

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 November 02, 2025



Eternal Rest

We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through *Eternal Rest*, a new offering of the Augustine Institute.



Litany of the Faithful Departed

Join us in praying the Litany of the Faithful Departed, asking for God to have mercy on those who have gone before us. This is a great prayer to offer for your loved ones who have passed away or anyone who has passed away.



Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

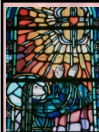
Registering for **FORMED** is easier than ever:
Go to formed.org/signup:



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

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 Jesse Boeckermann at 605-376-4234 or email jessebach7@gmail.com.



St. Vincent de Paul Society



In 2024 we helped 306 Swannanoa Valley families with rent, utility bills, auto repairs and other essential needs (many are 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 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 800-862-1633 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 ✦

November 2, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

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)

Monday - Thursday: 8:45am

Holy Days: Check website

CONFESSION

Confession is available immediately following each daily Mass and on Saturdays immediately following the 4:30pm Mass and Sundays immediately following the 8:30am, and 11am Masses.

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: stmmcfait@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.



“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day”

~ John 6:40

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 at 828-686-8833.

VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

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

November 2, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat	11/01	4:30pm	Pro Populo
Sun	11/02	8:30am	† Ernie Alipio
		11:00am	Cecelia Meredith
		1:00pm	Pro Populo
Mon	11/03	8:45am	Austin Rovinski
Tue	11/04	8:45am	† James Flannick
Wed	11/05	8:45am	Sharon Daniels
Thur	11/06	8:45am	† Bill Lauzau
Fri	11/07	8:45am	† Claire Murphy

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, Baby Elizabeth Heimer, Bernie Hyland, Allison Hoefling, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Lane Lehman, Janet Linda, 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.

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 Linda Gurecky.
Captain Christian Kimball, son of Kristy Kimball.
Airman Jack Vess, son of Eric & Christine Vess.



Sponsoring Altar Flowers

is a beautiful way to remember a loved one or to honor a special birthday or anniversary!

Call the office to sponsor flowers.



The Angel Tree Arrives

November 15th!

In partnership with Catholic Charities, our angel tree program provides Christmas gifts for parishioners & local families in need. Stay tuned!



Scriptures for the Week

MON Nov 3 Martin De Porres, Religious Romans 11: 29-36; Ps 69: 30-31, 33-34, 36; John 8: 31b-32; Luke 14: 12-14
TUE Nov 4 Charles Borromeo, Bishop Romans 12: 5-16ab; Ps 131: 1bcde, 2, 3; Matthew 11: 28; Luke 14: 15-24
WED Nov 5 Rom 13: 8-10; Ps 112: 1b-2, 4-5, 9; 1 st Peter 4: 14; Lk 14: 25-33
THUR Nov 6 Rom 14: 7-12; Ps 27: 1bcde, 4, 13-14; Matt 11: 28; Lk 15: 1-10
FRI Nov 7 Rom 15: 14-21; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; 1 st John 2: 5; Lk 16: 1-8
SAT Nov 8 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Romans 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11; 2 nd Corinthians 8: 9; Luke 16: 9-15
SUN Nov 9 Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 st Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17; 2 nd Chronicles 7: 16; John 2: 13-22

Schedule for the Week

Office hours Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3pm The church is open for prayer during office hours.		
Mon Nov 3	8:45am Mass	7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
Tues Nov 4	8:45am Mass	
Wed Nov 5	8:45am Mass	6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)
Thur Nov 6	8:45am Mass	Rosary following Mass
Fri Nov 7	Office Closed	
	8:45am First Friday Mass	
Sat Nov 8	9:30am Women of St. MM mtg (overflow)	10am SAN First Communion Retreat (PH)
	4:30pm Mass	
Sun Nov 9	8:30am Mass	9:30am KoC Rosary
	9:30am OCIA Mtg (PH)	11:00am Mass
	1pm Mass (Español)	

IMPORTANT DATES!

November: Bring your All Souls envelopes to Mass

Nov 2: Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov 8: 9:30am Women of St. MM Mtg (Overflow)

10am SAN First Communion Retreat (PH)

Nov 9: 9:30am Knights of Columbus Rosary

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

Bells of Hope



Project Goal

\$4.5 Million

Online Giving for Bells of Hope



Continuing to serve the Swannanoa Valley for the next 90 years! ♣

Pledges

Cash

Online Giving for Bells of Hope



Our Plans

Our plans intend to:

- ◆ Preserve the charm and appearance of our existing church
- ◆ Improve safety by adding side aisles and an additional exit
- ◆ Increase seating so all can worship together in the nave
- ◆ Add a priest's sacristy and improve the working sacristy
- ◆ Relocate the confessional to the back of the nave
- ◆ Enlarge the narthex to allow for a public restroom and a Baptistry
- ◆ Enhance seating access for the disabled
- ◆ Add a choir loft accessible from the narthex
- ◆ Enhance the church entrance with a portico and patio
- ◆ Allow for future improvements to the plaza and grounds

For more information contact Bells of Hope at 828-747-7261

Stewardship

Offerstory for the Month and Year to Date

OCT GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,000	\$21,284	88.7%

Offerstory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Oct 29

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$91,974	29.5%

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here

May God bless you for your financial stewardship!



Reflecting God's Light

2025 DSA Collected: \$30,523.62

2025 Goal: \$35,506.00

% of Goal: 86%



A Priest Forever

Priest Retirement Collection - \$4,847

Priest Retirement Goal - \$9,618

Stewardship Reflection

November 2, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Today's Psalm makes clear that we and everything we think we own actually belong to God instead: "The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We are stewards, not owners, of our lives and all we possess!

Seminarian Education Collection

Second Collection-November 1-2, 2025

Please support our seminarians. The seminarian education program is primarily funded through the DSA, the seminarian education campaign, and today's 2nd collection. Your generosity and prayers to this collection is an important part of educating our 45 seminarians.

You may also donate online at <https://saintmmc.com/online-giving>

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

BE A WITNESS TO THE GIFT OF LIFE.

JOIN US ON November 22nd

