

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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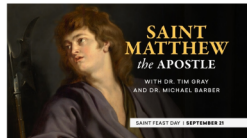
This Week on Formed

Week of September 24, 2025



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.



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

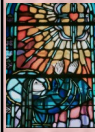
Registering for **FORMED** is easier than ever:
Go to formed.org/signup:



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

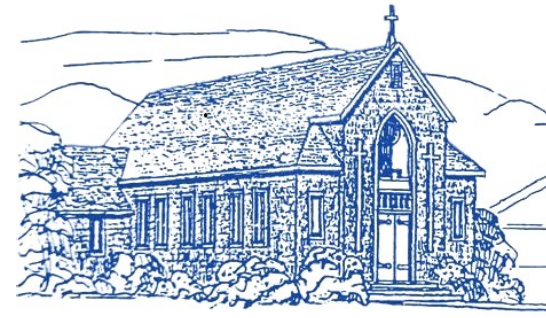
Catholic Charities serves the poor and vulnerable regardless of race, ethnicity, or religion. We offer financial help, burial assistance, bilingual licensed clinical mental health counseling, elder ministry, immigration services, and a food pantry at our Asheville office.



Catholic Charities
Diocese of Charlotte

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 ✦

September 21, 2025

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father John Allen, Pastor
Deacon Dan Hoffert
Deacon Ralph Eckoff, (Ret.)

Claudia G. Graham, Office Manager
Jennifer Puzerewski, Admin. Assistant
& Stewardship Coordinator
Taylor D'Abbraccio, Youth Formation
Karen Parsons, Organist

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Celebration of the Sacraments

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil (Anticipated Mass): 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)
Monday - Thursday: 8:45am
Holy Days: Check website

CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Confession will be available immediately after every daily Mass and on Saturdays after the 4:30pm Vigil Mass and Sundays after the 8:30am, and 11am Masses.

BAPTISM

Contact the office to obtain the necessary forms. Baptisms will be scheduled once forms are completed and returned to the office.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Email: stmmcfait@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE

An appointment with the Pastor must be scheduled at least *twelve months* before the intended wedding date and the couple must complete all of the Diocesan preparation requirements.

ANointing OF THE SICK

If a Catholic is in danger of death needing the Anointing of the Sick call the office during regular hours (828-686-8833) and press 0; **after** hours, press 2. If there has been a terminal diagnosis or scheduled surgery, please see Father in the confessional after Mass or call the office.



The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters.
Luke 16:10-13

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:15AM - 3:00PM
Friday: Closed

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 EMERGENCY (danger of death):
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 the Catholic faith, who desire to become Catholic, or who have been away from the church and would like to return. If you want to know more, 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 FORMATION: Contact the Catholic Formation Team at: stmmcfait@gmail.com.

September 21, 2025

Mass Intentions				
Sat	09/20	4:30pm		Dona Burleson
Sun	09/21	8:30am		† John Cottrell
		11:00am		† Benjamin Adler
		1:00pm		Pro Populo
Mon	09/22	8:45am		† Charlie Kirk
Tue	09/23	8:45am		Souls in Purgatory
Wed	09/24	8:45am		Sharon Daniels
Thur	09/25	8:45am		Sharon Daniels
Fri	09/26			NO MASS



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.

IMPORTANT DATES!

Sept 20-21: Priest Retirement Second Collection
Sept 21: Parish Picnic!
Sept 21: 9:30am OCIA Meeting (St. Teresa Conf. Room)
Sept 27: 12pm-3pm Eucharistic Adoration
Sept 29: 5pm Confirmation with Bishop Martin

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

Catherine’s House will be here on the weekend of October 4-5, 2025 selling raffle tickets.

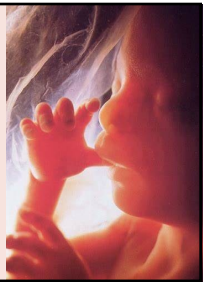


Scriptures for the Week	
MON Sept 22	Ezra 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Matt 5:16; Lk 8:16-18
TUE Sept 23 Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest	Ezra 6: 7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Luke 11: 28; Luke 8: 19-21
WED Sept 24	Ezra 9: 5-9; Tobit 13: 2, 3-4a, 6, 8; Mark 1: 15; Luke 9: 1-6
THUR Sept 25	Haggai 1: 1-8; Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; John 14: 6; Luke 9: 7-9
FRI Sept 26 Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs	Haggai 2: 1-9; Ps 43: 1, 2, 3, 4; Mark 10: 45; Luke 9: 18-22
SAT Sept 27 Vincent de Paul, Priest, Religious	Zechariah 2: 5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31: 10, 11-12ab, 13; 2 nd Timothy 1: 10; Luke 9: 43b-45
SUN Sept 28	Amos 6: 1a, 4-7; Ps 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 st Timothy 6: 11-16; 2 nd Corinthians 8: 9; Luke 16: 19-31

Schedule for the Week	
Office hours Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3pm The church is open for prayer during office hours.	
Mon Sept 22	8:45am Mass 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
Tues Sept 23	8:45am Mass
Wed Sept 24	No Mass
Thur Sept 25	No Mass 9:15am Rosary -Women of StMMC 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Fri Sept 26	Church and Office Closed
Sat Sept 27	9am Confirmation Practice 11am Prayer Vigil-Planned Parenthood 12pm-3pm Adoration 4:30pm Mass
Sun Sept 28	Priest Retirement Second Collection 8:30am Mass 9:30am OCIA Meeting (St. Teresa Rm) 11:00am Mass 12pm SAN Catechetical Mtg (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 in Asheville.

BE A WITNESS TO THE GIFT OF LIFE.
JOIN US ON September 27th



Stewardship



Asheville Catholic School Fundraiser
ORDER YOUR FRASER FIR TREE & WREATHS
ONLINE ORDERS ONLY
Order by: 9/29/25

Please join us Monday, September 29th at 5:00pm for our Confirmation Mass with Bishop Martin. Dessert Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.



The Sacrament of Confirmation

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ.

The prophets of the Old Testament foretold that God's Spirit would rest upon the Messiah to sustain his mission. Their prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus the Messiah was conceived by the Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus on the occasion of his baptism by John. Jesus' entire mission occurred in communion with the Spirit. Before he died, Jesus promised that the Spirit would be given to the Apostles and to the entire Church. After his death, he was raised by the Father in the power of the Spirit.

Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. . . . We receive the message of faith in a deeper and more intensive manner with great emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the Church for building up the community in loving service.

Stewardship



Offertory for the Month and Year to Date

SEPT GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,000	\$16,300	68%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Sept 17

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$62,895	20.1%

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May God bless you for your financial stewardship!



Reflecting God’s Light

2025 DSA Collected: \$28,508.62
2025 Goal: \$35,506.00
% of Goal: 80%





Join us Saturday, September 27th 12pm-3pm

EUCCHARISTIC Adoration
To pray for our community.



St. Margaret Mary Annual Parish Family Picnic!

Sunday, September 21st 12:00pm-3:00pm
Don't forget to bring a Dessert to share!

