lorena Valdez at 828-551-7123



Scriptures for the Week

MON Mar 2
 Daniel 9: 4b-10; Ps 79: 8, 9, 11 and 13; John 6: 63c, 68c; Luke 6: 36-38

TUE Mar 3 Katharine Drexel, Virgin, Religious Founder
 Isa 1: 10, 16-20; Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Ezek 18: 31; Matthew 23: 1-12

WED Mar 4
 Jer 18: 18-20; Ps 31: 5-6, 14, 15-16; John 8: 12; Matt 20: 17-28

THUR Mar 5
 Jer 17: 5-10; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 8: 15; Luke 16: 19-31

FRI Mar 6
 Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Ps 105: 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; John 3: 16; Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46

SAT Mar 7 Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs
 Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15: 18; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

SUN Mar 8 Third Sunday of Lent
 Exodus 17: 3-7; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8; John 4: 42, 15; John 4: 5-42

Schedule for the Week

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

Mon Mar 2 8:45am Mass

Tues Mar 3 8:45am Mass
 6pm Vespers (CH) and Soup (PH)

Wed Mar 4 8:45am Mass
 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)

Thur Mar 5 8:45am Mass; Rosary following Mass
 6:30pm Living Stations Practice (PH)

Fri Mar 6 8:45am First Friday Mass; Office Closed
 5:30pm Stations of the Cross (CH)
 6:30pm Estaciones de la Cruz (CH)

Sat Mar 7 4:30pm Mass

Sun Mar 8 8:30am Mass
 9:30am KoC Rosary
 9:30am OCIA Mtg (H)
 11:00am Mass
 1pm Mass (Español)

IMPORTANT DATES!

Mar 12: 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Mar 14: 9:30am Women of St. MMC Mtg (PH)
Mar 16-20: No Mass - Father Away
Mar 29: SAN Catechetical Mtg (PH)
 (PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

Altar Flowers



No Altar Flowers during lent. Easter Flower Sponsorship begins this weekend. Envelopes are in the entrance of the church

Bells of Hope



Online Giving for Bells of Hope



\$1,817,339

Pledges

\$ 3,150,000
 Required by end of construction

\$ 1,350,000
 Minimum to start construction

\$736,469

Cash Received

Updated 2/26/26

Continuing to serve the Swannanoa Valley for the next 90 years! ✝

THANK YOU to all who have pledged to our Bells of Hope campaign. We are over halfway to our cash goal to break ground! So far, 115 families have contributed to Bells of Hope, many former parishioners and visitors who love our church and wish to see our plans come to fruition. We need everyone to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to Bells of Hope. Pledge cards and envelopes are in the church entrance. You may also use the QR code below to set up a pledge or make a one-time gift online.

For questions or more information on giving, contact Bells of Hope at 828-747-7261.

Stewardship



Offertory for the Month and Year to Date

FEB GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,000	\$20,773	86.5%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Feb 26

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$200,494	64.3%

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here 

May God bless you for your financial stewardship! ➔

TENDING the VINEYARD

“Tending the Vineyard” is the theme of the 2026 Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA). Bishop Martin asks each of us to prayerfully consider a gift to the DSA as a way of serving Christ through the work of thousands of Catholics in Western North Carolina.

Our Parish goal this year is \$31,947

See the bulletin insert for the Offices & Ministries that are supported by the DSA.

- WAYS TO GIVE:**
- ⇒ Make a Pledge - Pledging allows you to make a large gift with smaller payments over 11 months
 - ⇒ One-Time Gift - Respond to a mailing, in-pew appeal card
 - ⇒ Make a one-time gift or set up a monthly pledge via credit or debit card at saintmmc.com
 - ⇒ Donate online at saintmmc.com
 - ⇒ Scan QR code 
- Thank you for your generosity!
 Checks payable to St. Margaret Mary; note “DSA” in memo section.

Lenten Stewardship Opportunity



40 Cans for Lent

Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring **40 Cans for Lent**. Donate one can of food for each day of Lent to benefit Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Place cans and non-perishable food (in date) in the collection container located in front of the Parish Office Building.

Financial donations are also welcome. Please make checks payable to ‘**Knights of Columbus Council 13016**’ with ‘**40 Cans for Lent**’ in the memo field. Place donation envelopes in the collection baskets during Mass, or place in the black mailbox next to the office front door.

Thank you for your generosity!



March Wedding Anniversaries:

Edmund & MaryAnn Mascitelli ~ 36 years

Happy Anniversary!

