



STELLA MARIS PARISH

OUR LADY "STAR OF THE SEA" TM

Welcome to our parish!

As pastor, I hope we can enrich your experience as much as you enrich ours.

Fr. David Ruby



Welcome to the staff Bridget Browning

Having lived in Egg Harbor and been active in the parish most of my life, I am thrilled to serve my parish family as Youth Activities Coordinator. I earned a Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University of Chicago. Although I have spent the last fifteen years working with the elderly, I am thrilled to be paired with the youth of Stella Maris. I will be working closely with Mary Ellen planning activities for grades 6-12.



Hospitality in its truest form is a profound expression of love. The road to true Christian hospitality begins with our own conversion as people and as a Church. Like most matters of faith, the call to change our minds and hearts is a journey. But, we have a great Teacher.

Calendar Happenings

Monday, February 8

Mass-10:00 am in SB (No Morning Prayer today)

Private Reconciliation & Parish Mission-6:30 pm-BH

Tuesday, February 9

Scripture Class-8:30 am-SB

Buildings & Grounds Meeting-8:30 am-EH Office

Adult Faith Formation-4:00 pm-SB

Private Reconciliation & Parish Mission-6:30 pm-BH

Wednesday, February 10

Faith Formation-4:00 pm & 7:00 pm-BH

Private Reconciliation & Parish Mission-6:30 pm-BH

Thursday, February 11

Special Healing Mass for World Day of the Sick-

4:30 pm-St. Joseph's-Sturgeon Bay

Choir Practice-6:30 pm-SB

Private Reconciliation & Parish Mission-6:30 pm-BH

Saturday, February 13

Post Card Campaign on Immigration

Sunday, February 14

Post Card Campaign on Immigration

Married Couples Brunch-11:00 am-SB



Coffee and.....is enjoyed the last Sunday of the winter months in Sister Bay. The next gathering will be February 28th

Stella Maris Mission Statement

"Stella Maris Roman Catholic Parish celebrates the Eucharist and all of the sacraments and spreads the Gospel to all parishioners and visitors, especially those in need, by being compassionate and willing to minister in a selfless fashion, by educating ourselves and by following the example set by Christ."

Dear Fellow Parishioners

This last week was another example of how easy it is to forget how dependent we are on the bishop and the diocese of Green Bay. I assumed that a new altar needed to be consecrated only when a new church was built. Since we had not built a new church and had only built a new altar for our Baileys Harbor site, that procedure did not apply. After some people warned me to call the diocese to check what the procedure for blessing a new altar was, I called on Tuesday and found out that any new altar has to be consecrated by the bishop. Of course, I was upset since we really wanted to use the new altar the first weekend that our Baileys Harbor site was open with everything new. I do have to take responsibility for the mistake. Although I am better at consulting the diocese on all matters than many priests I know, I still forget how much we need them at times. The reason why a bishop consecrates every altar is that he is the true pastor of everyone in the diocese. As Catholics, our local church is technically the diocese and not the parish. As pastor of this parish, I am merely an extension of

the bishop. Priests have always been delegates of the bishop to do his work in the outlying parishes away from the Cathedral which is the mother church of the diocese. By implication, everything we do is an extension of the bishop and those who work at the diocese. Often we think incorrectly that the diocese is just a way for all Catholic parishes to work together but actually it is who we are, not only our leadership but also the people who help us to be Catholic.

This reflection is important to keep in mind as we approach the annual bishop's appeal collection. The collection is not about some foreign group coming into our parish and lives to take our money but rather our leadership asking us to help in the work of our church. Everything that the diocese does, it does in our name in order to help us and all who call themselves Catholic within the geographical boundaries of this diocese. Our parish does benefit greatly from the bishop and the diocese but whether we do or not, we are all part of the same family, the same

community and need to benefit and support each other. One of the areas that our diocese benefits others for us is those who are in need. Catholic Charities is always a big part of the ministry done with that money. Catholic Charities helps so many people with their problems from counseling to financial assistance in ways no one else often can.

Our parish also benefits directly in so many ways as well. I would not be here if the diocese would not have paid for my education. The diocese has helped with the education of other staff/non staff. The diocese continues to provide other training for other specific programs and ministries. Everything which ultimately makes us Catholic in one way or another comes from or through the diocese. With that in mind, I ask everyone to support the bishop's appeal this year and to do it with at least \$5-\$10 more than you supported it last year. By doing so, we support **our** church.

In Christ's love, Fr. Dave Ruby, pastor

Pastoral Associate

Our parish will participate in the National Catholic post card campaign for immigration reform **February 13-14, 2010**. **One of the greatest myths surrounding immigration is that immigrants increase the crime rate.** Recent research has shown that immigrant communities do not increase the crime rate and that immigrants commit fewer crimes than native born Americans. While the undocumented immigrant population doubled from 1994 to 2005, violent crime dropped by 34% and property crimes decreased by 32%. Furthermore, Harvard sociologist Robert Sampson has found that first generation immigrants are 45% less likely to commit violent crimes than Americanized, third generation immigrants.

Summary of Bishop Ricken's letter on immigration reform endorsing the US Bishop decision to sponsor a national post card campaign to legislatures.

- This new policy will united and strengthen immigrant families
- Provide a path to citizenship for undocumented persons contributing to our society
- Develop a more just, safe and orderly process for immigration requests
- Examine the issue on Catholic social teaching principles
 1. *Call to family, community and participation*
 2. *Solidarity*
 3. *Option for the poor and vulnerable*
- Most flee their native land to provide a better standard of living
- Importance of keeping the family together
- Those from the developing world don't have the resources and opportunities, so we must share

- United States and the church has a long history of having an open door and welcoming the poor seeking a better livelihood
Sr. Angela Palm

Faith Formation

Quilting will keep us warm during the winter. We will meet Monday, **February 8th** in Egg Harbor. For more information you may call (920) 854-5264 otherwise, **just come!**

Last Chance to RSVP for the Valentines Day Married Couples Brunch. Please call either office by Tuesday, **February 9th.**

Mary Ellen Waldvogel

Spiritual Renewal

Busy Person's Retreat-Are you interested in a personal retreat during Lent, but not able to get away? Consider making a "Busy Person's Retreat." This retreat experience involves daily prayer at home and four meetings (at a time of your choosing) with a trained spiritual director over a two week period. This will begin **Monday, March 2, 6:30 pm in SB**, ending on March 18, 6:30 pm in BH. Two Spiritual Directors (Lee LeVoy and Marilynne Kowalski) will be available to meet with individuals who participate. Please **register by Mon. Feb. 22**, by calling the Parish Office: (920) 868-3241. Questions? Call Lee at (920) 421-2980. We hope you can give yourself this time!
Lee LeVoy



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Our Faith News

FREE TAX HELP - AARP Tax-Aide- For taxpayers with low and middle income, with special attention to those 60 and older. Mondays, at the Baileys Harbor town hall, call (920) 839-2157 for an appointment. Wednesdays, at Scandia Village Retirement Center, call (920) 854-2317 for an appointment.

POWER OF ONE-February is the month of special caring. Please donate personal care items for the Feed My Peoples collection next weekend, **February 13-14**. As always, we thank you.

GRIEF SHARING IN THE LENTEN SEASON-for those who have lost a loved one, will be conducted by Father Mark Fortner, SCJ, PhD on a weekly basis starting on Friday, **February 19th** between 10:00 – 11:30 am at his office at 721 Jefferson Street, Sturgeon Bay. Please contact Father Mark at (920) 421-0040 for more information. There is no fee for this series.

COMING SOON-Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at Stella Maris Baileys Harbor, starting **February 19** at 6:30 pm. A fish dinner of Baked Breaded Haddock, Potato Salad, Coleslaw and Rolls will follow at 7:00 pm. Reservations are needed for the dinner by Thursday each week by calling the office at (920) 868-3241. Cost is \$10 per person. Proceeds will go to refurbishing the outside Nativity set.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPAGHETTI JAZZ DINNER -will be served on **February 21** from 1:00 pm-5:00 pm in Baileys Harbor. Cost is \$10 per person. Proceeds go to the Gibraltar High School Band for a performance trip to Florida. Tickets can be purchased from any band member or at the door.



Stewardship

We reach deep into ourselves when we recognize that we are part of the human community and know that stewardship of our gifts—time, service, and sharing of our earthly gifts—is imperative.

Mass Schedule

Weekday February 1-May 7

Monday Morning Prayer-8:30 am-Sister Bay
Tuesday & Thursday Mass-8:00 am-Sister Bay
Wednesday Mass-8:00 am-Egg Harbor-With Benediction
Friday Mass-8:00 am-Baileys Harbor

Weekend January 30-May 2

Saturday 4:00 pm-Baileys Harbor
Sunday 8:00 am-Egg Harbor
10:00 am-Sister Bay

Washington Island through April 30

Services held at Trinity Lutheran Church

Lit. of the Word- Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, April 11, 18, 25

Mass 3:30 pm-February 7

Mass 11:00 am-February 13, March 27, April 3

Worship & Spiritual Life

Welcome back, Father Foley!

Our parish welcomes back.....by popular request..... Fr. J. Patrick Foley for our parish mission. Fr. Foley is our presider at all our masses this weekend and will begin the parish mission this Monday evening: "The Lenten Journey.....Christ's and Yours."

As a quick reminder, listed below is the Mission Schedule this coming week:

Monday, February 8:

10:00 a.m. Mass at Sister Bay
6:30 p.m. Private Reconciliation at Baileys Harbor
7:00 p.m. Mission at Baileys Harbor
8:00 p.m. Reception at Baileys Harbor

Tuesday, February 9:

8:00 a.m. Mass at Sister Bay
6:30 p.m. Private Reconciliation at Baileys Harbor
7:00 p.m. Mission at Baileys Harbor
8:00 p.m. Reception at Baileys Harbor

Wednesday, February 10:

8:00 am Mass at Egg Harbor
6:30 p.m. Private Reconciliation at Baileys Harbor
7:00 p.m. Mission at Baileys Harbor
8:00 p.m. Reception at Baileys Harbor

Thursday, February 11:

8:00 a.m. Mass at Sister Bay
6:30 p.m. Private Reconciliation at Baileys Harbor
7:00 p.m. Mission at Baileys Harbor
8:00 p.m. Reception at Baileys Harbor

Thank you acknowledgments to everyone who will participate in our parish Mission; to our Worship Mission sub-committee, especially Kriss Schorer, for designing the Mission posters and postcards; to our parish Sodalitys, Altar Societies and Councils for Fr. Foley's reception each evening; to Katie Freund for providing the mission music; to our youth for child care assistance and to our parishioners on Washington Island assisting Fr. Foley when he travels there this Sunday.

Father Foley's ministry provides missions and retreats to parishes and groups around the country. He does not charge for his ministry but relies on the free-will offerings and generosity of all those who are inspired and touched by his prayers, messages and songs. We are blessed to have him return to Stella Maris to help us prepare our Lenten Journey, with Christ, as we **Return to God.**

Kathy Sedan, Worship & Music Minister

Liturgies of the Week

Saturday, February 6

Baileys Harbor 4:00 pm †Anthony & Mary Myszewski

Sunday, February 7

Egg Harbor 8:00 am †Pat Nevins
Sister Bay 10:00 am †Norman Muehleck
Washington Island 3:30 pm †Members of Stella Maris

Monday, February 8

**Sister Bay 10:00 am †Virginia Strom

Tuesday, February 9

Sister Bay 8:00 am †Francis King

Wednesday, February 10

Egg Harbor 8:00 am †Dr. Lewis & Beth Christianson

Thursday, February 11

Sister Bay 8:00 am †Virginia Strom

Friday, February 12

Baileys Harbor 8:00 am †Jannette McArdle

Saturday, February 13

Washington Island 11:00 am Members of Stella Maris
Baileys Harbor 4:00 pm †Jeanne Muth

Sunday, February 14

Egg Harbor 8:00 am †Pat Nevins
Sister Bay 10:00 am †Helen Kolp



Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. - Lk 5:5-6

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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Readings for the Week of February 7

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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 Sturgeon Bay

Lautenbach Self Storage
 Egg Harbor

Parish Membership

Stella Maris Parish is delighted when new people want to join our parish and gladly welcomes them into our faith community. Contact Sr. Angela at the parish office.

Infant Baptism

The baptism of new babies and young children revitalizes our faith community. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements for baptism.

Adult Initiation

The Catholic Church is always enriched whenever any adult chooses to be Catholic. Adults wishing to be baptized, or baptized adults wishing to be confirmed, the RCIA program is available. Contact Mary Ellen Waldvogel.

Reconciliation

God's great mercy is something to be celebrated. Ritually we Catholics experience God's unconditional love in the sacrament of reconciliation. Our pastor is available for this sac-

rament on Thursday evenings from 5:00-6:00 pm at our Baileys Harbor site and by appointment.

Marriage

A faith-filled wedding is a joyful time for the couple and the parish. Our parish wants to have all weddings here be the best possible. The couple must meet with the pastor before a date can be reserved. Please contact the parish office at least 12 months in advance to begin preparation.

Ministry to the Sick

Everyone needs extra compassion and care when his or her health is not at its best. As a parish, we try to meet that need. Communal anointing Masses take place twice yearly, with individual anointing done when requested. Parishioners in the hospital, nursing home or other institution are encouraged to notify Sr. Angela at the office to arrange for visits or communion.

Devotions

MORNING PRAYER: Monday-8:30 am, Sister Bay

SCRIPTURE CLASS: meets **Tuesday mornings** after the **8:00 am Mass in Sister Bay**. Please come and join us for a closer look and discussion on the upcoming Sunday Scriptures. Visitors are always welcome.

ROSARY: Wednesday-7:30 am before Mass, Egg Harbor

ADORATION & BENEDICTION: Wednesday after 8:00 am Mass, Egg Harbor

Offertory Contributions January 30-31, 2010

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Envelopes	\$4,565.00	\$5,689.58
Offertory	888.75	1,092.22
Visitor Envelopes	40.00	67.80
Other Funds	1.00	0.00
Totals	\$5,494.75	\$6,849.60
2009/10	Actual YTD	\$322,708.20
2009/10	Budget YTD	\$355,192.26
2008/09	Actual YTD	\$320,594.05

Total Attendance last week 548