

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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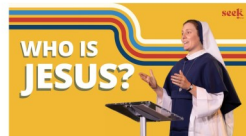
### This Week on Formed

Week of November 23, 2025



#### Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



#### Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!



#### Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

Our parish has a Formed subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

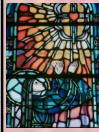
#### How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

Registering for **FORMED** is easier than ever:  
Go to [formed.org/signup](https://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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**It's free! Download books, watch great movies, podcasts, and more!**



### 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



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](https://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 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](https://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 ✦

November 23, 2025

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

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



*The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself."*

~ Luke 23:35-39

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

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Mass Intentions				
Sat	11/22	4:30pm	.....	† John Clyne
Sun	11/23	8:30am	.....	Alba Hernandez
		11:00am	.....	† Daniel Hale, Sr.
		1:00pm	.....	Pro Populo
Mon	11/24	8:45am	.....	† Marilyn Cunningham
Tue	11/25	8:45am	.....	† Kim Rovinski
Wed	11/26	8:45am	.....	Rafael Taboas
Thur	11/27	8:45am	.....	Steve Garcia
Fri	11/28	8:45am	.....	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.



Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:45am



**Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries**  
**Food for Families**  
The Knights of Columbus is conducting a ‘Food for Families’ non-perishable food drive to the benefit of the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries Black Mountain food pantry.  
**Start: Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**End: Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Bring non-perishable, in-date food and place in the marked barrel on the front porch of the office building.  
(Please do not put any food in church entrance.)  
Financial donations accepted: Checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 13016 with “KofC FFF Drive” may be placed in offertory basket or brought to parish office. Thank you for supporting the food needs of our community!

Scriptures for the Week	
<b>MON Nov 24 Andrew Dung-Lac Priest, Martyr</b> Dan 1: 1-6, 8-20; Dan 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Matt 24: 42a, 44; Luke 21: 1-4	
<b>TUE Nov 25 Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr</b> Dan 2: 31-45; Dan 3: 57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Rev 2:10c; Lk 21: 5-11	
<b>WED Nov 26</b> Dan 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dan 3: 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Revelation 2: 10c; Luke 21: 12-19	
<b>THUR Nov 27</b> Dan 6: 12-28; Dan 3: 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Luke 21: 28; Luke 21: 20-28	
<b>FRI Nov 28</b> Dan 7: 2-14; Dan 3: 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Luke 21: 28; Luke 21: 29-33	
<b>SAT Nov 29 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Dan 7: 15-27; Dan 3: 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Luke 21: 36; Luke 21: 34-36	
<b>SUN Nov 30 First Sunday of Advent</b> Isa 2: 1-5; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13: 11-14; Ps 85: 8; Matthew 24: 37-44	

Schedule for the Week	
<b>Office hours Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3pm</b> The church is open for prayer during office hours.	
<b>Mon Nov 24</b>	8:45am Mass 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
<b>Tues Nov 25</b>	8:45am Mass
<b>Wed Nov 26</b>	8:45am Mass
<b>Thur Nov 27</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day-Diocesan Holiday</b> 8:45am Mass Rosary following Mass <b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Fri Nov 28</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Sat Nov 29</b>	4:30pm Mass
<b>Sun Nov 30</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> <b>8:30am Mass</b> <b>11:00am Mass</b> <b>1pm Mass (Español)</b>



**Return Angel Tree gifts the weekends of**  
**Nov. 22-23 and Nov. 29-30.**  
After Nov. 30, you must take your gift to Catholic Charities.



**IMPORTANT DATES!**  
**Nov 23:** 12pm School At Nazareth Mtg (PH)  
**Nov 30:** **First Sunday of Advent**  
**Dec 3:** Office Closed-Staff Work Day  
**Dec 8:** **Holy Day of Obligation-Immaculate Conception**  
**8:45am Mass and 6pm Bilingual Mass**  
(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)



## Our Plans


Our plans intend to:

- ◆ Preserve the charm and appearance of our existing church
- ◆ Improve safety by adding side aisles and an additional exit
- ◆ Increase seating so all can worship together in the nave
- ◆ Add a priest’s sacristy and improve the working sacristy
- ◆ Relocate the confessional to the back of the nave
- ◆ Enlarge the narthex to allow for a public restroom and a Baptistry
- ◆ Enhance seating access for the disabled
- ◆ Add a choir loft accessible from the narthex
- ◆ Enhance the church entrance with a portico and patio
- ◆ Allow for future improvements to the plaza and grounds

For more information contact Bells of Hope at 828-747-7261



## Stewardship





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

NOV GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$30,000	\$23,708	79%


**Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Nov 19**


GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$115,669	37%

**Donate online at saintmmc.com or here**  
*May God bless you for your financial stewardship!*  





**Reflecting God’s Light**  
**2025 DSA Collected: \$30,863.62**  
**2025 Goal: \$35,506.00**  
**% of Goal: 87%**







**Priest Retirement Collected - \$4,973**  
**Priest Retirement Goal - \$9,618**




**Stewardship Reflection**  
November 23, 2025  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?



**Need a Mass Intention?**  
**Need a Quinceanera Blessing?**  
**Need any kind of Blessing?**  
**Need Anointing?**  
If you are in need of any kind of Blessing or Prayer, contact the office at 828-686-8833.  
The sacristy is a place for the servers and Fr. Allen to prepare for Mass. Please refrain from going to the sacristy for these types of requests.



**¿Necesita una intención para la Misa?**  
**¿Necesita una bendición para su quinceañera?**  
**¿Necesita algún tipo de bendición?**  
**¿Necesita la Unción de los Enfermos?**  
Si necesita algún tipo de bendición u oración, comuníquese con la oficina al 828-686-8833.



La sacristía es un lugar donde los monaguillos y el Padre Allen se preparan para la Misa. Por favor, no acuda a la sacristía para este tipo de solicitudes.

