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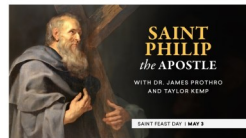
This Week on Formed

Week of May 03, 2026



The Boy From Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis

Discover the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan. You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



St. Philip the Apostle | Catholic Saints

Dr. James Prothro and Taylor Kemp reflect upon St. Philip the Apostle. St. Philip often brought others to Jesus Christ. His feast day is May 3. Jesus shows Philip that by following Himself, he will see God the Father, and that we can be bold in our evangelization and intercession in praying for others.



Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer

"Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer" is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

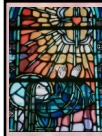
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever: Go to formed.org/signup:

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 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: 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.

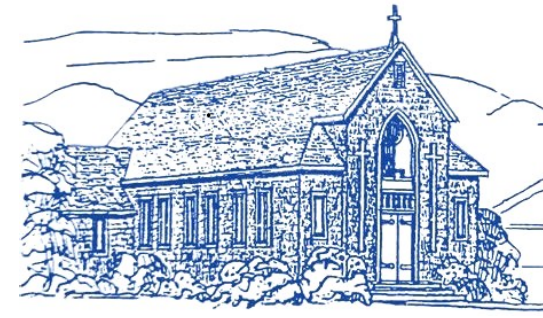
"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

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 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter



I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. ~ John 14:6

Father John Allen, Pastor

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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.

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.

Mass Intentions

Sat	05/02	4:30pm †Cornelius Becker
Sun	05/03	8:30am Michael Puzerewski
		11:00am † Neil McLeod
		1:00pm Pro Populo
Mon	05/04	 No Mass
Tue	05/05	 No Mass
Wed	05/06	 No Mass
Thur	05/07	 No Mass
Fri	05/08	 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.

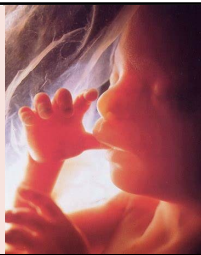
IMPORTANT DATES!

May 6: 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)
May 9: 8:30am Spring Flower planting
May 14: 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
May 16: 9:30am Women of StMMC Mtg (PH)
May 21: Catholic Charities Spirit of Hope

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

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**



"I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36

Kairos Prison Ministry sprang from the Cursillo movement in Florida in 1976 and is celebrating its 50th year of ministry! Kairos is now in nearly 500 prisons and communities in 37 states and 13 countries throughout the world. The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families.

The goal of Kairos Prison Ministry is to form Christian Community within the prison walls. The team for the next Kairos 4 Day Weekend is now forming. YOU can have a front row seat at a miracle as hearts are changed and lives are transformed!

Please contact Elisabeth Robinson to see how you can help us bring this life-changing ministry to the incarcerated women at Western Correctional Center for Women in Swannanoa.

Elisabeth Robinson 828-606-4258 samsgeorgia@yahoo.com

Scriptures for the Week

MON May 4
 Acts 14: 5-18; Ps 115: 1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14: 26; Jn 14: 21-26

TUE May 5
 Acts 14: 19-28; Ps 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Luke 24: 46, 26; John 14: 27-31a

WED May 6
 Acts 15: 1-6; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15: 4a, 5b; Jn 15: 1-8

THUR May 7
 Acts 15: 7-21; Ps 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 10: 27; Jn 15: 9-11

FRI May 8
 Acts 15: 22-31; Ps 57: 8-9, & 12; John 15: 15b; John 15: 12-17

SAT May 9
 Acts 16: 1-10; Ps 100: 2, 3, 5; Colossians 3: 1; John 15: 18-21

SUN May 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1st Peter 3:15-18; John 14: 23; John 14: 15-21

Schedule for the Week

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

Mon May 04 No Mass

Tues May 05 No Mass


Wed May 06 No Mass
 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)

Thur May 07 No Mass

Fri May 08 Office and Church Closed

Sat May 09 8:30am Spring Flower Planting (CH)
 4:30pm Mass

Sun May 10 Mother's Day
 8:30am Mass
 9:30am OCIA Mtg (PH)
 11:00am Mass
 1pm Mass (Español)




Join us on Saturday, May 9th at 8:30am for our Spring Flower Planting. Be sure to bring your gloves!

Parish Life Commission

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

BASEBALL AND FIREWORKS !
TICKET INFORMATION COMING SOON!




May Wedding Anniversaries!

Louis & Rosemary Martin ~ 56 years
 John & Linda Hines ~ 49 years
 Don & Priscilla Kuffel ~ 27 years
 Chris & Jenna Cantos ~ 13 years
 Jesus & Maria Badillo ~ 11 years
 Jose & Rosa Jimenez ~ 5 years

Happy Anniversary!

TRAVELING?

Don't take a vacation from your faith!
 Find a Mass while traveling by visiting:
 Reverentcatholicmass.com
 Catholicmasstimes.org
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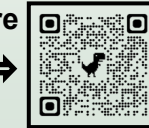
Stewardship

Offertory for Month & Fiscal Year to Date

APR GOAL	APRIL ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,000	\$23,972	99.8%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Apr 29

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$250,135	80.1%

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May God bless you for your financial stewardship!

TENDING the VINEYARD

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





Cash received - \$906,853
 Pledges received - \$1,905,932
 Goal - \$4,500,000

Bells of Hope Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You in gratitude for the blessings You bestow upon us. May we, as a parish community of faith, never lose sight of the love You have given us through Your Son. Unite us with a single vision and purpose to preserve and beautify our church during this "Bells of Hope" initiative. May every endeavor of ours magnify Your glory, for we understand that without the Lord's hand in the building, our labor is in vain.

Holy Spirit, may charity govern our partnership as the body of Christ, and may Your wisdom guide our labor to make us good stewards of the many gifts You share with us.

*Holy Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.
 St. Margaret Mary, pray for us.*

Amen.