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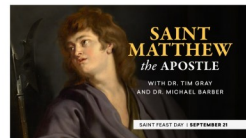
### This Week on Formed

Week of September 20, 2026



#### Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



#### Saint Matthew | Catholic Saints

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and evangelist.



#### Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew 1:1-25

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they begin studying the Gospel of Matthew by introducing St. Matthew and looking at chapter 1 of this incredible gospel.

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?

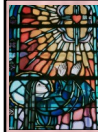
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:  
Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup):

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: [office@saintmmc.com](mailto:office@saintmmc.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 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](http://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 ✦

September 20, 2026

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Aaron Z. Huber  
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Deacon Ralph Eckoff, retired

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### Celebration of the Sacraments

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)

Daily Mass: Monday - Thursday 8:45am

Holy Days: Check website

#### CONFESSION

Monday-Thursday 8am-8:30am

Saturday 3pm-4pm or by appointment

#### BAPTISM

Please contact the office to arrange preparation and to complete the required forms. Baptisms will be scheduled once all requirements are met.

#### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Please email to register: [stmmcfaiht@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfaiht@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.**



"My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."  
Matthew 20:13-16

#### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:15AM - 3:00PM  
Closed Fridays, Holy Days and Holidays

OFFICE: 828-686-8833, press 2 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:

For sacramental emergencies where there may be danger of death requiring a priest, call 828-686-8833 and press 0.

#### 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).

CHOIR: Email Claudia: [cggraham@saintmmc.com](mailto:cggraham@saintmmc.com).

VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION: Contact the Catholic Formation Team at: [stmmcfaiht@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfaiht@gmail.com).

September 20, 2026

Mass Intentions

|      |       |         |                                   |
|------|-------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Sat  | 09/19 | 4:30pm  | Pro Populo                        |
| Sun  | 09/20 | 8:30am  | † Daniel Hale, Sr. and Bobby Hale |
|      |       | 11:00am | † Ruby Ferroli                    |
|      |       | 1:00pm  | NO MASS                           |
| Mon  | 09/21 | 8:45am  | Max Puzerewski                    |
| Tue  | 09/22 | 8:45am  | † Robert Kachmarik                |
| Wed  | 09/23 | 8:45am  | Cassidy Reilly                    |
| Thur | 09/24 | 8:45am  | Eva & Anthony Lorenzetti          |
| Fri  | 09/25 |         | 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, Jim Lauer, Cecelia Meredith, Margaret Morrow, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, 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.

Faith is to believe what you do not see;  
the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.  
~St. Augustin of Hippo

Scriptures for the Week

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| <b>MON Sept 21 Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist</b><br>Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13; Ps 19: 2-3, 4-5; Matthew 9: 9-13                                                  |
| <b>TUE Sept 22</b><br>Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13; Ps 119: 1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Luke 11: 28; Luke 8: 19-21                                                      |
| <b>WED Sept 23 Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest</b><br>Proverbs 30: 5-9; Ps 119: 29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Mark 1: 15; Luke 9: 1-6                                 |
| <b>THUR Sept 24</b><br>Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11; Ps 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc; John 14: 6; Luke 9: 7-9                                                     |
| <b>FRI Sept 25</b><br>Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11; Ps 144: 1b and 2abc, 3-4; Mark 10: 45; Luke 9: 18-22                                                              |
| <b>SAT Sept 26 Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</b><br>Ecclesiastes 11: 9 - 12: 8; Ps 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1: 10; Luke 9: 43b-45 |
| <b>SUN Sept 27</b><br>Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Ps 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Philippians 2: 1-11; John 10: 27; Matthew 21: 28-32                                            |

Stewardship

Offertory for Month & Fiscal Year to Date

|           |             |           |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| SEPT GOAL | SEPT ACTUAL | % OF GOAL |
| \$24,462  | \$13,685    | 55.9%     |

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Sept 8

|           |             |           |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| GOAL      | FYTD ACTUAL | % OF GOAL |
| \$318,000 | \$57,215    | 18%       |

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

May God bless you for your financial stewardship!

TENDING the VINEYARD

2026 DSA Collected: \$17,754.00  
2026 Goal: \$31,948  
% of Goal: 56%

Schedule for the Week

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Office open Monday - Thursday 9:15am-3:00pm<br>The church is open for prayer during office hours. |         |                        |                                                                                                      |
| Mon                                                                                               | Sept 21 | 8-8:30am               | Confession; 8:45am Mass                                                                              |
| Tues                                                                                              | Sept 22 | 8-8:30am               | Confession; 8:45am Mass                                                                              |
| Wed                                                                                               | Sept 23 | 8-8:30am               | Confession; 8:45am Mass<br>Rosary following Mass (Español)                                           |
| Traveling Sacred Heart Icon will be in St. Margaret Mary church 9/23-9/30                         |         |                        |                                                                                                      |
| Thur                                                                                              | Sept 24 | 8-8:30am               | Confession; 8:45am Mass<br>Rosary following Mass (English)<br>11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)      |
| Fri                                                                                               | Sept 25 | Office & Church Closed |                                                                                                      |
| Sat                                                                                               | Sept 26 | 11am                   | Prayer Vigil- Planned Parenthood<br>3pm-4pm Confession<br>4:30pm Mass                                |
| Sun                                                                                               | Sept 27 | 8:30am                 | Mass<br>9:30am OICA Mtg (PH)<br>11:00am Mass<br>12pm SAN Catechetical Mtg (PH)<br>1pm Mass (Español) |

Traveling Sacred Heart Icon

As part of our 90th Anniversary Celebration, we are honored to have the Knights of Columbus' traveling Sacred Heart Icon in our church for veneration during regular office hours September 23<sup>rd</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup>.

Stayed tuned for Adoration and Prayer schedules.

Honoring Our Faithful Shepherds  
Priest Retirement Appeal  
This Weekend!

Our 2026 Goal-\$9,045

Catherine's House will be at St. Margaret Mary, after Masses, the weekend of Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

THE FINAL RIDE!

Catherine's House Final Car Raffle

Proceeds from this event will benefit the women and children of Catherine's House who are experiencing homelessness.

Catherine's House is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy.

Tickets and Information Online:  
[catherineshouseinc.org/engage](https://catherineshouseinc.org/engage)

\*The Facebook live drawing will be held on Thursday December 3, 2026.  
The winner does not need to be present to win.

Come one come all...

Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am for Fall Flower Planting  
at St. Margaret Mary!

Altar Flowers

Our Altar flowers this weekend are offered in loving memory of Donald Kuffel by Priscilla Kuffel

"Every Catholic Church should be an image of Christ. The goal for the church building is to communicate the truth and beauty of what goes on inside. If it is done right, its structure, its arches, its bells and towers will start to speak. St. Margaret Mary's beautiful elements, the cruciform design, the open timber trusses and the balance of her beautiful forms against the mountains evangelize the neighborhood and symbolize the Church as the Body of Christ."

William Heyer  
Current Architect of St. Margaret Mary

Funds received: \$1,198,046  
Funds promised: \$860,180  
Total received + promised: \$2,058,226

Bells of Hope Capital Campaign

For questions or more information on giving, contact Bells of Hope at 828-747-7261.

Use this QR Code to donate today

Join us September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am - Parish Hall for OICA Inquiry Session and Registration.

2026-2027 OCIA SESSIONS  
Classes will meet Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> through April of 2027. These classes are for those who wish to be Baptized or Confirmed in the Catholic Faith at Easter 2027. Classes will be held Wednesdays at 6:45pm. There is no remote or online option for preparation.

REGISTRATION & FEES  
There is a \$25 materials fee for OCIA. For more information contact [hofferts@bellsouth.net](mailto:hofferts@bellsouth.net).

St. Margaret Mary parishioners lead a 1-hour prayer vigil on the 4th Saturday of the month at 11am at Planned Parenthood.

Especially during the "40 Days for Life" Campaign, be a witness to the gift of life with us on September 26<sup>th</sup>.