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This Week on Formed

Week of January 18, 2026



Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th!



Martyrdom of St. Agnes | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today. This week, they are looking at The Martyrdom of St. Agnes as depicted by Zampieri Domenico.



The Story of Saint Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales is the patron saint of writers and we celebrate his feast on January 24. Enjoy this short audio reflection for kids.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

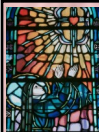
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever: Go to formed.org/signup:

1. Select our Parish by name;
2. Register with your name and email address;
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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 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 ✦

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
Tayler D'Abbraccio, Youth Formation
Karen Parsons, Organist

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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: stmmcfait@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.



The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'

~ John 1:29-30

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: stmmcfait@gmail.com.

January 18, 2026

Mass Intentions					
Sat	01/17	4:30pm	.....	† Bill Blanchard	
Sun	01/18	8:30am	.....	† Chuck Green	
		11:00am	.....	Alice Cella	
		1:00pm	.....	Pro Populo	
Mon	01/19	8:45am	.....	Joanne & Bill Walker	
Tue	01/20	8:45am	.....	† Susan Collins	
Wed	01/21	8:45am	.....	Gail Carroll	
Thur	01/22	8:45am	.....	† Elaine Gross	
Fri	01/23		.....	No Mass	




Please Pray for...

Those who are sick or have special needs:
Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Donna Collins, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Bernie Hyland, Allison Hoefling, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Cecelia Meredith, Marilyn Rebholz, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Toddler Vivienne Joy, Sandy Yacovelli.


Homebound or in Assisted Living:
Marian Bogdanowicz, Dorothy Kelly

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




Knights of Columbus Highway Clean-up January 31st

Gather in the Parish Hall at 9:30am to help pick up debris in the neighborhood.



IMPORTANT DATES!
Jan 19: Diocesan Holiday-Office Closed
Jan 22: 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Jan 24: 11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood
Jan 25: 12pm SAN Catechetical Meeting (PH)
(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)




2026 National Mission Collection January 18, 2026

The National Mission Collection supports:

- the Church in Latin America
- the Church in Central and Eastern Europe
- Church in Africa,
- Catholic Home Missions,
- the United States Mission

Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the missionary activity of the Church on both a local and world level.

The week of January 12th, you should receive a letter from our Vicar General and Chancellor, Monsignor Winslow, with an informative Combined Mission brochure.



La Colección de Misiones Combinadas admite:

- La Iglesia en América Latina
- La Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental
- Iglesia en África,
- Misiones domésticas católicas,
- la misión de estados unidos


Tu contribución al buen trabajo de estas organizaciones te dará la oportunidad de participar en la actividad misionera de la Iglesia tanto a nivel local como mundial.

La semana del 12 de enero, debería recibir una carta de nuestro Vicario General y Canciller, Monseñor Winslow, con un folleto informativo de la Misión Combinada.

Scriptures for the Week	
MON Jan 19 1 st Sam 15: 16-23; Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Heb 4: 12; Mark 2: 18-22	
TUE Jan 20 Fabian, Pope, Martyr/Sebastian, Martyr 1 st Sam 16: 1-13; Ps 89: 20, 21-22, 27-28; Ephesians 1: 17-18; Mark 2: 23-28	
WED Jan 21 Agnes, Virgin, Martyr 1 st Sam 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144: 1b, 2, 9-10; Matt 4: 23; Mark 3: 1-6	
THUR Jan 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn 1 st Samuel 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7; Ps 56: 2-3, 9-10a, 10b-12, 13-14; 2 nd Timothy 1: 10; Mark 3: 7-12	
FRI Jan 23 Vincent of Saragossa, deacon 1 st Sam 24: 3-21; Ps 57: 2, 3-4, 6 and 11; 2 nd Corinthians 5: 19; Mark 3: 13-19	
SAT Jan 24 Francis De Sales, Bishop, Rel Founder, Doctor 2 nd Sam 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80: 2-3, 5-7; Acts 16: 14b; Mark 3: 20-21	
SUN Jan 25 Isaiah 8: 23 - 9: 3; Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14; 1 st Cor 1: 10-13, 17; Matthew 4: 23; Matthew 4: 12-23 or Matthew 4: 12-17	

Schedule for the Week	
Office open Tuesday-Thursday 9:15am-3:00pm The church is open for prayer during office hours.	
Mon Jan 19	8:45am Mass Diocesan Holiday-Office Closed
Tues Jan 20	8:45am Mass
Wed Jan 21	8:45am Mass
Thur Jan 22	8:45am Mass 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH) 7pm KofC Rosary for the Unborn (CH) Church and Office Closed
Fri Jan 23	11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood
Sat Jan 24	4:30pm Mass
Sun Jan 25	8:30am Mass 9:30am OICA Mtg (PH) 11:00am Mass 12pm SAN Catechetical Mtg (PH) 1pm Mass (Español)

Bells of Hope






UPDATE:
Our campaign is going extremely well. Thus far we have received:

- \$1,778,505 in pledges
 - 3 pledges \$200,000 or over
 - 6 pledges \$50,000 or over
 - 5 pledges \$10,000 or over
 - 14 pledges \$5,000 or over
- \$ 508,345 in the bank
- 100 Donors are participating: 60 parishioners and 35 non-parishioners.

The “Bells of Hope” Capital Campaign is our opportunity to ensure that our bells continue to ring for generations to come. You can play a role in making St. Margaret Mary fit for the future. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial pledge over three years or a significant one-time gift to make an impact that will live on long after we are gone.

Saint Margaret Mary Parish has begun her 90th year in the Swannanoa Valley. It is time to position our parish for the future. The Bells of Hope capital campaign will do exactly that.

If you have any questions, big or small, please call Anne at our Bells of Hope help desk: 828-747-7261.
Use the QR code to donate or to make a pledge:



Online Giving for Bells of Hope

Sign up this weekend!

Our faith community is being asked to join other Asheville area churches to support the AVL Habitat Faith Build House at New Heights phase II off Old Haywood Rd. in West Asheville.




Asheville Area
**Habitat
for Humanity**
Serving Buncombe & Madison Counties

All work will be done inside or landscaping outside in January and February. Dates: Sat. 1/24, Tue. 1/27, Sat. 1/31, Sat. 2/7 & 2/14, Thu. 2/19, Sat. 2/21, Fri. 2/27 (morning) and Sat. 2/28. Two volunteers are needed for each day. No experience is needed. Work days are from 8:30am until 4pm with breaks for snacks and lunch. A representative will be outside after Masses on 1/17 & 18 and 1/31 & 2/1 to recruit volunteers.

Contact parishioner David Langdon at 828-776-4675 or davidlangdon70@gmail.com for more information.
Please consider lending a helping hand to this worthwhile project to provide affordable housing to a local family.

Stewardship



Offertory for the Month and Year to Date


JAN GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,000	\$14,285	60%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Jan 14

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$170,492	54.6%


Donate online at saintmmc.com or here

May God bless you for your financial stewardship! ➡



2025 Contribution Statements will be mailed on January 23rd. If you donated \$250 or more to St. Margaret Mary’s Parish in 2025, you Should receive your statement in the mail.

Please call the parish office if you do not receive your statement by January 31st.



Stewardship Reflection January 18, 2026

Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in service of God.



Life is a Gift

Our theme for the **2026 March for Life** offers a fresh vision, inviting all people to rediscover the beauty, goodness, and joy of life itself.

Every January at the **National March for Life**, countless marchers from across the country and around the world unite in celebration of the gift of human life—radiating hope, unity, and a spirit that transcends politics. This is why our 2026 March for Life theme is **Life is a Gift**, emphasizing what lies at the heart of the pro-life movement—an unshakeable conviction that life is very good and worthy of protection, no matter the circumstances. **Life is a Gift** invites everyone to embrace life as something to be cherished and celebrated from the very beginning.

We invite you to be swept up into this movement of joy and celebration. Watch the video and join us on **Friday, January 23, 2026**, as we march together in Washington, D.C., joyfully declaring to the nation: **Life is a Gift**.