You will find that St. Margaret Mary is a parish where the fullness of the Truth of Jesus Christ is taught and lived, under the protection of our Patroness, St. Margaret Mary.

St. Margaret Mary Councils

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Judy Clyne, Chair 4:30pm Phyllis Benbow 4:30pm Dan Little 8:30am Tom Schodorf 8:30am LeAnn Wilson 11:00am David Langdon 11:00am Cesar Cueva 1:00pm Salvador Figueroa 1:00pm

Contact anv parish council member with topics you would like discussed at their next meeting. Date: TBA

FINANCE COUNCIL

Doug Thigpen, Chair

John Czarnecki Finance Council meets quarterly. **Ernie Reynolds**

To contact any Council Member, please send an email to: office@saintmmc.com.



This Week on Formed

Week of August 03, 2025



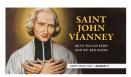
The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today



Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary



Saint John Vianney | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss St. John Vianney, the Cure d'Ars and patron saint of parish priests

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Women of St. Margaret Mary

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.

OUR MISSION

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

Catholic Charities

Diocese of Charlotte 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.

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St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

♦ Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936 ♦

August 3, 2025

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father John Allen, Pastor **Deacon Dan Hoffert** Deacon Ralph Eckoff, (Ret.)

Claudia G. Graham, Office Manager Jennifer Puzerewski, Admin. Assistant & Stewardship Coordinator Tayler D'Abbraccio, Youth Formation Karen Parsons, Organist

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Celebration of the Sacraments

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil (Anticipated Mass): 4:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish) Monday - Thursday: 8:45am Holy Days: Check website

CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Confession will be available immediately after every daily Mass and on Saturdays after the 4:30pm Vigil Mass and Sundays after the 8:30am, and 11am Masses.

BAPTISM

Contact the office to obtain the necessary forms. Baptisms will be scheduled once forms are completed and returned to the office.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Email: stmmcfaith@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE

An appointment with a priest or deacon must be scheduled at least twelve months before the intended wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If a Catholic is in danger of death needing the Anointing of the Sick call the office during regular hours (828-686-8833) and press 0; after hours, press 2. If there has been a terminal diagnosis or scheduled surgery, please see Father in the confessional after Mass or call the office.



"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Luke 12:15

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:15AM - 3:00PM Friday: Closed

OFFICE: 828-686-8833, press 0 for Front Desk

Por informatión en español oprima 9

FAX: 828-686-8832

E-MAIL: office@saintmmc.com

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY (danger of death):

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 the Catholic faith, who desire to become Catholic, or who have been away from the church and would like to return. If you want to know more, 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 FORMATION: Contact the Catholic Formation Team at: stmmcfaith@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

Sat	08/02	4:30pm	† Bill Blanchard
Sun	08/03	8:30am	† Amy Malt
		11:00am	† Paul Hadnagy
		1:00pm	Pro Populo
Mon	08/04	8:45am	Rev. Andrew Templeton
Tue	08/05	8:45am	† Rev. Matthew Leonard
Wed	08/06	8:45am	† John Pacosa
Thur	08/07	8:45am	Jose Valdez
Fri	08/08		NO MASS



Please Pray for...

Those who are sick or have special needs:

Baby Arty Auvil, 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, Dan Little, 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, Andy Zichy.

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 Don & Linda Gurecky. David Woodward, serving in Afghanistan-friend of Samuel Medlin. Captain Christian Kimball, son of Kristy Kimball. Airman Jack Vess, son of Eric & Christine Vess.



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Diocese of Charlotte **Eucharistic Congress**

September 5 & 6, 2025

Rediscover hope. Renew your spirit. Walk with Christ. Don't miss the 2025 Eucharistic Congress Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5 & 6, at the Charlotte Convention Center as we come together as *Pilgrims of Hope* with fellow Catholics from across the Diocese of Charlotte! Be inspired by dynamic Catholic speakers and uplifting music, experience one of the largest Eucharistic processions in the U.S., and find renewed hope in Christ through the Eucharist. Drop in for an hour or come both days – it's totally free and flexible! Details at

www.YouBelong2025.com

Scriptures for the Week

MON Aug 04 John Mary Vianney, Priest

Numbers 11: 4b-15; Ps 81: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Matthew 4: 4; Matthew 14: 13-21

TUE Aug 05 Numbers 12: 1-13; Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; John 1: 49b; Matthew 14: 22-36

WED Aug 06 Transfiguration of the Lord Feast

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 9; 2nd Peter 1: 16-19; Matthew 17: 5c; Luke 9: 28b-36

THUR Aug 07 Sixtus II, Pope, Martyr & Companions

Numbers 20: 1-13; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 16: 18; Matthew 16: 13-23

FRI Aug 08 Dominic, Priest, Religious Founder

Deuteronomy 4: 32-40; Ps 77: 12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Matthew 5: 10; Matthew 16: 24-28

SAT Aug 09 Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr

Deuteronomy 6: 4-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3c-4, 47 and 51; 2nd Timothy 1: 10; Matthew 17: 14-20

SUN Aug 10

Wisdom 18: 6-9; Ps 33: 1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19; Matthew 24: 42a, 44; Luke 12: 32-48

Schedule for the Week

Office hours Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3pm

The church is open for prayer during office hours.

Mon Aug 04 8:45am Mass

7pm Reunión del grupo masculine (PH)

Tues Aug 05 8:45am Mass

6:35pm Tourists Baseball Game

Wed Aug 06 8:45am Mass

6:30pm Knights of Colombus Mtg (PH)

Thur Aug 07 8:45am Mass

Rosary following Mass

Fri Aug 08 Church and Office Closed

Sat Aug 09 9:30am Women of StMMC Mtg (PH)

4:30pm Mass

Sun Aug 10 8:30am Mass*

9:45am OCIA Mtg (St. Teresa Rm)

11:00am Mass

1pm Mass Español*

IMPORTANT DATES!

Aug 15: Feast of the Assumption-Holy Day of Obligation

Aug 16 & 17: Operation L.A.M.B.

Sept 5-6: Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)



Don't Forget!

Asheville Tourist vs. **Greensboro Grasshoppers** August 5th at 6:35pm

Stewardship

Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship
A way of living

August 3, 2025 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the rich fool—a man who stores up earthly wealth without being "rich in what matters to God." This passage reminds us that true stewardship is not about accumulating possessions, but about using the gifts God has entrusted to us.

Attention Families...



SAINTS

School At Nazareth...

"Forming Future Saints"

Enrollment: August 17th at 12pm In the Parish Hall

Enrollment for our Faith Formation

program, School At Nazareth, will be on Sunday, August 17th. Please plan to stop by and fill out an enrollment form for your family in the Parish Hall at

12pm Noon after the 11am Mass.

It will take no more than 5 minutes to fill out the form and turn it in. If you have questions please email Tayler D'Abbraccio at tcdabbraccio@rcdoc.org

Our Faith Formation program, School At Nazareth (SAN), is in need of volunteers for the upcoming school year. Volunteer opportunities include small group leaders and translators. If you are interested in volunteering with the School At Nazareth there will be an informational meeting on September 7th at 12:15pm in the Parish Hall (after the 11am Mass). This meeting will last about 30 minutes. If you have questions, please contact Tayler D'Abbraccio at tcdabbraccio@rcdoc.org.



August Wedding Anniversaries:

Ralph & Ruth Eckoff ~ 65 years *Trent & Celine Codd* ~ 57 years Dan & Jane Little ~ 53 years *Tony & JoAnn Lazaro* ~ 53 years George & Esther Dunham ~ 31 years

Sedrick & Bethany Dellinger ~ 29 years Ernesto & Dalila Vigil-Romero ~ 21 years

Happy Anniversary!



Offertory for the Month and Year to Date

JULY GOAL MONTH ACTUAL

% OF GOAL

Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - July 30 GOAL \$312,000 YTD ACTUAL % OF GOAL

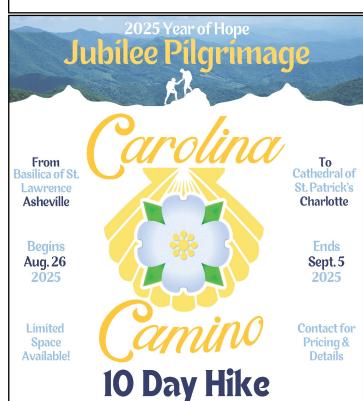
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