

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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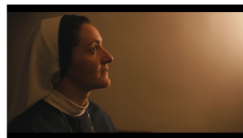
This Week on Formed

Week of October 05, 2025



John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



The Joyful Mysteries

St. Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." This incredible film series takes viewers right to the Holy Land, where these Mysteries actually happened, encouraging deeper reflection and meditation on them.



Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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

How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

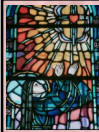
Registering for **FORMED** is easier than ever:
Go to formed.org/signup:



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 5, 2025

The Twenty-Seventh 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
Tayler D'Abbraccio, 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: 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.



The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

~ Luke 17:5-6

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 5, 2025

Mass Intentions				
Sat	10/04	4:30pm	† Raymond Senopole	
Sun	10/05	8:30am	 † Kim Rovinski	
		11:00am	 Pro Populo	
		1:00pm	 † Pedro Molina	
Mon	10/06	8:00am	 † William Daniel	
Tue	10/07	8:00am	† Deceased Foster Children of the Warnock's	
Wed	10/08	8:00am	 † Sue Plastaras	
Thur	10/09	8:00am	 † John Teague	
Fri	10/10		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 9: 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Oct 11: 10am Altar Server Training (PH)
Oct 16: 6pm Feast of St. Margaret Mary Mass
Oct 18-19: Catholic Charities Toiletries Drive (CH)
Oct 19: KoC Pancake Breakfast (PH)

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

Altar Server Training for current and new servers.



Sat., October 11th at 10am. Lunch will be provided.

Scriptures for the Week

MON Oct 6 Bruno, Priest, Hermit, Religious Founder
Jonah 1: 1 - 2: 1-2, 11; Jon 2: 3, 4, 5, 8; Jn 13: 34; Lk 10: 25-37

TUE Oct 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
Jonah 3: 1-10; Ps 130: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 11: 28; Lk 10: 38-42

WED Oct 8
Jonah 4: 1-11; Ps 86: 3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Rom 8: 15bc; Luke 11: 1-4

THUR Oct 9 Denis, Bishop, Martyr
Malachi 3: 13-18, 4: 1-2b; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Acts 16: 14b; Luke 11: 5-13

FRI Oct 10
Joel 1: 13-15; 2: 1-2; Ps 9: 2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; John 12: 31b-32; Luke 11: 15-26

SAT Oct 11 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Joel 4: 12-21; Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11: 28; Lk 11: 27-28

SUN Oct 12
2nd Kings 5: 14-17; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3c-4; 2nd Timothy 2: 8-13; 1st Thessalonians 5: 18; Luke 17: 11-19

Schedule for the Week

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

Mon Oct 06 8:00am Mass - No Confessions
6pm SAN Group Leaders Mtg (PH)
7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)

Tues Oct 07 8:00am Mass - No Confessions

Wed Oct 08 8:00am Mass - No Confessions

Thur Oct 08 8:00am Mass - No Confessions
9:15am Rosary -Women of StMMC
11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)

Fri Oct 10 Office Closed

Sat Oct 11 8:30am Fall Flower Planting (CH)
9:30am Women of St.MMC Mtg (PH)
10am Altar Server Training with lunch
4:30pm Mass

Sun Oct 12 8:30am Mass
9:30am OCIA Mtg (St. Teresa Rm)
9:45am KoC Rosary
11:00am Mass
1pm Mass (Español)



Come one come all...
Saturday, October 11th
8:30am for
Fall Flower Planting
at St. Margaret Mary!



Stewardship

A way of living

Stewardship Reflection
October 5, 2025
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When will I have given enough - of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say 'We are useless servants. We have done more than our duty.'"

We are happy to announce the appointments of the following parishioners to the Chief Advisory Councils of St. Margaret Mary:

Capital Campaign Cabinet
Phyllis Benbow
Antonio Garcia



Father John is pleased to announce that, with the assent of Bishop Michael Martin, Claudia Graham and Jennifer Puzerewski are receiving new job titles which he believes more accurately reflect their respective roles and their devoted and invaluable service to St. Margaret Mary Parish. Congratulations Claudia & Jennifer!

Claudia G. Graham
Chief Financial & Operating Officer and Pastoral Associate
Jennifer Puzerewski
Director of Ministries and Pastoral Associate







Offertory for the Month and Year to Date

SEPT GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,000	\$24,095	100.3%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Sept 30

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$70,690	22.7%

Priest Retirement 2nd Collection - \$3,187
Priest Retirement Goal - \$9,618
Donate online at saintmmc.com or here



May God bless you for your financial stewardship!



Reflecting God's Light

2025 DSA Collected: \$29,523.62
2025 Goal: \$35,506.00
% of Goal: 83%





Knights of Columbus
Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
Sunday, October 19th after the
8:30am & 11am Masses



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



The Women of St. Margaret Mary are hosting a Toiletry Drive for Catholic Charities
Weekend of October 18-19

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



October Wedding Anniversaries:

Kim & Marjorie Latta ~ 61 years
Terrance & Barbara McDermott ~ 59 years
Peter & Claudia Graham ~ 38 years
Benjamin & Celia Ford ~ 17 years
Daniel & Mary Delatorre ~ 9 years

Happy Anniversary!



Our Altar flowers are offered in loving memory of
Kim Rovinski
by The St. Margaret Mary's Women's Group
May Kim Rest In Peace.