

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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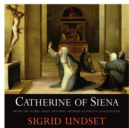
This Week on Formed

Week of April 26, 2026



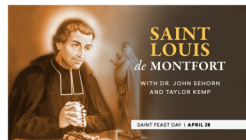
Joseph of Nazareth

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



Catherine of Siena

Sigrud Undset's Catherine of Siena is critically acclaimed as one of the best biographies of this well-known and amazing fourteenth-century saint.



St. Louis de Montfort | Catholic Saints

Dr. John Sehorn joins Taylor Kemp to discuss the life of St. Louis de Montfort. Born in western France, St. Louis had a great love for Mary and the Rosary. His work True Devotion to Mary helps Catholics grow in their relationship with Jesus through his Mother, Mary.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

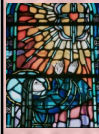
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever: Go to formed.org/signup:

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

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 ✦

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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

Kristina Maldonado, 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)

Holy Days: Check website

CONFESSION

Confession times will be announced via Flocknote.

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.

I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. ~ John 10:9-10

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.

VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

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

Mass Intentions

Sat	04/25	4:30pm	Marellen & John Struhar
Sun	04/26	8:30am	Pro Populo
		11:00am	† Mary Ruth Emery
		1:00pm	† Delores Contreras
Mon	04/27		No Mass
Tue	04/28		No Mass
Wed	04/29		No Mass
Thur	04/30		No Mass
Fri	05/01		No Mass

Please Pray for...

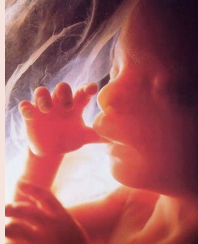
Those who are sick or have special needs:
 Marian Bogdanowicz, Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Donna Collins, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Bernie Hyland, Allison Hoefling, Dorothy Kelly, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Cecelia Meredith, Margaret Morrow, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Bonnie Vess, Vivienne Joy, Vicki Wright, Sandy Yacovelli.

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

IMPORTANT DATES!


Apr 27: Office closing at 12 Noon
May 6: 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)
May 9: 9:30am Women of St. MMC Mtg (PH)
May 21: Catholic Charities Spirit of Hope
 (PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

St. Margaret Mary parishioners are leading a 1-hour prayer vigil on the 4th Saturday of the month at 11am at Planned Parenthood
BE A WITNESS TO THE GIFT OF LIFE. JOIN US ON May 23rd



Condolences...

To the family of parishioner, Bobby Hale, son of Elizabeth and brother of Daniel. Bobby died after suffering a fall on Easter Sunday.



Scriptures for the Week

MON Apr 27
 Acts 11: 1-18; Ps 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4; John 10: 14; John 10: 11-18

TUE Apr 28 Peter Chanel, Priest, Religious
 Acts 11: 19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10: 27; Jn 10: 22-30

WED Apr 29 Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor
 Acts 12: 24 - 13: 5; Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6 and 8; John 8: 12; John 12: 44-50

THUR Apr 30 Pius Virgin, Pope, Religious
 Acts 13: 13-25; Ps 89: 2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Revelation 1: 5ab; John 13: 16-20

FRI May 1 Joseph the Worker
 Acts 13: 26-33; Ps 2: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; John 14: 6; John 14: 1-6, Proper Gospel for Joseph: Matthew 13: 54-58

SAT May 2 Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor
 Acts 13: 44-52; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 8: 31b-32; John 14: 7-14

SUN May 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 6: 1-7; Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1st Peter 2: 4-9; John 14: 6; John 14: 1-12

Schedule for the Week

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

Mon Apr 27 Office & Church Closed
Tues Apr 28 No Mass
Wed Apr 29 No Mass
Thur Apr 30 No Mass
Fri May 01 Office and Church Closed
Sat May 02 Hospitality Weekend
 4:30pm Mass
Sun May 03 8:30am Mass
 11:00am Mass
 1pm Mass (Español)

Parish Life Commission

Save the Date!
 Friday, July 10 at 6:35pm at McCormick Field

BASEBALL AND FIREWORKS !
TICKET INFORMATION COMING SOON!



DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE

Summer Youth Camps

Quo Vadis Days 2026
 June 15-19, 2026
charlottediocese.org/vocations/priest/quo-vadis-days

Duc In Altum 2026
 June 22-26, 2026
charlottediocese.org/vocations/woman-religious/duc-in-altum

Talitha Koum 2026
 June 22, 2026
www.charlottevocations.org

Schola 2026
 July 5-11, 2026
www.bac.edu/schola

Stewardship

Offertory for Month & Fiscal Year to Date

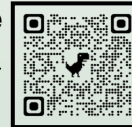
APR GOAL	APRIL ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,000	\$19,603	81.6%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Apr 22

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$247,650	79.3%


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May God bless you for your financial stewardship!



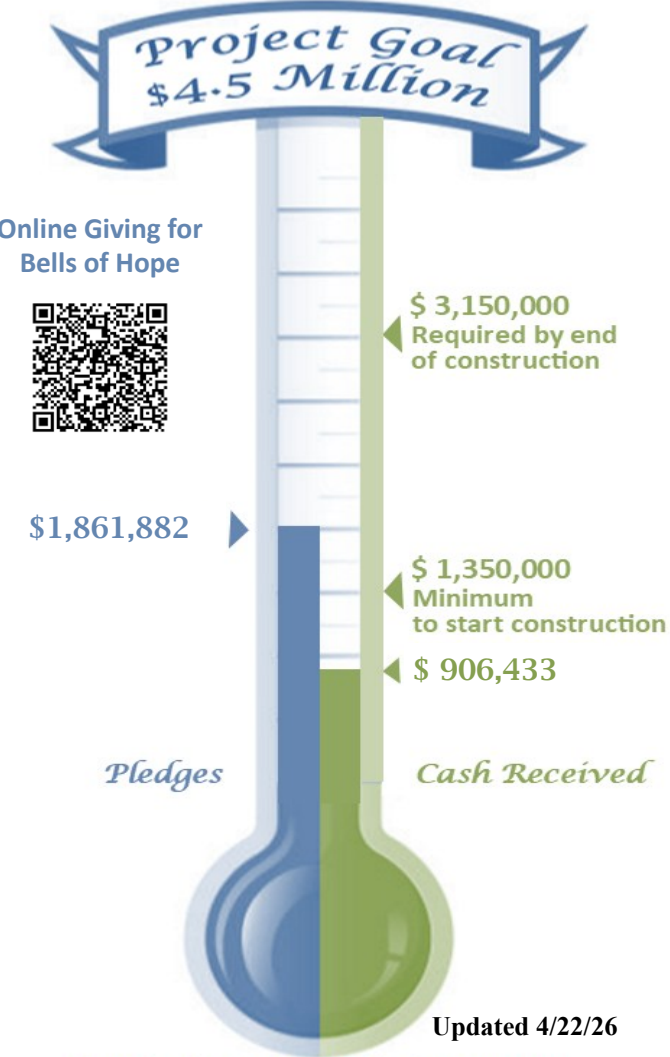
TENDING the VINEYARD

2026 DSA Collected: \$7,816
2026 Goal: \$31,948
% of Goal: 24%




Bells of Hope

Project Goal \$4.5 Million



Online Giving for Bells of Hope



\$1,861,882

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

\$1,350,000 Minimum to start construction

\$906,433

Pledges **Cash Received**

Updated 4/22/26

Cash received - \$906,433
 Pledges received - \$1,861,882
 Goal - \$4,500,000

Bells of Hope Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You in gratitude for the blessings You bestow upon us. May we, as a parish community of faith, never lose sight of the love You have given us through Your Son. Unite us with a single vision and purpose to preserve and beautify our church during this "Bells of Hope" initiative. May every endeavor of ours magnify Your glory, for we understand that without the Lord's hand in the building, our labor is in vain.

Holy Spirit, may charity govern our partnership as the body of Christ, and may Your wisdom guide our labor to make us good stewards of the many gifts You share with us.

Holy Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. St. Margaret Mary, pray for us.

Amen.

✦ Preparing to serve the Swannanoa Valley for generations to come. ✦