

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	SPECIAL EVENTS	DAILY READINGS
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12/20/2015 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:00 Mass- 3:00 PM- CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 	<b>NO</b> RCIA TODAY. <b>NO</b> Faith Formation-	<i>Mi</i> 5:1-4a <i>Ps</i> 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 <i>Heb</i> 10:5-10 <i>Lk</i> 1:39-45
<b>Monday</b> 12/21/2015	NO MASS		<i>Sg</i> 2:8-14 <i>Ps</i> 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 <i>Lk</i> 1:39-45
<b>Tuesday</b> 12/22/2015	4:00 PM- MASS ✠Kathy Smathers by Smathers Family.	<b>No</b> Bible Study today.	<i>Sm</i> 1:24-28 ( <i>Ps</i> ) <i>Sm</i> 2:1, 4-8d <i>Lk</i> 1:46-56
<b>Wednesday</b> 12/23/2015	8:00 AM—Mass ✠Jeff Smathers by Smathers Family.	<b>No</b> Book of Psalms today. <b>No</b> Holy Spirit Prayer Group today.	<i>Mal</i> 3:1-4, 23-24 <i>Ps</i> 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 <i>Lk</i> 1:57-66
<b>Thursday</b> 12/24/2015 	8:00 AM- Mass ✠  4:00 PM- Children's Mass	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<i>Is</i> 62:1-5 <i>Ps</i> 89:4-5, 16-17, 27,29 <i>Acts</i> 13:16-17, 22-25 <i>Mt</i> 1:1-25
<b>Friday</b> 12/25/15  <b>CHRISTMAS</b>	12:00 Midnight Mass  10:00 AM- Mass ✠		<i>Is</i> 62:11-12 <i>Ps</i> 97:1, 6, 11-12 <i>Ti</i> 3:4-7 <i>Lk</i> 2:15-20
<b>Saturday</b> 12/26/2015	8:00 AM- Mass- ✠ 4:00 PM—Mass - ✠Special Intention.	3:15-3:45 PM- Reconciliation	<i>Acts</i> 6:8-10; 7:54-59 <i>Ps</i> 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc 17 <i>Mt</i> 10:17-22
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12/27/2015	10:00 AM- Mass	No RCIA today. <b>NO</b> Faith Formation today.	<i>Sir</i> 3:2-6, 12-14 <i>Ps</i> 128:1-5 <i>Col</i> 3:12-21 <i>Lk</i> 2:41-52

**DECEMBER 20, 2015**

“Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving.” (Acts 20:35)

**NOTE:** Please be aware that our bulletin is posted on our website; therefore, any information in the bulletin is out there in cyberspace, accessible to anyone. Please let the office know if this is an issue for you.

*Our Mission Statement : To Fulfill Fr. Michael Murphy's dream to be a welcoming community*

*\*To grow in the love of the Lord*

*\*To follow the teachings of the Church*

*\*To serve one another and the community.*



**St. Margaret of Scotland  
Catholic Church**

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**NEW Website:**

[www.stmargaretofscotlandmv.org](http://www.stmargaretofscotlandmv.org)

**December 20, 2015**

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Do not be afraid, Mary,  
for you have found  
favor with God.  
You will conceive in  
your womb and bear  
a son, and you will  
name him Jesus.  
(Lk 1:30-31)



Office Hours: 9:30 AM—5:00 PM Monday—Friday

Office located next to the Church. (Closed on all Holy Days and Holidays)

**MASSES** — \*Tues. 4:00 PM—Wednesday thru Saturday 8:00 AM

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday: 3:15—3:45 PM (or by appointment)

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:** By appointment

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** Vigil 6:30 PM, 8:00 AM & 6:30 PM

*\*see calendar on back for possible time changes*

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES**

**\*WINTER:** Nov. 1<sup>ST</sup> to the last Sunday before Memorial Day

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM

**\*WINTER SNOW DAYS—SUNDAY MASS WILL BE AT 2:00 PM**

**SUMMER:** Memorial Day Weekend until October 31<sup>ST</sup>

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

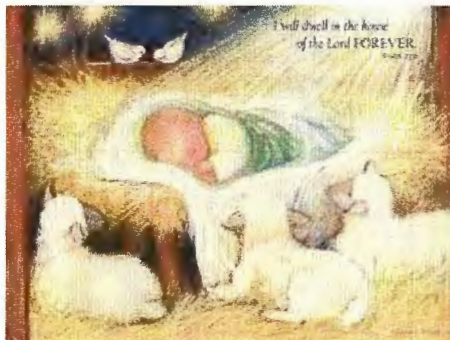


Play It Forward With Hope,  
Give Back With Gratitude

## DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL

<b>ASSESSED GOAL</b>	<b>AMT. PAID</b>	<b>PLEDGED BAL.</b>	<b>OVER/(UNDER)</b>
17,665.69	17,169.08	420.00	(76.61)

**Only a couple of weeks left to fulfill your DSA pledge.** Our ministries and our parish are counting on you. Any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own needs. ***Thank you so much for all of your help in supporting the DSA. You can make a contribution online @ [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa). Please designate it for St. Margaret of Scotland #85.***



*May the Lord grant you and your loved ones Love, Joy and Goodwill This Christmas and all the New Year!*

### FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation teens are collecting donations that will provide chicks and lambs to a cooperative in a developing country. Please support our students in their efforts. Your cash donations can be placed in the tub in the vestibule at the back of the church. Thank you for your help!



### HAYWOOD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Haywood Christian Ministry is looking for Volunteer Directors. Please contact Lisa James at 456-7438 for more information.

### PRISON MINISTRY

***Thank you to all*** who contributed over 200 Stamped Christmas Cards for the inmates at the Detention Center. ***Thank you also, to the Knight of Columbus*** for contributing 125 pairs of warm socks for the inmates.

### BOX TOPS & LABELS

Just a reminder to help Sr. Ruth & St. Joseph's Academy by cutting out the ***"Box Tops & Labels for Education"***. Sister would like to thank everyone for their support of this worthy cause. She says every little bit helps!

*Merry Christmas*



### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Katie & Len Adams, R.Allan, Fr. Linus DeSantis, OFM Conv., Thomas Dexter, Elliot Dowdell, Norma Esbenshade, Margie Gundelach, Jasay Ketchum, Josh Ketchum, Nancy Konecny, Billie Lefebvre, Paul Lormand, Jerry LaPointe, Matt Loetz, G.Lydia, Lisa M., R. Mas, Kathleen Mercogliano,

Robert Missana, Joseph Orvos, Suzanne Palmiere, Pat & George Pastore, Hanah Cary Rose, Carroll Smathers, Vince Stringfellow, Helen & Tracy Tabacek, Boone Tilley, Olivia Triollo, Connie Vass, Ollie Wells, Barb & Bob Williams, Bella Grace Yarrington, Bruce Yarrington, - **AND ALL THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER. NAMES WILL REMAIN FOR ONE MONTH, UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE.**

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### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY



All newcomers interested in officially joining the parish are asked to call the church office to register.

### STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTION

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." With those words from St. Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, to our Blessed Mother Mary our Gospel on this Fourth and final Sunday of Advent closes. It is appropriate that we are reminded of Mary's stewardship just a few days before she gives birth to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



In the U.S. Bishops Pastoral Letter on stewardship, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, The Bishops remind us that Mary is the epitome of stewardship: "After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship in their fullest sense...she was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively, and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role in terms of service and fidelity."

As we complete our preparations for the coming of the Lord at Christmas, we need to consider Mary's total trust in God and her willingness to place her entire life at His service, and ours. If we can even be a fraction of the steward she was, we will be ready for Christ's coming and better prepared to be disciples and good stewards. In the midst of our joy and celebration at this holy time, we, too, must bear in mind that we are called and chosen.

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### *In the Spirit of Giving*

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HEAT FUND.....	65.00

