

You will find that St. Margaret Mary is a parish where the fullness of the Truth of Jesus Christ is taught and lived, under the protection of our Patroness, St. Margaret Mary.

St. Margaret Mary Councils

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Judy Clyne, Chair	4:30pm
Phyllis Benbow	4:30pm
Dan Little	8:30am
Tom Schodorf	8:30am
LeAnn Wilson	11:00am
Jesse Boeckermann	11:00am
Cesar Cueva	1:00pm
Salvador Figueroa	1:00pm

Contact any parish council member with topics you would like discussed at their next meeting.
Date: TBA

FINANCE COUNCIL

Doug Thigpen, Chair
John Czarnecki
Ernie Reynolds

Finance Council meets quarterly.

To contact any Council Member, please send an email to: office@saintmmc.com.



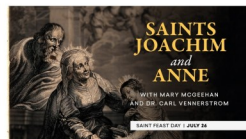
This Week on Formed

Week of July 20, 2025



Footprints: The Path of Your Life

Eleven young men from the United States walk the Way of St. James pilgrimage. They are looking for answers, not beautiful scenery: How do you deal with pain and suffering? Do the weak quit, or do they find meaning on the Camino? How much baggage is enough or too much?



Sts. Joachim and Anne | Catholic Saints

Though they never appear in canonical Scripture, Sts. Joachim and Anne—the grandparents of Jesus—hold a place of great importance in the Church's tradition. Discover more about the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this episode of Catholic Saints with Mary McGeehan and Augustine Institute professor Dr. Carl Vennerstrom.



Saint Mary Magdalene | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

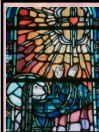
Registering for **FORMED** is easier than ever:
Go to formed.org/signup:

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 Peter Graham at 828-989-2505 or email wpgraham912@charter.net.



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.

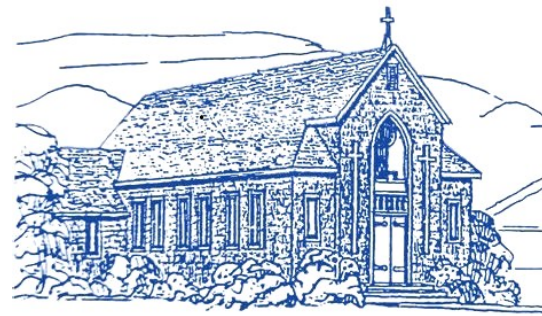
“Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance.” ~ St. Vincent de Paul

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* ✦

July 20, 2025

The Sixteenth 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
Tayler 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

Saturday: 3:30-4:00pm (check website for updates)

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 a priest or deacon must be scheduled at least *twelve months* before the intended wedding date.

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, please call the office as soon as possible to schedule an anointing early in the illness.



“Now it came to pass as they went, that he entered into a certain town: and a certain woman named Martha, received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sitting also at the Lord's feet, heard his word.”

- Luke 10:38-39

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.

July 20, 2025

Mass Intentions				
Sat	07/19	4:30pm	.....	† Joe Fairchild
Sun	07/20	8:30am	.....	The Burgess Family
		11:00am	.....	† Deceased members of the Miller Family
		1:00pm	.....	Pro Populo
Mon	07/21	8:45am	.....	† Dennis Sadelson
Tue	07/22	8:45am	.....	Andy Auvil
Wed	07/23	8:45am	.....	Charlie Spurlock
Thur	07/24	8:45am	.....	† Jesus Mata
Fri	07/25		.....	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, Bernie Hyland, Allison Hoefling, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Lane Lehman, Janet Linda, Dan Little, 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, Andy Zichy.

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 Don & Linda Gurecky. **David Woodward**, serving in Afghanistan-friend of Samuel Medlin. **First Lieutenant Christian Kimball**, son of Kristy Kimball. **Airman Jack Vess**, son of Eric & Christine Vess.



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.



Pick up and pay for your pre-ordered tickets this weekend after each Mass.

Asheville Tourist vs. Greensboro Grasshoppers
August 5th at 6:35pm

Scriptures for the Week	
MON July 21 Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Religious, Dr. Exodus 14: 5-18; Exodus 15: 1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Ps 95: 8; Matthew 12: 38-42	
TUE July 22 Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord Ex 14: 21 - 15: 1; Ex 15: 8-9, 10 and 12, 17; John 20: 1-2, 11-18	
WED July 23 Bridget of Sweden, Married Women Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78: 18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28;Matt 13:1-9	
THUR July 24 Sharbel MakhluF, Priest Exodus 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Matthew 11: 25; Matthew 13: 10-17	
FRI July 25 James, Apostle 2 nd Corinthians 4: 7-15; Ps 126: 1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; John 15: 16; Matthew 20: 20-28	
SAT July 26 Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Virgin Mary Exodus 24: 3-8; Ps 50: 1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; James 1: 21bc; Matthew 13: 24-30	
SUN July 27 Gen 18: 20-32; Ps 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Colossians 2: 12-14; Romans 8: 15bc; Luke 11: 1-13	

Schedule for the Week	
Office hours Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3pm The church is open for prayer during office hours.	
Mon July 21	8:45am Mass 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
Tues July 22	8:45am Mass
Wed July 23	8:45am Mass Rosary following Mass
Thur July 24	8:45am Mass 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Fri July 25	Church and Office Closed
Sat July 26	11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood 4:30pm Mass
Sun July 27	8:30am Mass* 11:00am Mass 1pm Mass Español*
* Incense at Mass	

IMPORTANT DATES!	
July 28:	12noon Ann Bridgman Funeral (CH)
Aug 5:	6:35pm Parish Life: Asheville Tourists Baseball Game at McCormick Field
Aug 16 & 17:	Operation L.A.M.B.
Sept 5-6:	Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress (PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

GET SOCIAL! STAY CONNECTED! VISIT US ON FACEBOOK:

Facebook.com/stmargaretmaryswannanoa AND OUR WEBSITE AT: saintmmc.com.

Stewardship


A way of living

Stewardship Reflection

July 20, 2025

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's reading speaks of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire - a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?




25th Carolina Men's Emmaus

ATTENTION MEN!!! Are you looking for a chance to learn more about yourself, your faith and your role in today's society?

Come spend the weekend, August 22-24, 2025 with other men, just like you, and have an authentic, purposeful, life changing weekend.

See any of the men in an Emmaus shirt, contact [Quint Zuhlke at \(702\) 271-7855](mailto:Quint.Zuhlke@emmasofthecarolinas.org), visit www.emmasofthecarolinas.org



ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER AT ST. MARGARET MARY?

Why it's important to be registered at your parish:

- ♦ We need to know who our parishioners are to ensure that we are adequately serving the needs of all.
- ♦ With registering we are able to verify your service under "Time, Talent and Stewardship" required for sponsorship of a Baptism, Confirmation, School Applications, Religious Ed, Wedding Prep, and Funerals.
- ♦ Participation through Offertory Envelopes is another means of parish verification. If you are unable to contribute right now, a notation of your prayerful support on an envelope confirms your attendance at Mass.
- ♦ We need to be as accurate as possible in order to keep the Diocese informed of our membership as they send a copy of the Catholic News Herald to all households at a cost to the parish of \$17.50 per household.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCE. IF YOU HAVE MOVED, OR IF ANY OF YOUR CONTACT INFO HAS CHANGED, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE. THANK YOU!


DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2025


Reflecting God's Light

2025 DSA Collected: \$24,972.62

2025 Goal: \$35,506.00

% of Goal: 70%







Help Texas flood victims

SPECIAL COLLECTION: JULY 12-13

Thank you for your generosity to the Texas Flood special collection last weekend. Our parish collected \$4,842.04. If you missed the second collection for Texas Flood Relief, you may wish to donate to Notre Dame Catholic Church's Flood Relief fund. They have a donation link on their parish website: <https://notredamechurch.cc/> . They will also accept checks made out to: Notre Dame Catholic Church - Flood Relief 909 Main St., Kerrville, TX 78028.



Our Altar Flowers are in honor of the deceased members of the Thomas & Gertrude Miller Family.



The Knights of Columbus will be outside after Mass to promote their charitable outreach for L.A.M.B. (Least Among My Brethren) on August 16th & 17th . All donations benefit the Black Mountain Neuro-Medical Treatment Center.

