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### This Week on Formed

Week of March 08, 2026



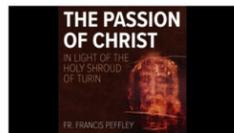
#### How to Lent

Lent is right around the corner. In How To Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.



#### St. Frances

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.



#### The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud

The Holy Shroud of Turin was called the greatest relic in Christendom by Pope St. John Paul II. Fr. Peffley presents new, detailed scientific and medical evidence for the authenticity of the Holy Shroud.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit [signup.formed.org](http://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](http://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;
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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: [stmargaretmary1936@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

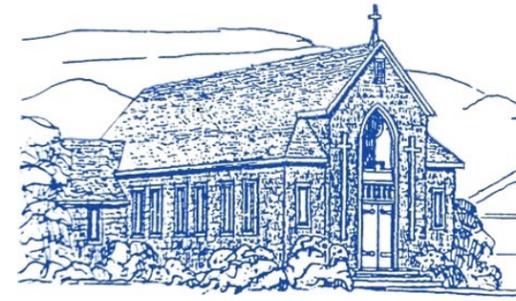
"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

### 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](http://www.ccdoc.org/give)  
Join our volunteer team by contacting Hilary Kalisch at [HRKalisch@rdoc.org](mailto:HRKalisch@rdoc.org).



# St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

✦ Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936 ✦

March 8, 2026

## Third Sunday of Lent

Father John Allen, Pastor  
Deacon Dan Hoffert  
Deacon Ralph Eckoff, retired

Claudia G. Graham  
Chief Financial & Operating Officer and  
Pastoral Associate  
Jennifer Puzerewski  
Director of Ministries and Pastoral Associate  
Kristina Maldonado, Youth Formation  
Karen Parsons, Organist

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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: [stmmcfaiht@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfaiht@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.



Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."  
~ John 4:13-14

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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: [stmmcfaiht@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfaiht@gmail.com).

## Mass Intentions

Sat	03/07	4:30pm	† John Clyne
Sun	03/08	8:30am	Pro Populo
		11:00am	† Mary Finegan
		1:00pm	Jesus Badillo
Mon	03/09	8:45am	Mario Escobar
Tue	03/10	8:45am	Celebrants Intentions
Wed	03/11	8:45am	Selvin Escobar
Thur	03/12	8:45am	† Jean Colleoni
Fri	03/13	8:45am	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, Marilyn Rebholz, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Vivienne Joy, Vicki Wright, Sandy Yacovelli.

**Our Family Members Serving in the Military:**  
**Captain Christian Kimball**, son of Kristy Kimball.  
**Airman Jack Vess**, son of Eric & Christine Vess.

## IMPORTANT DATES!

**Mar 12:** 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)  
**Mar 14:** 9:30am Women of St. MMC Mtg (PH)  
**Mar 16-20:** No Mass - Father Away  
**Mar 29:** SAN Catechetical Mtg (PH)  
 (PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

## Did You Know...

The Pew Missal **Hymn titles are in alphabetical order**. Most often the first verse is the title. So, if you can't see the hymn board numbers, just listen to look up the hymn so you can sing along. The front cover of the Pew Missal lists page numbers for the ordinary prayers of the Mass. We incorporate Latin as recommended by the Vatican II document *Sacrosanctum Concilium*.



Parishioner Fanny Forteza is retired and is moving back home to the Philippines! Fanny has been an active member of our parish for six years. Fanny wants to share her email and invites anyone traveling to the Philippines to send her a message so you can connect. We will miss Fanny and wish her great blessings during this post retirement adventure. Here is her email:  
[lovegod\\_01st@hotmail.com](mailto:lovegod_01st@hotmail.com).

## Scriptures for the Week

**MON Mar 9 Frances of Rome, Married Women**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 5: 1-15; Ps 42: 2, 3; 43: 3, 4; Ps 130: 5, 7; Lk 4: 24-30

**TUE Mar 10**  
 Daniel 3: 25, 34-43; Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Joel 2: 12-13; Matthew 18: 21-35

**WED Mar 11**  
 Deut 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20; John 6: 63c, 68c; Matthew 5: 17-19

**THUR Mar 12**  
 Jer 7: 23-28; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Joel 2: 12-13; Luke 11: 14-23

**FRI Mar 13 Day of Abstinence**  
 Hosea 14: 2-10; Ps 81: 6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Matthew 4: 17; Mark 12: 28-34

**SAT Mar 14**  
 Hosea 6:1-6; Ps 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Ps 95: 8; Luke 18: 9-14

**SUN Mar 15 Laetare Sunday**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5: 8-14; John 8: 12; John 9: 1-41

## Schedule for the Week

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

**Mon Mar 9** 8:45am Mass

**Tues Mar 10** 8:45am Mass  
 6pm Vespers (CH) and Soup (PH)

**Wed Mar 11** 8:45am Mass

**Thur Mar 12** 8:45am Mass; Rosary following Mass  
 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)  
 6:30pm Living Stations Practice (PH)

**Fri Mar 13** Office Closed  
 5:30pm Stations of the Cross (CH)  
 6:30pm Estaciones de la Cruz (CH)

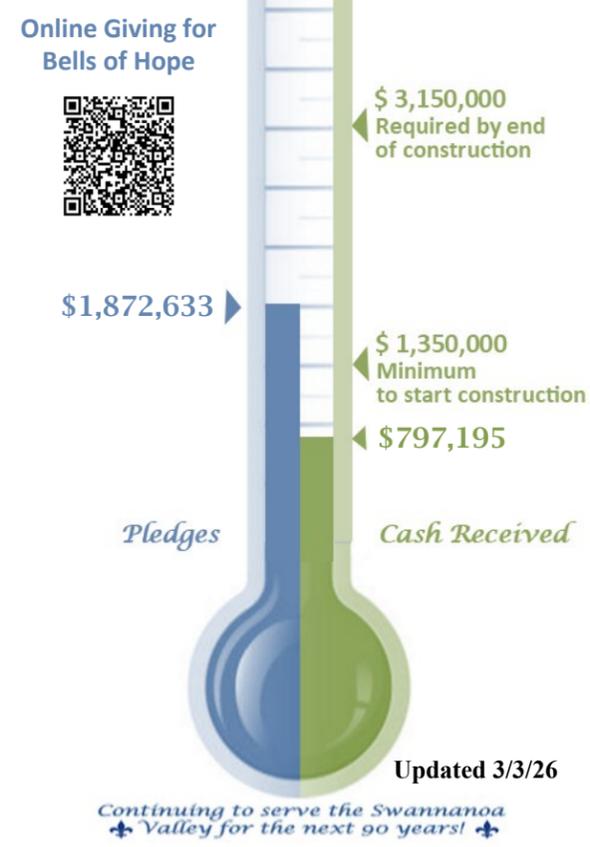
**Sat Mar 14** 9:30am Women of St MMC Mtg (PH)  
 4:30pm Mass

**Sun Mar 15** 8:30am Mass  
 9:30am KoC St. Joseph Devotion  
 9:30am OCIA Mtg (H)  
 11:00am Mass  
 1pm Mass (Español)

## VESPERS AND SOUP

Vespers and Soup is a cherished tradition at STMM that brings together parishioners for prayer & fellowship. Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be prayed in the church followed by soup and bread in the Parish Hall.  
**Join us on Tuesdays through March 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 7pm.**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

# Bells of Hope



**THANK YOU** to all who have pledged to our Bells of Hope campaign. We are over halfway to our cash goal to break ground! So far, 119 families have contributed to Bells of Hope, many former parishioners and visitors who love our church and wish to see our plans come to fruition. We need everyone to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to Bells of Hope. Pledge cards and envelopes are in the church entrance. You may also use the QR code below to set up a pledge or make a one-time gift online.

For questions or more information on giving, contact Bells of Hope at 828-747-7261.

## Stewardship

**Offertory for the Month and Year to Date**

MAR GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$30,000	\$5,755	19.1 %

**Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Mar 4**

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$205,926	66%

Donate online at [saintmmc.com](http://saintmmc.com) or here

May God bless you for your financial stewardship!

**TENDING the VINEYARD**

2026 DSA Collected: \$2,422  
 2026 Goal: \$31,947  
 % of Goal: 7.6%

## Lenten Stewardship Opportunity

**40 Cans = 40 Days**

Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring 40 Cans for Lent. Donate one can of food for each day of Lent to benefit Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Place cans and non-perishable food (in date) in the collection container located in front of the Parish Office Building. **Financial donations are also welcome.** Please make checks payable to 'Knights of Columbus Council 13016' with '40 Cans for Lent' in the memo field. Place donation envelopes in the collection baskets during Mass, or place in the black mailbox next to the office front door.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Altar Flowers

No Altar Flowers during lent. Easter Flower Sponsorship has begun. Envelopes are in the entrance of the church.

**STATIONS of the CROSS**

We are inviting all kids ages 8-16 to participate in the **Bi-lingual Living Stations of the Cross**. Join us on Thursdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Hall for practice. For more information please contact Lorena Valdez at 828-551-7123