

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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### 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.

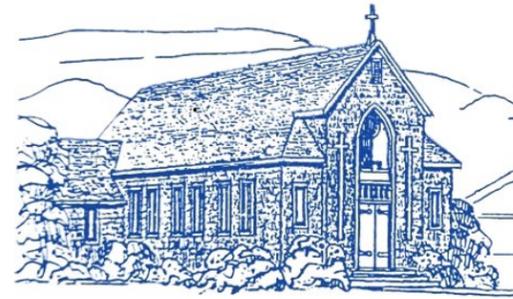
"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

### 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 15, 2026

## Fourth Sunday of Lent—Laetare Sunday

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



We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

~ John 9:4-5

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



## This Week on Formed

Week of March 15, 2026



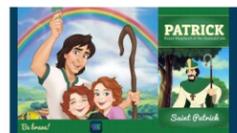
#### Joseph of Nazareth

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



#### The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.



#### Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle

Fun-loving Patrick had it easy at his parents' seaside villa. At 16, he thought he had it made for life—that is, until the day riders kidnapped him to nearby Ireland. Now a slave and shepherd, Patrick faced a bleak and uncertain future. To survive, he'd have to conquer cold, hunger, wild beasts, and even worse enemies.

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;
4. Scan the QR Code to download the FORMED app.

It's free! Download books, watch great movies, podcasts, and more!



### Mass Intentions

Sat	03/14	4:30pm	.....† Ernst Josef & Elsa Blum
Sun	03/15	8:30am	..... Chad Davis
		11:00am	..... Pro Populo
		1:00pm	.....† Tommie Lokey
Mon	03/16	8:45am	..... No Mass
Tue	03/17	8:45am	..... No Mass
Wed	03/18	8:45am	..... No Mass
Thur	03/19	8:45am	..... No Mass
Fri	03/20	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, 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.

### Lenten Stewardship Opportunity

**40 Cans for 40 Days** Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring 40 Cans for Lent. Donate one can of food for each day of Lent to benefit Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries Food Pantry. Place "in-date" cans and non-perishable food in the collection bin on front porch of the Parish Office Building.

**Financial donations are also welcome.** 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!**

**✠ 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!**

### Scriptures for the Week

**MON Mar 16**  
 Isaiah 65: 17-21; Ps 30: 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Amos 5: 14; John 4: 43-54

**TUE Mar 17 Patrick, Bishop, Missionary**  
 Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12; Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Ps 51: 12a, 14a; John 5: 1-16

**WED Mar 18 Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor**  
 Isaiah 49: 8-15; Ps 145: 8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; John 11: 25a, 26; John 5: 17-30

**THUR Mar 19 Joseph, Husband of Mary Solemnity**  
 2nd Samuel 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Ps 84: 5; Matt 1: 16, 18-21, 24 or Luke 2: 41-51a

**FRI Mar 20 Day of Abstinence**  
 Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22; Ps 34: 17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Matt 4: 4b; John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

**SAT Mar 21**  
 Jer 11: 18-20; Ps 7: 2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Lk 8: 15; John 7: 40-53

**SUN Mar 22 5th Sunday of Lent**  
 Eze 37: 12-14; Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8: 8-11; John 11: 25a, 26; John 11: 1-45

### Schedule for the Week

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

**Mon Mar 16** No Mass

**Tues Mar 17** No Mass  
 6pm Vespers (CH) and Soup (PH)

**Wed Mar 18** No Mass

**Thur Mar 19** No Mass  
 6:30pm Living Stations Practice (PH)

**Fri Mar 20** Office Closed  
 5:30pm Stations of the Cross (CH)  
 6:30pm Estaciones de la Cruz (CH)

**Sat Mar 21** 4:30pm Mass  
 5:30pm Knights of Columbus Event (PH)

**Sun Mar 22** 8:30am Mass  
 9:30am OCIA Mtg (H)  
 11:00am Mass  
 1pm Mass (Español)

**IMPORTANT DATES!**

**Mar 16-20: No Mass - Father Away**  
**Mar 29: SAN Catechetical Mtg (PH)**  
**May 21: Catholic Charities Spirit of Hope**  
 (PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)

**Wedding Anniversary (oops!)**

*Chris and Joanne Latta March 11—20 years!*

*If you are married and we have missed your anniversary it means that we don't know. We rely on complete registration forms for accurate information. If you got married after you registered, please email us to update your family information.*

# Bells of Hope



Online Giving for Bells of Hope



\$1,872,872

Pledges

Cash Received

Updated 3/11/26

Continuing to serve the Swannanoa Valley for the next 90 years! ✠

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 above 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 Month & Fiscal Year to Date**

MAR GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$30,000	\$12,437	41.4 %

**Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Mar 11**

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$212,608	68%

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%**

CANONGATE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS  
 LEWIS CARROLL'S  
**ALICE IN WONDERLAND**  
 ADAPTED BY WILLIAM GLENNON

**MARCH 27 & 28 ~ 6:30PM**

<p>\$8 CHILDREN          \$10 ADULTS          \$30 FAMILY</p>	<p>FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP          596 OLD US 74 HWY ~ FAIRVIEW, NC 28730  <a href="https://alicewonder.rsvpify.com">HTTPS://ALICEWONDER.RSVPIFY.COM</a></p>	<p>LANTERN BEARER THEATRE</p>
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