

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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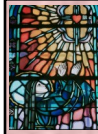
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To contact any Council Member, please send an email to: office@saintmmc.com.

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 ✦

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Father John Allen, Pastor

Deacon Dan Hoffert

Deacon Ralph Eckoff, retired

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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: 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.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him. ~ John 14:20-21

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: stmmcfaith@gmail.com.



This Week on Formed

Week of May 10, 2026



St. Damien of Molokai | Catholic Saints

St. Damien was born in Belgium but spent most of his life ministering to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii. An incredible example of holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel. Sit down with Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life and witness of this great saint.



The Sanctuary Youth Series

The Sanctuary Youth Series is centered on the pressing questions that young people are asking about faith and mental health. It provides space to engage these questions and start important conversations in youth ministries and church communities. Drawing on insights from mental health professionals, theologians, and evidence-based research, this educational and interactive course is designed to reduce stigma, increase awareness, and prepare students for a faith journey that includes seasons of flourishing and languishing.



The Sanctuary Course for Catholics | Trailer

This eight-session course—designed for use in small groups—explores the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations about these topics. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.

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| Mass Intentions | | | | |
|-----------------|-------|---------|-------|-------------------------|
| Sat | 05/09 | 4:30pm | | † Betty Doran |
| Sun | 05/10 | 8:30am | | Pro Populo |
| | | 11:00am | | Austin & Emily Rovinski |
| | | 1:00pm | | Josef Manuel |
| Mon | 05/11 | | | No Mass |
| Tue | 05/12 | | | No Mass |
| Wed | 05/13 | | | No Mass |
| Thur | 05/14 | | | No Mass |
| Fri | 05/15 | | | 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!

May 9: 8:30am Spring Flower planting
May 14: OFFICE CLOSED- Diocesan Holiday
 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
May 16: 9:30am Women of StMMC Mtg (PH)
May 17: 12pm SAN Year End Event (PH)
May 19: 2pm Finance Council Mtg (JP23)
May 20: 5pm Parish Council Mtg (PH)
May 25: OFFICE CLOSED- Diocesan Holiday
May 30: 10am First Communion Rehearsal (CH)
 (PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

Parish Life Commission

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

BASEBALL AND FIREWORKS!
TICKET INFORMATION COMING SOON!

Scriptures for the Week

MON May 11
 Acts 16: 11-15; Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; John 15: 26b, 27a; John 15: 26 - 16: 4

TUE May 12 Nereus & Achilleus Martyrs
 Acts 16: 22-34; Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; John 16: 7, 13; John 16: 5-11

WED May 13 Our Lady of Fatima
 Acts 17: 15, 22 - 18: 1; Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; John 14: 16; John 16: 12-15

THUR May 14 Matthias, Apostle Feast
 Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 15: 16; John 15: 9-17

FRI May 15 Isidore the Farmer, Married Man
 Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 24:46, 26; John 16:20-23


SAT May 16
 Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; John 16:28; John 16:23b-28

SUN May 17 Ascension of the Lord Solemnity
 Acts 1: 1-11; Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Matthew 28: 19a, 20b; Matthew 28: 16-20

Schedule for the Week


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

Mon May 11 No Mass
Tues May 12 No Mass
Wed May 13 No Mass
Thur May 14 **The Ascension of Our Lord**
 Diocesan Holiday-Ofc and CH Closed
 No Mass
 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Fri May 15 Office and Church Closed
Sat May 16 **International Collection**
 9:30am Women of StMM Mtg (PH)
 10am Confirmation Retreat (overflow)
 3:30pm Confessions
 4:30pm Mass
Sun May 17 **International Collection**
 8:30am Mass
 11:00am Mass
 12pm SAN Year End Event (PH)
 1pm Mass (Español)



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



Bells of Hope

Cash received - \$908,293
 Pledges received - \$1,905,932
 Goal - \$4,500,000



International Collection

Our second collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the mission of the Church internationally.

- ◆ Collection for the Holy Land
- ◆ Collection for the Works of the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)
- ◆ Church in Latin America
- ◆ Church in Central & Eastern Europe
- ◆ Church in Africa

Envelopes for this collection are in your parish envelope packet and you may donate online at our Parish Website.

Stewardship

 **Offertory for Month & Fiscal Year to Date**

| MAY GOAL | MAY ACTUAL | % OF GOAL |
|----------|------------|-----------|
| \$30,000 | \$6,088 | 20.1% |

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - May 6

| GOAL | YTD ACTUAL | % OF GOAL |
|-----------|------------|-----------|
| \$312,000 | \$256,223 | 82.1% |

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here 

May God bless you for your financial stewardship!

TENDING the VINEYARD

2026 DSA Collected: \$10,671
2026 Goal: \$31,948
% of Goal: 33%




The Three Pillars of May Marian Devotion

The Church invites us to live the Month of Mary through three essential spiritual practices:

- 1. The Rosary**
 The Rosary is the centerpiece of May devotion. Through its mysteries, we contemplate the life of Christ alongside Mary — his first and most faithful disciple. Praying the Rosary in May, even just one decade a day, unites us with Our Lady and opens our hearts to grace.
- 2. The May Crowning**
 The May Crowning is one of the most beloved Catholic traditions — a ceremony in which a crown of flowers is placed on a statue of Mary as a gesture of love and honor. Many parishes celebrate it on May 1st or the first Sunday of May. Families can also celebrate it at home with children.
- 3. Marian Novenas**
 May is the perfect month to pray a Marian novena — nine days of focused prayer entrusting a specific intention to Our Lady's intercession. Whether for healing, a family need, or spiritual growth, Mary brings our prayers to her Son.

Together, these three pillars guide us toward a deeper relationship with Mary and, through her, with Christ.