

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 19, 2025



Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



Slaves and Kings

Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare—Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain—this film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Saint John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller

Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyla, who would one day become Pope John Paul III! The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

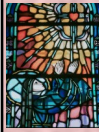
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:
Go to formed.org/signup:



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

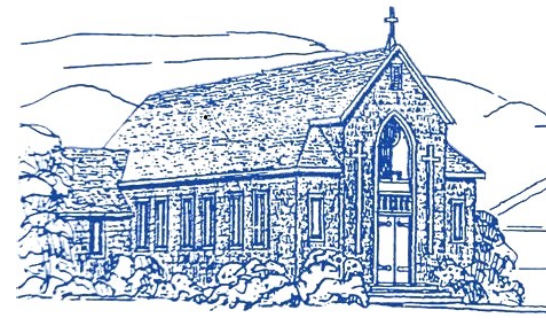
Catholic Charities Asheville

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.



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 ✦

October 19, 2025

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
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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: stmmcfait@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.



Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?

~ Luke 18: 7-8

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 at 828-686-8833.

VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

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

October 19, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat	10/18	4:30pm	† Luisa Guerra
Sun	10/19	8:30am	 Pro Populo
		11:00am	† John White
		1:00pm	 Margarito & Mateo Anaya
Mon	10/20	8:45am	NO MASS
Tue	10/21	8:45am	NO MASS
Wed	10/22	8:45am	NO MASS
Thur	10/23	8:45am	NO MASS
Fri	10/24		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!

Oct 18-19: World Mission Sunday-Second Collection
Oct 18-19: WoSTMM Toiletry Drive for Catholic Charites
Oct 19: KOC Pancake Breakfast (PH)
Oct 20-24: Father Allen away-No Daily Mass

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)



The Women of St. Margaret Mary are hosting a Toiletry Drive for Catholic Charities this Weekend

Supplies needed: Shampoo & Conditioner, toothpaste, lotion, Bar soap (please select soaps for sensitive skin), deodorant male/female, laundry pods & shaving supplies.

Scriptures for the Week

MON Oct 20 Paul of the Cross, Priest, Religious Founder Romans 4: 20-25; Luke 1: 69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Matthew 5: 3; Luke 12: 13-21
TUE Oct 21 Romans 5: 12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Luke 21: 36; Luke 12: 35-38
WED Oct 22 John Paul II, Pope Romans 6: 12-18; Psalms 124: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8;; Matt 24: 42a, 44; Luke 12: 39-48
THUR Oct 23 John Capistrano, Priest Romans 6: 19-23; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Philippians 3: 8-9; Luke 12: 49-53
FRI Oct 24 Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop, Rel. Founder Romans 7: 18-25a; Ps 119: 66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Matt 11: 25; Luke 12: 54-59
SAT Oct 25 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Romans 8: 1-11; Ps 24: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Ezekiel 33: 11; Luke 13: 1-9
SUN Oct 26 Sir 35: 12-14, 16-18; Ps 34: 2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 nd Tim 4: 6-8, 16-18; 2 nd Corinthians 5: 19; Luke 18: 9-14

Schedule for the Week

Office hours Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3pm The church is open for prayer during office hours.		
Mon Oct 20	NO MASS-Fr. Allen is Away	7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
Tues Oct 21	NO MASS-Fr. Allen is Away	
Wed Oct 22	NO MASS-Fr. Allen is Away	
Thur Oct 23	NO MASS-Fr. Allen is Away	11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Fri Oct 24	Office Closed	
Sat Oct 25	11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood	4:30pm Mass
Sun Oct 26	8:30am Mass	9:30am OCIA Mtg (PH)
		11:00am Mass
		12pm SAN Catechetical Mtg (PH)
		1pm Mass (Español)



Knights of Columbus Pancake and Sausage Breakfast this Sunday, after the 8:30am & 11am Masses

Donations are appreciated to help support the Knight's charitable outreach.

Stewardship

Stewardship Reflection

October 19, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's theme is perseverance - Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle. Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we too must preserve in the roles which we are called.

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For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org/doc

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Come to Mass dressed as your favorite saint on Nov. 1st or Nov. 2nd and you will be blessed with a very special goodie bag donated from a family at St. Matthews.

Ven a misa vestido como tu santo favorito el 1 o 2 de noviembre y serás bendecido con una bolsa de regalos muy especial donada por una familia de St. Matthews.





Stewardship

Offerstory for the Month and Year to Date

OCT GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,000	\$7,174	57.9%

Offerstory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Oct 15

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$84,586	27.1%

Priest Retirement 2nd Collection - \$4,007

Priest Retirement Goal - \$9,618

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here

May God bless you for your financial stewardship!



DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2025

Reflecting God's Light

2025 DSA Collected: \$30,023.62

2025 Goal: \$35,506.00

% of Goal: 85%



LIFE

Our Sign of Hope

1 hour prayer vigil, Saturday October 25th, 11am at Planned Parenthood

RESPECT LIFE



MISSIONARIES OF HOPE among the Peoples

World Mission Sunday 2025 October 19th

YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:

82,498	8,749	11,992	843,785	258,540
Seminarians	Shelters and Orphanages	Health Centers	Catechists	Religious sisters

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