

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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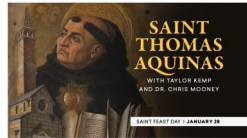
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### This Week on Formed

Week of January 25, 2026



#### St. Thomas Aquinas | Catholic Saints

St. Thomas Aquinas was given one of the greatest minds in history. He devoted his life to studying God. Not only did St. Thomas cover almost all of theology, but he also did it while maintaining theological accuracy.



#### The Story of St. John Bosco

Learn the inspiring story of the life of St. John Bosco in this audio reflection intended for kids. We celebrate his feast day on January 31.



#### Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

#### How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

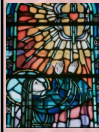
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:  
Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup):

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

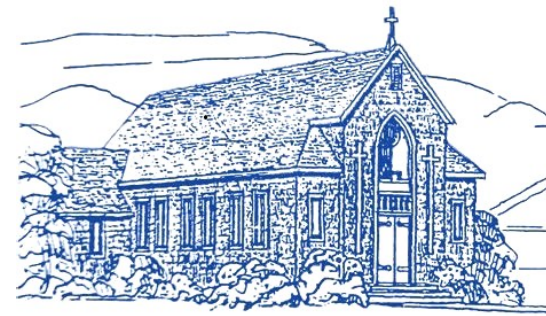
"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

### 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](http://www.ccdoc.org/give)  
Join our volunteer team by contacting Hilary Kalisch at [HRKalisch@rdoc.org](mailto:HRKalisch@rdoc.org).



# St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

✦ Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936 ✦

January 25, 2026

## Third 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: [stmmcfaith@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfaith@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.



From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."  
~ Matthew 4:17

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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: [stmmcfaith@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfaith@gmail.com).

January 25, 2026




| Mass Intentions |       |         |       |                      |  |
|-----------------|-------|---------|-------|----------------------|--|
| Sat             | 01/24 | 4:30pm  | ..... | Barbara Vincelli     |  |
| Sun             | 01/25 | 8:30am  | ..... | Pro Populo           |  |
|                 |       | 11:00am | ..... | † Judith Hull Wright |  |
|                 |       | 1:00pm  | ..... | Jesus Badillo        |  |
| Mon             | 01/26 | 8:45am  | ..... | No Mass              |  |
| Tue             | 01/27 | 8:45am  | ..... | No Mass              |  |
| Wed             | 01/28 | 8:45am  | ..... | No Mass              |  |
| Thur            | 01/29 | 8:45am  | ..... | No Mass              |  |
| Fri             | 01/30 |         | ..... | 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 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.




### Knights of Columbus Highway Clean-up January 31<sup>st</sup>


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



**IMPORTANT DATES!**  
**Jan 25:** 12pm SAN Catechetical Meeting (PH)  
**Feb 2:** 8:45am Candlemas & candle blessing  
**Feb 3:** St. Blaise Throat Blessing following 8:45am Mass  
**Feb 18:** Ash Wednesday  
**Feb 20:** 5:30pm Stations of the Cross-English (CH)  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross-Spanish (CH)  
**Feb 24:** 6pm Vespers & Soup (PH)  
(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)



**Sponsoring Altar Flowers**  
is a beautiful way to remember  
a loved one or to honor a  
special birthday or anniversary!  
Call the office to sponsor flowers.



Help us keep our church entrance clutter  
free. **Do not drop off anything** in the  
entrance of the church or office  
kitchenette. Please bring items to  
the church office.

| Scriptures for the Week  |  |
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| <b>MON Jan 26 Timothy and Titus, Bishops</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1: 1-8 or Titus 1: 1-5; Ps 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10;<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1: 10; Mark 3: 22-30 |  |
| <b>TUE Jan 27 Angela Merici, Virgin, Religious Founder</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 6: 12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24: 7, 8, 9, 10; Matthew 11: 25;<br>Mark 3: 31-35                  |  |
| <b>WED Jan 28 Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious, Doctor</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7: 4-17; Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mark 4: 1-20  |  |
| <b>THUR Jan 29</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7: 18-19, 24-29; Ps 132: 1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14;<br>Psalms 119: 105; Mark 4: 21-25   |  |
| <b>FRI Jan 30</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sam 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11;<br>Matthew 11: 25; Mark 4: 26-34   |  |
| <b>SAT Jan 31 John Bosco, Priest, Religious Founder</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sam 12: 1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; John 3: 16;<br>Mark 4: 35-41                     |  |
| <b>SUN Feb 1</b><br>Zephaniah 2: 3; Zephaniah 3: 12-13; Ps 146: 6-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10;<br>First Corinthians 1: 26-31; Matthew 5: 12a; Matthew 5: 1-12a                           |  |

| Schedule for the Week  |  |
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| <b>Office open Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3:00pm</b><br>The church is open for prayer during office hours. |  |
| <b>Mon Jan 26</b>  | No Mass  |
| <b>Tues Jan 27</b>   | No Mass  |
| <b>Wed Jan 28</b>  | No Mass  |
| <b>Thur Jan 29</b>   | No Mass  |
| <b>Fri Jan 30</b>  | Church and Office Closed   |
| <b>Sat Jan 31</b>  | <b>Hospitality Weekend</b><br>4:30pm Mass<br>8:30am Mass<br>11:00am Mass<br>1pm Mass (Español) |
| <b>Sun Feb 1</b>   |  |

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  
1/31 & 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.

## Bells of Hope



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




- \$1,784,276 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
- \$ 621,977 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 90<sup>th</sup> year in the  
Swannanoa Valley. It is time to position our parish for the  
next 90 years. 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**






Fr. Allen would like to express  
thanks to Salvador Figueroa  
for his service on the  
Parish Council.  
Salvador has decided to step  
down and Maria Borges has  
accepted her appointment to  
the Parish Council.



**TRAVELING?**  
**Don't take a vacation from your faith!**  
**Find a Mass while traveling by  
visiting:**

Reverentcatholicmass.com  
Masstimes.org  
Catholicmasstimes.org

## Stewardship



**Offertory for the Month and Year to Date**


| JAN GOAL | MONTH ACTUAL | % OF GOAL |
|----------|--------------|-----------|
| \$24,000 | \$20,561     | 85%       |

**Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Jan 21**

| GOAL      | YTD ACTUAL | % OF GOAL |
|-----------|------------|-----------|
| \$312,000 | \$175,089  | 56.1%     |


**National Mission Collection—\$978.56**  
**Donate online at [saintmmc.com](http://saintmmc.com) or here**

*May God bless you for  
your financial stewardship!*



**2025 Contribution Statements** were mailed on  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup>.




### Stewardship Reflection


January 25, 2026  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and  
Andrew, James and John all responded immediately  
to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call  
and as ready to use my talents in His service as those  
first disciples were!



Knights of Columbus  
Pancake and Sausage Breakfast  
February 8th, after the  
8:30am & 11am Masses  
Donations are appreciated to help support the  
Knight's charitable outreach.





### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

On school days, we follow Buncombe County  
Schools. If schools are closed, our campus is also  
closed and there are no Masses. If schools are  
delayed there is no Mass and the office will  
open at 11:00am.

Parishioners will be notified through Flocknote text  
about any cancellations. We also will post schedule  
updates on our parish Facebook page and our parish  
website.

Check our website ([saintmmc.com](http://saintmmc.com)) or  
WLOS Channel 13 or WLOS.com.