

*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  
Dan Little 8:30am  
Tom Schodorf 8:30am  
LeAnn Wilson 11:00am  
Jesse Boeckermann 11:00am  
Cesar Cueva 1:00pm  
Salvador Figueroa 1:00pm

Contact any parish council member with topics you would like discussed at their next meeting.  
Date: TBA

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Doug Thigpen, Chair  
John Czarnecki  
Ernie Reynolds  
Finance Council meets quarterly.

To contact any Council Member, please send an email to: [office@saintmmc.com](mailto:office@saintmmc.com).



## This Week on Formed

Week of July 13, 2025



### St. Kateri Tekakwitha | God's Princesses

Follow along with Sister Imelda as she tells of the inspiring journey of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a young Mohawk girl who comes to know the Gospel with the help of pioneering priests. Choosing to follow Jesus, Kateri is faced with great challenges as she does her best to bring God's love to her own people! A fun and inspiring example of not giving up!



### St. Bonaventure | Catholic Saints

A Franciscan cardinal-bishop and contemporary of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure is an excellent example of saintly humility. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor," St. Bonaventure loved God above all else. Join Dr. Chris Mooney and Mary McGeehan as they explore the life of this great saint.



### Carmelite Spirituality

On July 16, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Learn more about Carmelite Spirituality and how you can live it in this incredible series on Formed.

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

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

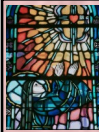
Registering for **FORMED** is easier than ever:  
Go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup):



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**

## 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](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 Peter Graham at 828-989-2505 or email [wpgraham912@charter.net](mailto:wpgraham912@charter.net).



## St. Vincent de Paul Society



In 2024 we helped 306 Swannanoa Valley families with rent, utility bills, auto repairs and other essential needs (many were, and continue to be, hurricane victims). 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](https://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 call 800-862-1633 to leave a message for our volunteer team; 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](https://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 ✦

July 13, 2025

## The Fifteenth 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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*But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him.*

~ Luke 10: 33-34

## 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

Saturday: 3:30-4:00pm (check website for updates)

### 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: [stmmcfath@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfath@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, please call the office as soon as possible to schedule an anointing early in the illness.

### OFFICE HOURS:

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

**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 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](mailto: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: [stmmcfath@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfath@gmail.com).

July 13, 2025



Mass Intentions				
Sat	07/12	4:30pm	.....	† Claudette LaPira
Sun	07/13	8:30am	.....	Jack Crowley
		11:00am	.....	Pro Populo
		1:00pm	.....	Mario Escobar
Mon	07/14	8:45am	.....	Edward & Gail Carroll Family
Tue	07/15	8:45am	.....	† Rev. Joachim Mary Tierney
Wed	07/16	8:45am	.....	† Ann Webster
Thur	07/17	8:45am	.....	† Donnell Johnson
Fri	07/18		.....	NO MASS




### Please Pray for...

**Those who are sick or have special needs:**  
Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Kate Bogush, Dana Breeding, Joseph Buttera, Donna Collins, Barry Cook, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Maureen Flannigan, Patricia Grace, Bernie Hyland, Allison Hoefling, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Lane Lehman, Janet Linda, Dan Little, 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. **First Lieutenant Christian Kimball**, son of Kristy Kimball. **Airman Jack Vess**, son of Eric & Christine Vess.





Help Texas flood victims  
SPECIAL COLLECTION: JULY 12-13

The special second collection to help those affected by the catastrophic floods in Texas is **this weekend**. After the damage caused by Hurricane Helene here in our Diocese, we know how overwhelming such loss can be. In moments like this, our faith calls us to act with compassion and solidarity. Please consider making a donation to help our brothers and sisters in need. All funds will be sent to the Archdiocese of San Antonio's Catholic Charities agency to be used for short-term and long-term relief aid. Our ushers will pass a second basket to collect donations. **Checks should be payable to St. Margaret Mary and note "Texas Flooding" on the memo line. You may also donate online at our parish website SAINTMMC.COM. See insert for more details!**


Scriptures for the Week	
<b>MON July 14 Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin</b> Exodus 1: 8-14, 22; Ps 124: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Matthew 5: 10; Matthew 10: 34 - 11: 1	
<b>TUE July 15 Bonaventure, Bishop, Religious, Doctor</b> Ex 2: 1-15a; Ps 69: 3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Ps 95: 8; Matt 11: 20-24	
<b>WED July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> Exodus 3: 1-6, 9-12; Ps 103: 1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Matt 11: 25; Matthew 11: 25-27	
<b>THUR July 17</b> Exodus 3: 13-20; Ps 105: 1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Matt 11: 28; Matthew 11: 28-30	

<b>FRI July 18 Camillus De Lellis, Priest</b> Exodus 11: 10 - 12: 14; Ps 116: 12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18; John 10: 27; Matthew 12: 1-8	
<b>SAT July 19 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Exodus 12: 37-42; Ps 136: 1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5: 19; Matthew 12: 14-21	
<b>SUN July 20</b> Genesis 18: 1-10a; Ps 15: 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5; Col 1: 24-28; Luke 8: 15; Luke 10: 38-42	

Schedule for the Week	
<div> <b>NEW SCHEDULE</b> </div> <div><b>New office hours Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3pm</b> The church is open for prayer during office hours.</div>	
<b>Mon July 14</b>	<b>8:45am Mass</b> 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
<b>Tues July 15</b>	<b>8:45am Mass</b>
<b>Wed July 16</b>	<b>8:45am Mass</b>
<b>Thur July 17</b>	<b>8:45am Mass</b> Rosary following Mass
<b>Fri July 18</b>	<b>Church and Office Closed</b>
<b>Sat July 19</b>	3:30-4:00pm Confession 4:30pm Mass
<b>Sun July 20</b>	8:30am Mass (Incense) 11:00am Mass 1pm Mass Español (Incense)

IMPORTANT DATES!	
<b>July 28:</b>	12noon Ann Bridgman Funeral (CH)
<b>Aug 5:</b>	6:35pm Parish Life: Asheville Tourists Baseball Game at McCormick Field


(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)



### Stewardship Reflection

July 13, 2025  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbors need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges his hearers - and us - to go and do the same!



### ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER AT STMMC?

Why it's important to be registered at your parish:

- ◆ We need to know who our parishioners are to ensure that we are adequately serving the needs of all.
- ◆ We are able to verify your service under "Time, Talent and Stewardship" required for sponsorship of a Baptism, Confirmation, School Applications, Religious Ed, Wedding Prep, and Funerals.
- ◆ Participation through Offertory Envelopes is another means of parish verification. If you are unable to contribute right now, a notation of your prayerful support on an envelope confirms your attendance at Mass.
- ◆ We need to be as accurate as possible in order to keep the Diocese informed of our membership as they send a copy of the Catholic News Herald to all households at a cost to the parish of \$17.50 per household.

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCE. IF YOU HAVE MOVED, OR IF ANY OF YOUR CONTACT INFO HAS CHANGED, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE. THANK YOU!**



### ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

### THE EMPOWERED CAREGIVER SERIES



Holy Family Catholic Church | 4820 Kinnamon Rd., Clemmons NC 27012  
All sessions are on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:30PM

Caring for someone living with dementia brings a unique set of challenges and rewards. Learn to navigate the responsibilities of middle and late stage caregiving in this education program.

Participants are not required to attend all sessions. There is no fee, but registration is required by July 15.


Contact Sandra Breakfield, Elder Ministry Program Director at 704-370-3220 or sandrab@ccdccc.org for more information.

Topics in the program include:

- Building Foundations of Caregiving | July 29
- Supporting Independence | August 5
- Communicating Effectively & Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors | August 12
- Managing Money for Caregivers | August 19
- Exploring Care & Support Services | August 26

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**TO REGISTER:** Call 704-370-3220 | Email: sandrab@ccdccc.org



### Offertory for the Month and Year to Date

JULY GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,000	\$5,900	24.6%

### Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - July 9

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$5,900	1.9%

Donate online at [saintmmc.com](https://saintmmc.com) or here 

*May God bless you for your financial stewardship!*



### Reflecting God's Light

**2025 DSA Collected: \$24,972.62**  
**2025 Goal: \$35,506.00**  
**% of Goal: 70%**





### 25th Carolina Men's Emmaus

**ATTENTION MEN!!!** Are you looking for a chance to learn more about yourself, your faith and your role in today's society?

Come spend the weekend, **August 22-24, 2025** with other men, just like you, and have an authentic, purposeful, life changing weekend.

See any of the men in an Emmaus shirt, contact **Quint Zuhlke at (702) 271-7855**, visit [www.emmausofthecarolinas.org](http://www.emmausofthecarolinas.org)





### Save the Date!

**Tuesday, August 5th at 6:35pm at McCormick Field**

### Asheville Tourist vs. Greensboro Grasshoppers

**TICKET INFORMATION COMING SOON!**

GET SOCIAL! STAY CONNECTED! VISIT US ON FACEBOOK:

[Facebook.com/stmargaretmariyswannanoa](https://facebook.com/stmargaretmariyswannanoa) AND OUR WEBSITE AT: [saintmmc.com](https://saintmmc.com).