

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 January 11, 2026



Reborn

Reborn explores the deeply personal power of Baptism, bringing to light the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and, most importantly, the child being baptized. Rendered with a cinematic beauty that's become the hallmark of the Augustine Institute's film productions, Reborn presents the foundation of the Church's teaching on Baptism, with a step-by-step explanation of the rite itself, including its profound place in Scripture and Tradition.



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In this special two-part episode, we follow the stories of three famous desert fathers—St. Anthony the Great, St. Macarius, and St. John the Dwarf—as they navigate the perils of the desert in search of its great spiritual riches.



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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

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 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

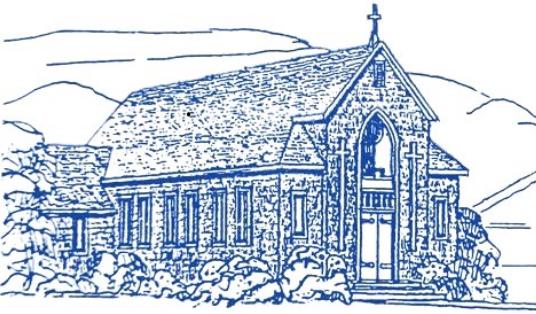


Catholic Charities serves the poor and vulnerable regardless of race, ethnicity, or religion. We offer financial help, burial assistance, bilingual licensed clinical mental health counseling, elder ministry, immigration services, and a food pantry at our Asheville office.

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@rcdoc.org.



St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

Father John Allen, Pastor

Deacon Dan Hoffert

Deacon Ralph Eckoff, retired

Claudia G. Graham

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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

CONFESION

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: stmmcfaih@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.



After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

~ Matthew 3:16

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: stmmcfaih@gmail.com.

January 11, 2026

Mass Intentions

Sat 01/10	4:30pm † John Clyne
Sun 01/11	8:30am	Cecelia Meredith
	11:00am Pro Populo
	1:00pm † Marsiano Galdamez
Mon 01/12	8:45am † Candis Smart
Tue 01/13	8:45am	Meybely Badillo
Wed 01/14	8:45am † Melissa Wilson
Thur 01/15	8:45am	Intention of Celebrant
Fri 01/16	 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!

Jan 19: Diocesan Holiday-Office Closed
Jan 22: 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH)
Jan 24: 11am Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood
Jan 25: 12pm SAN Catechetical Meeting (PH)

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)



The National Mission Collection supports:

- ◆ the Church in Latin America
- ◆ the Church in Central and Eastern Europe
- ◆ Church in Africa,
- ◆ Catholic Home Missions,
- ◆ the United States Mission

Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the missionary activity of the Church on both a local and world level.

The week of January 12th, you should receive a letter from our Vicar General and Chancellor, Monsignor Winslow, with an informative Combined Mission brochure.

Scriptures for the Week

MON Jan 12

1st Samuel 1: 1-8; Ps 116: 12-13, 14-16, 18-19; Mark 1: 15; Mark 1: 14-20

TUE Jan 13 Hilary, Bishop, Doctor

1st Sam 1: 9-20; 1st Sam 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; 1st Thessalonians 2: 13; Mark 1: 21-28

WED Jan 14

1st Sam 3: 1-10, 19-20; Ps 40: 2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Jn 10: 27; Mark 1: 29-39

THUR Jan 15

1st Samuel 4: 1-11; Ps 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Matthew 4: 23; Mark 1: 40-45

FRI Jan 16

1st Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89: 16-17, 18-19; Luke 7: 16; Mark 2: 1-12

SAT Jan 17 Anthony, Abbot

1st Samuel 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1; Ps 21: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 4: 18; Mark 2: 13-17

SUN Jan 18

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6; Ps 40: 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1st Cor 1: 1-3; John 1: 14a, 12a; John 1: 29-34

Schedule for the Week

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

Mon Jan 12	8:45am Mass 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
Tues Jan 13	8:45am Mass
Wed Jan 14	8:45am Mass
Thur Jan 15	8:45am Mass
Fri Jan 16	Church and Office Closed
Sat Jan 17	4:30pm Mass
Sun Jan 18	National Mission Collection 8:30am Mass 9:30am OICA Mtg (PH) 11:00am Mass 1pm Mass (Español) 2pm Baptism-Raquel Iraheta Martinez

2026 National Mission Collection January 18, 2026

La Colección de Misiones Combinadas admite:

- ◆ La Iglesia en América Latina
- ◆ La Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental
- ◆ Iglesia en África,
- ◆ Misiones domésticas católicas,
- ◆ la misión de estados unidos

Tu contribución al buen trabajo de estas organizaciones te dará la oportunidad de participar en la actividad misionera de la Iglesia tanto a nivel local como mundial.

La semana del 12 de enero, debería recibir una carta de nuestro Vicario General y Canciller, Monseñor Winslow, con un folleto informativo de la Misión Combinada.

Bells of Hope



UPDATE:

Our campaign is going extremely well. Thus far we have received:

- ◆ \$1,764,145 in pledges
3 pledges \$200,000 or over
6 pledges \$50,000 or over
5 pledges \$10,000 or over
14 pledges \$5,000 or over
- ◆ \$ 505,957 in the bank
- ◆ 95 families are participating: 60 parishioners and 35 non-parishioners.

The "Bells of Hope" Capital Campaign is our opportunity to ensure that our bells continue to ring for generations to come. You can play a role in making St. Margaret Mary fit for the future. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial pledge over three years or a significant one-time gift to make an impact that will live on long after we are gone.

Saint Margaret Mary Parish has begun her 90th year in the Swannanoa Valley. It is time to position our parish for the next 90 years. The Bells of Hope capital campaign will do exactly that.

If you have any questions, big or small, please call Anne at our Bells of Hope help desk: 828-747-7261.
Use the QR code to donate or to make a pledge:

Online Giving for Bells of Hope



26th Carolina Men's Emmaus

ATTENTION MEN!!! Are you looking for a chance to learn more about yourself, your faith and your role in today's society?

Come spend the weekend, **Feb 27th to Mar 1st, 2026** with other men, just like you, and have an authentic, intentional, life changing weekend.

See any of the men in an Emmaus shirt, contact **Steve Corson at (864) 982-1640**, visit www.emmausofthecarolinas.org



Stewardship

Offertory for the Month and Year to Date

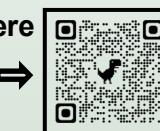
JAN GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$24,000	\$10,684	44.5%

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Jan 7		
GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$166,891	53.5%

Mary, Holy Mother of God - \$2,244

Donate online at saintmmc.com or here

*May God bless you for
your financial stewardship!*



Reflecting God's Light

2025 DSA Collected: \$33,339.31

2025 Goal: \$35,506.00

% of Goal: 94%



A Priest Forever



Priest Retirement Collected - \$5,983
Priest Retirement Goal - \$9,618



Stewardship Reflection January 11, 2026

Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "... there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church."



Our theme for the **2026 March for Life** offers a fresh vision, inviting all people to rediscover the beauty, goodness, and joy of life itself.

Every January at the National March for Life, countless marchers from across the country and around the world unite in celebration of the gift of human life—radiating hope, unity, and a spirit that transcends politics. This is why our 2026 March for Life theme is **Life is a Gift**, emphasizing what lies at the heart of the pro-life movement—an unshakeable conviction that life is very good and worthy of protection, no matter the circumstances. **Life is a Gift** invites everyone to embrace life as something to be cherished and celebrated from the very beginning.

We invite you to be swept up into this movement of joy and celebration. Watch the video and join us on **Friday, January 23, 2026**, as we march together in Washington, D.C., joyfully declaring to the nation: **Life is a Gift**.

[- https://marchforlife.org/2026lifeisagift](https://marchforlife.org/2026lifeisagift)