

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 Schoforf	8:30am
LeAnn Wilson	11:00am
Jesse Boeckermann	11:00am
Cesar Cueva	1:00pm
Salvador Figueroa	1:00pm

Contact your parish council member with topics you would like discussed at their next meeting on Jan. 16, 2025.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Doug Thigpen, Chair
John Czarnecki
Dennis Sadelson

Finance Council meets quarterly.
Next meeting is Feb. 19, 2024.

To contact any Council Member, please send an email to: stmmc1936@gmail.com.



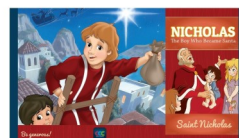
Week of December 01, 2024



30 Minutes BC
30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.



Christmas (Part 1) | What Catholics Believe
Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these and more!



Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa
Here is the fascinating story of the boy whose love for others make him one of the most popular figures of all times. Today, more than sixteen centuries later, the entire world celebrates the kindness and generosity of the man we call Santa Claus.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

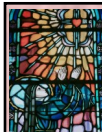
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever: Go to formed.org/signup:



- Select our Parish by name;
- Register with your name and email address;
- Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED;
- 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.

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.



St. Vincent de Paul Society



The St. Vincent de Paul Society helps families and neighbors in crisis with rent, utility bills, auto repairs and other essential needs.

Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers to support our ministry. If you would like to help us continue our mission of serving our neighbors, the 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 online through the parish website saintmmc.com by choosing the fund St. Vincent de Paul Society.

For more information or assistance with food, finances, etc., call 800-862-1633

"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@rcdoc.org.



Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Most Rev. Michael T. Martin, Bishop
Rev. Peter Ireorji, MSP,
Parochial Administrator

Rev. Mr. Dan Hoffert, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Ralph Eckoff, Deacon (Ret.)

Claudia G. Graham, Office Manager
Jennifer Puzerewski, Admin. Assistant & Stewardship Coordinator
Taylor D'Abbraccio, Youth Formation
Karen Parsons, Organist

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And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
~ Luke 21:27

Celebration of the Sacraments

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil (Anticipated Mass): 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30am
Holy Days: Check website
First Fridays: Check website

CONFESSION

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00am
Saturday: 3:30-4:00pm (check website for updates)

BAPTISM:

First Sunday of the month at 10am. 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.

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 4; **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: 9:00AM - 3:00PM
Friday: Closed

OFFICE: 828-686-8833, press 4 for Front Desk
Por información en español oprima 3

FAX: 828-686-8832

E-MAIL: office@saintmmc.com

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY (danger of death):
828-686-8833, after business hours press 2

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC? Join R.C.I.A.! RCIA is Rite of Christian Initiation for 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.

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.

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church - Diocese of Charlotte

Mass Intentions

Sat	11/30	4:30pm	† Bill Blanchard
Sun	12/01	8:30am	Pro Populo
		11:00am	† Jane Ensor
		1:00pm	† Gumercindo Mireles
Mon	12/02		NO MASS
Tue	12/03	8:30am	NO MASS
Wed	12/04	8:30am	NO MASS
Thur	12/05	8:30am	† Kim Rovinski
Fri	12/06	8:30am	† Jeanne Aimone



Please Pray for...

Those who are sick or have special needs:

Charles Anderson, Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Dana Breeding, Joseph Buttera, Donna Collins, Barry Cook, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Maureen Flannigan, Patricia Grace, Allison Hoefling, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Lane Lehman, Janet Linda, Meghan McGinnis, Cecelia Meredith, Lori Owensby, Lindsey & Jordan Owensby, Marilyn Rebholz, Rhonda Rivera, Dennis Sadelson, Roger Salten, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Betty Testa, Arlene Turner, Vickie Wright, Toddler Vivienne Joy, Sandy Yacovelli.

Homebound or in Assisted Living:

Marian Bogdanowicz, Dorothy Kelly, and 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. **SPC Alex Czarniecki**, son of Maureen & John Czarniecki. **First Lieutenant Christian Kimball**, son of Kristy Kimball. **Airman Jack Vess**, son of Eric & Christine Vess.

St. Margaret Mary Hurricane Relief

If you are in need of assistance, please call our Hurricane Relief hotline at 828-782-7719. We have a dedicated Volunteer on this phone line.

IMPORTANT DATES!

- Dec 4:** Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)
- Dec 7-8:** Religious Retirement Collection
- Dec 9:** Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Oblig.) 10am (English) & 6pm (Bilingual)
- Dec 15:** School At Nazareth Catechetical Meeting at 9:45am and 1pm in the Parish Hall
- Dec 15-23:** 7pm-8:30pm Posadas (PH)

(PH = Parish Hall)

Scriptures for the Week

MON Dec 2

Isaiah 2: 1-5; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Ps 80: 4; Matthew 8: 5-11

TUE Dec 3 Francis Xavier, Priest, Missionary

Isaiah 11: 1-10; Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10: 21-24

WED Dec 4 John of Damascus, Priest, Religious, Doctor

Isaiah 25: 6-10a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15: 29-37

THUR Dec 5

Isaiah 26: 1-6; Ps 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Isaiah 55: 6; Matthew 7: 21, 24-27

FRI Dec 6 Nicholas, Bishop

Isaiah 29: 17-24; Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9: 27-31

SAT Dec 7 Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor

Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26; Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Isaiah 33: 22; Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 1, 5a, 6-8

SUN Dec 8 Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5: 1-9; Ps 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11; Luke 3: 4, 6; Luke 3: 1-6

Christmas break is a great time to have a family discussion about where to enroll.

THINKING ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL?

"Education cannot be neutral...either it enables a person to grow or it lessens, even corrupts him. The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful."
Pope Francis

Contact Principal Erick Allen to schedule a visit to Canongate Catholic High School, where the true, good and beautiful are the curriculum.

canongatecatholic.org
eallen@canongatecatholic.org
828-712-8924



Hurricane Relief Info!

Stewardship



Stewardship Reflection

December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent

We are in great need of Ushers, Lectors and Sacristans for all of our English Masses. Please call the office at 828-686-8833 if you would like to learn more about these liturgical ministries.



BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNSELING

Begin Your Healing Journey

Nancy Hartman, LC MHC is offering free counseling services for those in need due to Hurricane Helene trauma starting in December on our campus. Virtual sessions are available upon request. Please contact Nancy for more information and scheduling at 828-403-8436. (The parish staff is unable to do any scheduling or answer any questions.)

Apply for Assistance and Learn about Resources!

A special SVdP Emergency Team will be at StMMC Monday Dec. 2nd through Friday 6th from 9am-3pm. This is for residents of Black Mountain, E. Asheville, Swannanoa, and Old Fort. Drop in! See bulletin insert for more details.

¡Solicite asistencia y obtenga información sobre los recursos!
 Un equipo de emergencia especial de SVdP estará en StMMC desde el lunes 2 de diciembre hasta el viernes 6 de diciembre de 9am a 3pm. Esto es para los residentes de Black Mountain, E. Asheville, Swannanoa y Old Fort. ¡Acérquese! Consulte el folleto para obtener más detalles.

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Help Aging Religious

Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. This second collection is Dec. 7-8, 2024.



Offerortory for the Month of November		
NOV. GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$26,000	\$23,257	89%

Offerortory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Nov 27

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$338,000	\$119,904	35.4%

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here

May God bless you for your generosity.



ONE Body in CHRIST

2024 DSA Collected: \$40,155
 2024 Goal: \$36,717; % of Goal: 109%
 108 Households Contributing



Schedule for the Week

- Mon Dec 02** NO Confession or Mass
9am-3pm Office & Church Open
- Tues Dec 03** NO Confession or Mass
9am-3pm Office & Church Open
- Wed Dec 04** NO Confession or Mass
9am-3pm Office & Church Open
- Thur Dec 05** 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass
9am-3pm Office & Church Open
11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (St. Teresa)
- Fri Dec 06** 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass
Office & Church Closed
7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
- Sat Dec 07** Retirement Fund for Religious 2nd Collection
3:30pm-4pm Confession
4:30pm Mass
- Sun Dec 08** Second Sunday of Advent
Retirement Fund for Religious 2nd Collection
8:30am Mass (Incense)
9:45am KoC Rosary in church
9:45am RCIA (St. Teresa Conf Rm.)
11:00am Mass
1pm Mass Español (Incense)

If you would like to donate to the Christmas Flower fund in memory or in honor of a loved one, envelopes are in the entrance of the church. Please drop the envelope in the offertory basket.



O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay.

~FWTN.com