

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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## This Week on Formed

Week of January 25, 2026



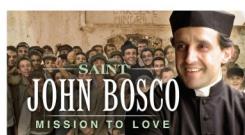
### St. Thomas Aquinas | Catholic Saints

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

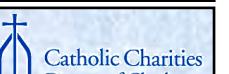


Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers to support our ministry. Most folks just need some help through a rough patch in their lives. If you can help us financially, SVdP poor boxes are in the church vestibule and in the overflow seating entrance. Donations may also be mailed to PO Box 4, Swannanoa, 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@rcdoc.org](mailto:HRKalisch@rcdoc.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**

**Taylor D'Abbraccio, Youth Formation**

**Karen Parsons, Organist**

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[www.facebook.com/stmargaretmaryswannanoa](http://www.facebook.com/stmargaretmaryswannanoa)

## 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

### CONFESION

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: [stmmcfaih@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfaih@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: [stmmcfaih@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfaih@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



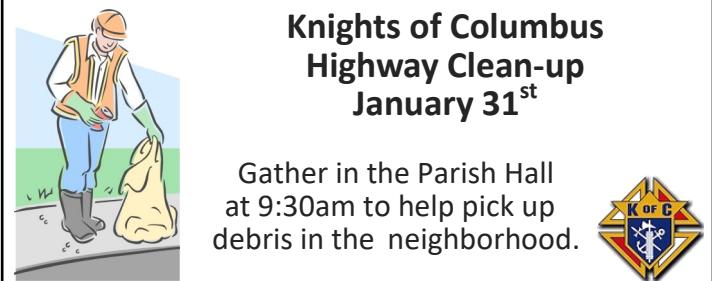
## Please Pray for...

### Those who are sick or have special needs:

Marian Bogdanowicz, Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Donna Collins, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Bernie Hyland, Alison Hoefling, Dorothy Kelly, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Cecilia Meredith, Margaret Morrow Marilyn Rehholz, 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

### MON Jan 26 Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1: 1-8 or Titus 1: 1-5; Ps 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1: 10; Mark 3: 22-30

### TUE Jan 27 Angela Merici, Virgin, Religious Founder

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 6: 12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24: 7, 8, 9, 10; Matthew 11: 25; Mark 3: 31-35

### WED Jan 28 Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious, Doctor

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7: 4-17; Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mark 4: 1-20

### THUR Jan 29

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7: 18-19, 24-29; Ps 132: 1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Psalms 119: 105; Mark 4: 21-25

### FRI Jan 30

2<sup>nd</sup> Sam 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Matthew 11: 25; Mark 4: 26-34

### SAT Jan 31 John Bosco, Priest, Religious Founder

2<sup>nd</sup> Sam 12: 1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; John 3: 16; Mark 4: 35-41

### SUN Feb 1

Zephaniah 2: 3; Zephaniah 3: 12-13; Ps 146: 6-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; First Corinthians 1: 26-31; Matthew 5: 12a; Matthew 5: 1-12a

## Schedule for the Week

### Office open Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3:00pm

The church is open for prayer during office hours.

#### Mon Jan 26

No Mass

#### Tues Jan 27

No Mass

#### Wed Jan 28

No Mass

#### Thur Jan 29

No Mass

#### Fri Jan 30

Church and Office Closed

#### Sat Jan 31

### Hospitality Weekend

4:30pm Mass  
8:30am Mass  
11:00am Mass  
1pm Mass (Español)

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.



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](mailto: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](http://Reverentcatholicmass.com)  
[Masstimes.org](http://Masstimes.org)  
[Catholicmasstimes.org](http://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.

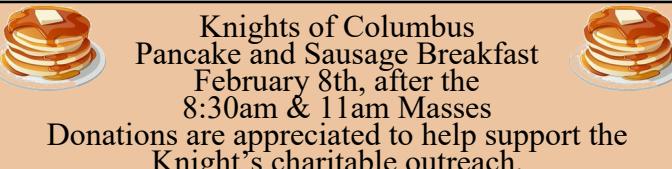
Please call the parish office if you do not receive your statement by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

## 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.