



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



Father J. Patrick Foley from California was invited last week to give a parish mission on "The Lenten Journey, Christ's and Yours". Despite the weather, attendance was good every night. The evening closed with delicious goodies and refreshments provided by our sodalities. Thank you Ladies!



Dear Lord Jesus,
may our hearts and minds
be nourished by your sustaining love;
may our words and actions
be guided by your ever present grace.

That all who seek you,
find you here.

That all who seek to serve you,
be welcomed to the vineyard.

That all who seek to love you
know that they are loved.

That all who seek to return to their Catholic faith
may be welcomed and received
AMEN.

Calendar Happenings

Monday, February 22

Morning Prayer-8:30 am-SB

Tuesday, February 23

Scripture Class-8:30 am-SB

Adult Faith Formation-4:00 pm-SB

Wednesday, February 24

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

Thursday, February 25

Adult Catechism-10:00 am-BH

Choir Practice-6:30 pm-SB

Finance Council Meeting-6:30 pm-EH Office

Men's Bible Reflection-6:45 pm-SB

Friday, February 26

Art & Environment Follow-up Meeting-10:00 am-JP

Soup & Stations of the Cross-12:00 noon-SB

Stations of the Cross-6:30 pm-BH

Fish Dinner-7:00 pm-BH (Reservations Required)

Sunday, February 28

Coffee and.....11:00 am-SB



The Married Couples brunch was held on Sunday, after Mass at our Sister Bay site. Twenty-eight couples took advantage of the festivities. Betty Manion was our guest speaker who provided games, trivia and stories.

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."

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT-February 21, 2010

Dear Fellow Parishioners

When I was on vacation recently, I attended mass at a Catholic parish in Florida. The parish's director of music used to entertain on the road with other big name acts. From the experience I had, it was obvious he was very talented. The problem was that the music often became more about how well he personally did it rather than how it was helping the community to come together in worshipping God. His voice did not often match the music which was being played but was applauded a few times during mass. The priest in his homily shared a very negative view of the world and what was happening in our culture. He sounded more like a partisan and received applause at the end for what he had to say. The whole mass did not feel like worship to me. It is difficult to put one's finger exactly on what it means to worship God but one knows some of what it is not and some of what it should be. In this Lenten season, we are seeking to find ways to purify our worship of God as we improve our relationship with God and one another. Worship is an important part of our relationship with God.

One of the most important aspects of worship is that ultimately it is not about us. Only God deserves true worship. God is the creator of all that is, the savior of all that is fallen through sin and the sanctifier of all that seeks to be holy. We know that without God, we would not be here to begin with; we would not have the hope of a life in union with God here and after this life as well as the guiding support of a God through all of life's difficulties. No matter how much we would like to be in total control of our lives; death, sickness, suffering, alienation, etc. happen showing us the limits of ourselves and our abilities. As Christians, we realize that God transcends all of these boundaries and is our only hope of moving beyond them rather than being trapped within them. In our worship, we honor this utter uniqueness of God within our world. We pay our respects to the way that God impacts on the world of our experience while seeking to tap into the energy which only God gives to overcome the limitations of this world. Therefore, worship is not about trying to

make sure that it fits into what I want or like but making sure that it is something that reflects what God is, wants and makes us more like him.

We gather on Sunday to celebrate Eucharist. We do it because Jesus asked us to do it in His memory as the most perfect form of thanksgiving to God. As the sole mediator between God and us, Jesus unites us with His Father who we encounter in this sacrament. God's love is made manifest in the invitation to and experience of this special meal after hearing about the long lasting covenant love witnessed in the scriptures. To worship within the context of this sacred meal is to honor our God of love by sharing in the banquet to which He has invited us. Thereby we grow in love of one another becoming a more united Christian family as the Trinity models for us.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Dave Ruby, pastor

Pastoral Associate

Not Too Late



We received about 80 responses to the postcard campaign for immigration reform. Brother Steve Herro, Social Concerns Director at the Diocese was happy with the responses to date and thanked us.

If you would still like to participate, you can mail them yourself, use the electronic version www.justiceforimmigration.org/pcard or have the postcards at the parish office by Wed. Feb 24th. Extra postcards are available at the office.

Sister Angela Palm

Faith Formation

E-MAIL CHANGE?-If your e-mail address has changed or if you have a new one in the past year, please call the office to make sure we have it updated in our computers. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN MORAL LIFE-LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Fr. John Doerfler will present: "**Now and at the Hour of Our Death...**" at St. Joseph Parish in Sturgeon Bay on Thursday, **February 25**, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Please register by calling 1 (877) 500-3580 Ext 8276.

Quilting will keep us warm during the winter. We will meet Monday, **February 22** in Egg Harbor. For more information you may call (920) 854-5264 otherwise, **just come!**

Mary Ellen Waldvogel

Spiritual Renewal

Busy Person's Retreat

Do you long for a deeper awareness of God? Do you find it difficult to make time for prayer? Think about 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 **Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 pm in SB**, ending on March 18, 6:30 pm in BH. Two Spiritual Directors will be available to meet with individuals who participate: Lee LeVoy and Marilynne Kowalski. 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

Community News

I WISH MY BROTHER, SON, GRANDSON...would come back to the church! The Esto-Vir Annual Men's Conference is coming soon **March 6** to St. Pius Parish in Appleton, WI. This year's featured speakers include Matthew Kelly, Hector Molina and our own Bishop David L. Ricken. Mass with Bishop Ricken will follow at 4:00pm. Registration is open now online at www.estovir.com. \$40 early registration ends February 26. Registration at the door is \$50.

TEAM SATURDAY: A Day for the Rest of Us- "Dealing with our Holy Longing" by popular speaker & Compass Columnist Fr. Ron Rolheiser, **Saturday, March 6** from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. \$7.00 event fee includes Continental Breakfast at the Radison Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay. Register at www.gbdioc.org/team by March 1, 2010.

Our Faith News

FREE TAX PREPARATION-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.

THE CENSUS BUREAU–is in need of workers. Please call the toll free number 1 (866) 861-2010 if interested for test information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS -on Fridays during Lent at Stella Maris Baileys Harbor 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



Make every act a prayer.
Upon awaking each morning, resume your conversation with Jesus as He walks with you.

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 11:00 am- March 27, April 3

What is the Bishop's Appeal?

The Bishop's Appeal is a stewardship opportunity for each of us to reach out to thousands of people in search of Jesus' love. Each gift given supports the ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay which serves our communities, Catholic schools and parishes. Your gift truly helps bring the heart and hands of Christ to our children, young adults, families and neighbors. Thank you for making a gift to the Bishop's Appeal.

Worship & Spiritual Life

The new liturgical season of Lent began this past Wednesday with our Ash Wednesday liturgies and this weekend marks the First Sunday of Lent. We leave behind the Green liturgical color of Ordinary Time to go to the Violet-Red of Lent and the call to *Return to the Lord*.

This call to *Return to the Lord* also includes our Diocesan initiative inviting Catholics to Come Home to our church. Father Dave, our worship committee, pastoral council and parish staff have worked very hard to prepare all of us for a prayerful and meaningful Lent.

Here are several ways in which we have prepared:

- Our parish applied for and received a Catholics Come Home grant from the Diocese of Green Bay. Not all parishes that applied for a grant received one, so we are very grateful. The grant money is being used for **new parish-wide Welcome Tags** that all our ministers of Hospitality (Ushers and Greeters) will wear. With our beautiful new parish logo on these tags, they will be a readily identifiable sign of our parish welcome to all.
 - The grant money is also being used for our **brand new Stella Maris Parish brochure** that offers information and a welcoming invitation to all to learn more about us and join us.
 - A **Stella Maris Information Podium** will be at all our open churches during Lent and will be staffed by our members of our parish Pastoral Council. They will have a Catholics Come Home Binder with our parish brochures, along with additional Diocesan and parish brochures. They will also record any questions or concerns anyone might have and make sure those concerns are directed to the staff person to follow-up in a timely manner.
 - We will be singing a **new Catholics Come Home hymn** suggested by the Diocese. The hymn is “All Is Ready” by David Haas and copies will be available in our church pews. This hymn was approved by the Worship Committee and the melody and the words reflect that spirit of welcoming to all during this Lenten Season. We will sing the first three verses as our Gathering Hymn and the last three verses as our Closing Hymn throughout Lent.
 - We have now completed our **parish-wide introduction of the Mass of the Angels and Saints** and will continue singing this Mass. As we do not sing the Gloria or the Alleluia during Lent, we will be singing the Lord Have Mercy and Lenten Gospel Acclamation from the Mass of the Angels and Saints throughout Lent.
- And lastly, we are asked this weekend to take a **Lenten Service Card** and to prayerfully consider the suggestions on it. By partaking in several of these suggestions our footsteps will join Christ’s as we journey with Him this Lent. Thank you.

Kathy Sedan, Worship & Music Director

Liturgies of the Week

Saturday, February 20	
Baileys Harbor 4:00 pm	Christ Child Society
Sunday, February 21	
Egg Harbor 8:00 am	†Robert Carmody
Sister Bay 10:00 am	†Elizabeth King
Washington Island 1:00 pm	Lit. of the word w/comm
Monday, February 22	
Sister Bay 8:30 am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday, February 23	
Sister Bay 8:00 am	†Philip Muehlick
Wednesday, February 24	
Egg Harbor 8:00 am	†Dorothy Charnetski
Thursday, February 25	
Sister Bay 8:00 am	†Virginia Strom
Scand 2:30 pm	†Joe Kita
Friday, February 26	
Baileys Harbor 8:00 am	†Christopher & Mark Howell
Saturday, February 27	
Baileys Harbor 4:00 pm	†Jannette McArdle
Sunday, February 28	
Egg Harbor 8:00 am	†Arzetta Witalison
Sister Bay 10:00 am	†Members of Stella Maris
Washington Island 1:00 pm	Lit. of the word w/comm



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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Readings for the Week of February 21

Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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Sunrise Hill Restoration
Sturgeon Bay

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

RECONCILIATION: Thursdays 5:00-6:00pm-Bailey Harbor

Offertory Contributions February 13-14, 2010

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Envelopes	\$5,424.15	\$5,953.79
Offertory	1,528.51	1,353.42
Visitor Envelopes	100.00	22.50
Other Funds	1.00	0.00
Totals	\$7,053.66	\$7,329.71

2009/10	Actual YTD	\$334,729.86
2009/10	Budget YTD	\$367,103.06
2008/09	Actual YTD	\$331,999.25

Total Attendance last week 678