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 October 25, 2026



What Catholics Believe About Halloween

Is Halloween really a pagan holiday—or is it deeply Christian? In this episode of What Catholics Believe, Dr. Ben Akers explains the Catholic roots of Halloween, its connection to All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, and how Catholics can celebrate it faithfully. Discover the history of trick-or-treating, the dangers of the occult, the meaning behind costumes, and even the Catholic perspective on vampires and zombies.



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.



Who is St. Jude? | Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. James Prothro discuss this lesser-known apostle St. Jude.

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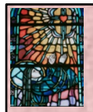
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Women of St. Margaret Mary



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

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

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 or our website at Svdp-stmm.org

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

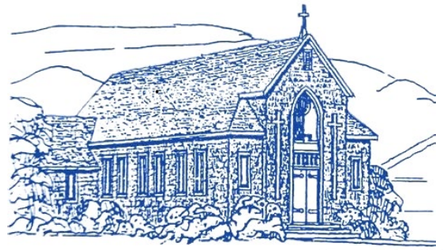
Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte

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.

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Special Edition
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Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

October 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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: stmmcfaith@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE
An appointment with the Pastor must be scheduled at least *six 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.**



"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
~ Matthew 22:36-39

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

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.

CHOIR: Email Claudia: cggraham@saintmmc.com.

VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

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

Mass Intentions

Sat	10/24	4:30pm	..... Mark Puzerewski
Sun	10/25	8:30am	..... Pro Populo
		11:00am	..... † Doris Thibodeau
		1:00pm	..... Margarito & Ruth Anaya
Mon	10/26	8:45am	..... Humberto & Maria Calva Mata
Tue	10/27	8:45am	..... † Angela Barber
Wed	10/28	8:45am	..... † Bill Vanderhoef
Thur	10/29	8:45am	..... † Brian Warnicke
Fri	10/30		.....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.

Scriptures for the Week

MON Oct 26
Eph 4: 32-5: 8; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Jn 17: 17b, 17a; Lk 13: 10-17

TUE Oct 27
Eph 5: 21-33; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Matt 11: 25; Luke 13: 18-21

WED Oct 28 Simon & Jude Apostles
Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 19: 2-3, 4-5; Luke 6: 12-16

THUR Oct 29
Eph 6: 10-20; Ps 144: 1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 19: 38; 2:14; Lk 13: 31-35

FRI Oct 30
Phil 1: 1-11; Ps 111: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; John 10: 27; Luke 14: 1-6

SAT Oct 31 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Phil 1: 18b-26; Ps 42: 2, 3, 5cdef; Matt 11: 29ab; Lk 14: 1, 7-11

SUN Nov 1 All Saints
Rev 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps 24: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1st John 3: 1-3; Matt 11: 28; Matt 5: 1-12a

"Let us be zealous not for our own glory, but for the glory of Christ, who calls us to follow Him." — St. Simon



2026 DSA Collected: $19,584.00
2026 Goal: $31,948
% of Goal: 61%

Stewardship

Offertory for Month & Fiscal Year to Date

OCT GOAL	OCT ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
$24,462	$18,191	74.3%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 – Oct 20

GOAL	FYTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
$318,000	$86,750	27.2%

World Mission Coll - $1,232

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here

May God bless you for your financial stewardship!

Thank you to all who filled out their Stewardship Card.
We received 125 cards!
If you were unable to fill out a card, there are cards in the entrance of the church. You may place completed cards in the offertory basket.
Please be patient with us as we process these cards.

Schedule for the Week

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

Mon	**Oct 26**	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass
Tues	**Oct 27**	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass
Wed	**Oct 28**	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass 9:15am Rosary (Español) 6:45pm OCIA Mtg (PH)
Thur	**Oct 29**	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass 9:15am Rosary (English)
Fri	**Oct 30**	Office & Church Closed
Sat	**Oct 31**	3pm-4pm Confession 4:30pm Mass
Sun	**Nov 1**	**All Saints Day** **Hospitality Sunday** 8:30am Mass 11:00am Mass 1pm Mass (Español)

IMPORTANT DATES
Oct 31: No Hospitality; moved to Nov 7th
Nov 1: Hospitality Sunday
Nov 4: 4pm Parish Council Mtg (PH)
6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)
Nov 12: 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)

PH=Parish Hall

Bells of Hope Capital Campaign

For questions about the building project or donations via IRA, RMD's or Stock, contact 828-747-7261.

Use this QR Code to donate online today

We're very close to our original goal of $1.35 million in cash! We currently have **$1,295,723** in cash from paid pledges and one-time donations. We know our project, once construction begins, will take about 12 months. It is important for us to achieve 3 million in pledges before we break ground.
Please consider a sacrificial pledge today!

What Happens Next?
- Town Hall Meetings in November
- Fr. Huber and Campaign Cabinet to reengage with the Diocesan Construction Office, Architect, and Contractor to complete design development and revaluate cost.
- Construction design drawings created
- Fundraising continues
- We need $3 million in pledges to begin. We have **$2,065,112** in current pledges.



Altar Flowers



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.

October Wedding Anniversaries!

Kim & Margie Latta ~ 62 years
Terrance & Barbara McDermott~ 60 years
Daniel & Mary Delatorre ~ 10 years

Happy Anniversary!

For Parish updates: check out our website at www.saintmmc.com and join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stmargaretmaryswannanoa



Fall & Winter Bazaar
Nov. 14th from 8am - 2pm
St. Barnabas Catholic Church,
109 Cresent Hill Rd.
The Bazaar will include a rummage sale and country store, knitted and crocheted items, hand crafted items and a raffle. Lunch will be available.

FEAST DAY OF ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE
OCTOBER 16 – MASS & ADORATION











EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION
OCTOBER 18











St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Our 90th Anniversary Celebration kicked off with our Parish Family Picnic, followed by Adoration with the Traveling Sacred Heart Icon, 90th Year Dedication Mass, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Feast Day Mass & Adoration, and closing with a Eucharistic Procession.

PARISH FAMILY PICNIC - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

A great time was had by all who attended this year's picnic.
Thanks to each of our wonderful volunteers – we couldn't have done it without you! Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus, the Women of St. Margaret Mary, Harwood Funeral Home, Catholic Charities and Antonio Garcia. We would also like to thank parishioners Pam Murphy, the Tachenko Family, Seth Gillen, Bekah Gresko, Anne Minks, Lois Bean, Beverly Penland, Alison Curtin, Claudia Graham, LeAnn Wilson & Deacan Dan Hoffert for their donations toward the picnic.



Members for over 30th years!





MORE PARISH FAMILY PICNIC PHOTOS!



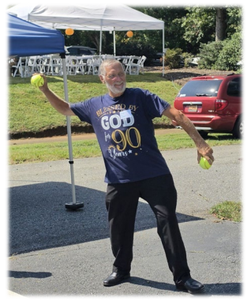




























TRAVELING SACRED HEART ICON
SEPTEMBER 23 – 30

St. Margaret Mary was privileged to have the Knights of Columbus Traveling Sacred Heart Icon and offer Adoration.



DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH
OCTOBER 11


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New Catholic Church At Swannanoa

WILL DEDICATE CHURCH TODAY AT SWANNANOA

Bishop Hafey To Conduct Services At Catholic Institution

PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF
MISS KATE E. KELLY
IN WHOSE MEMORY
A GENEROUS DONATION WAS MADE
TO THIS CHURCH THROUGH
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Newspaper Article

SWANNANOA, Oct. 10 (Special)-
The new Catholic Church of Swannanoa, recently completed on the hotel site in the original plot of the E.W. Grove real estate development at Grovemont-On-Swannanoa will be dedicated Sunday by Bishop W. J. Hafey of Raleigh. Several other Catholic priests will take part in the service, scheduled to start at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The new church is the gift of Miss Kate Kelly, of St. Louis, through the Extension Society of the Catholic Church of Chicago. It is a wooden structure erected at a cost of approximately $15,000, the amount of Miss Kelley's gift. A parsonage, near the church, also was built, for the use of Father J. Lenox Federal, who has been named pastor of the Swannanoa church.

School To Be Built

The church and the parsonage are located on a triangular plot of land at the highest elevation in the Grovemont area. It is planned to build a Catholic school on the site in the near future.

There are more than 70 French-Canadians in the employ of the Beacon Manufacturing company and is expected many of them will become members of the Swannanoa church. A number of other Catholics live in this vicinity. This is the only Catholic church between Biltmore and Lenoir, east of Asheville.

Father Federal, pastor, is a native of North Carolina, but he has studied extensively abroad. For the past three years he has been assistant priest at Greenville, N. C.

Father Bour, of the St. Lawerence Catholic church, Asheville, stated that Father Federal comes highly recommended, and ably equipped in education and training to carry on the work at Swannanoa. Having received part of his education at Belmont College, Belmont, N. C., Father Federal went abroad to further his training. He studied for three years in Switzerland and three in Italy. In Rome, at the North American college, he was ordained in the Catholic ministry on December 8, 1934.