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This Week on Formed

Week of August 16, 2026



Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | Catholic Saints

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.



The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.



Pope Saint Pius X | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ.

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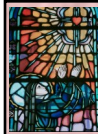
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Women of St. Margaret Mary



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: office@saintmmc.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 ✦

August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Aaron Z. Huber
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Celebration of the Sacraments

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)

Daily Mass: Monday - Thursday 8:45am

Holy Days: Check website

CONFESSION

Monday-Thursday 8am-8:30am

Saturday 3pm-4pm or by appointment

BAPTISM

Please contact the office to arrange preparation and to complete the required forms. Baptisms will be scheduled once all requirements are met.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Please email to register: stmmcfaieth@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.**



But the woman came and did him homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.
~ Matthew 15: 25-28

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:

For sacramental emergencies where there may be danger of death requiring a priest, call 828-686-8833 and 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.

CHOIR: Email Claudia: cggraham@saintmmc.com.

VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call parish office.

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

August 16, 2026

Mass Intentions				
Sat	08/15	8:45am	.....	Pro Populo
		4:30pm	.....	† Larry Mobley
Sun	08/16	8:30am	.....	Jack Crowley, Sr.
		11:00am	.....	† Larry Mobley
		1:00pm	.....	Pro Populo
Mon	08/17	8:45am	.....	† John Pacosa
Tue	08/18	8:45am	.....	† Deborah Rummell
Wed	08/19	8:45am	.....	Howard Rummell
Thur	08/20	8:45am	.....	† Eva & Anthony Lorenzetti
Fri	08/21		.....	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, Jim Lauer, Cecelia Meredith, Margaret Morrow, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, 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.

Jesus still calls
ordinary people into
extraordinary purpose.



Cast your net wider.

CHARLOTTE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, 2026

Scriptures for the Week	
MON Aug 17	Ezekiel 24: 15-23; Deut 32: 18-19, 20, 21; Matthew 5: 3; Matthew 19: 16-22
TUE Aug 18	Ezekiel 28: 1-10; Deut 32: 26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; 2 nd Corinthians 8: 9; Matthew 19: 23-30
WED Aug 19 John Eudes, Priest, Religious Founder	Ezek 34: 1-11; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Heb 4: 12; Matt 20: 1-16
THUR Aug 20 Bernard, Abbot, Doctor	Ezek 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Ps 95:8;Matt 22: 1-14
FRI Aug 21 Pius X, Pope	Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Ps 107: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Ps 25: 4b, 5a; Matthew 22: 34-40
SAT Aug 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ezek 43: 1-7ab; Ps 85: 9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Matt 23: 9b, 10b; Matthew 23: 1-12
SUN Aug 23	Isaiah 22: 19-23; Ps 138: 1-2a, 2bc-3, 6, 8; Romans 11: 33-36; Matthew 16: 18; Matthew 16: 13-20

Schedule for the Week	
Office open Monday - Thursday 9:15am-3:00pm The church is open for prayer during office hours.	
Mon Aug 17	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass 5pm Fr. Stravinskias Gospel of Matthew
Tues Aug 18	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass 5pm Fr. Stravinskias Gospel of Mark
Wed Aug 19	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass Rosary following Mass (Español) 5pm Fr. Stravinskias Gospel of Luke
Thur Aug 20	8-8:30am Confession; 8:45am Mass Rosary following Mass (English) 5pm Fr. Stravinskias Gospel of John
Fri Aug 21	Office & Church Closed 5pm Fr. Stravinskias Gospel of John
Sat Aug 22	8:45am Mass-Queenship of Mary 3:00pm-4pm Confession 4:30pm Mass (Anticipated)
Sun Aug 23	8:30am Mass 9:30am OCIA Meeting (PH) 11:00am Mass 1pm Mass (Español)

IMPORTANT DATES
Aug 17-21: 5pm Fr. Stravinskias Gospel Seminars
Aug 22: 8:45am Queenship of Mary Mass
Aug 27: 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Sept 20: Parish Picnic (PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

Attention Families...



SAINTS
School At Nazareth...
"Forming Future Saints"
Enrollment
this weekend!

Enrollment for our Catholic Youth Formation program, School At Nazareth, is this weekend immediately following each Mass in the Parish Hall. Family enrollment includes children ages 5 and above. Enrollment fee is \$35 per family.

SAN classes begin on Sunday, September 27th at noon in the Parish Hall.

If you have questions please email Kristina at stmmcfaiht@gmail.com.

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Part time teachers: Theology (Theology of the Body)
Chemistry
Physics

If you or someone you know are interested in working at Canongate, please contact Jennifer Murrey at jmurrey@canongatecatholic.org

Stewardship



Offertory for Month & Fiscal Year to Date

AUG GOAL	AUG ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$30,577	\$12,568	41.1%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Aug 11

GOAL	FYTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$318,000	\$34,379	10.8%

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May God bless you for your financial stewardship!



TENDING the VINEYARD

2026 DSA Collected: \$17,729.00
2026 Goal: \$31,948
% of Goal: 55%





Bells of Hope
Capital Campaign

Total Cash Donated: \$1,177,741

THANK YOU to all who have pledged to our Bells of Hope campaign. So far, 157 families have contributed to Bells of Hope, including 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.



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