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Tanner Lundquist

Matthew Marcon

James Martin

Jade Moore

Regan Northrop

Cassie Olson

Allison Ripp

Hailey Salmeri

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Dear Fellow Parishioners

My favorite memory of Catholic grade school growing up was the masses. Of course, Vatican II had just ended and I did not know anything about the great changes which had taken place. I remember vividly how great it was to fully participate in the mass, especially singing. Although I would not return to the exact way that mass was celebrated at that time, I always strive to work toward the ideal that Vatican II set with its goal of full, active, conscious participation by the community worshipping together.

I will never forget my experience of the participation which I experienced in the seminary masses. The seminarians all participated fully in many different ways. We had great music, art/environment, presiding and spirit in all we did. Although it was hard to leave that behind, I always knew that the parish experience could be similar. That is why as pastor, I always try to make the experience of liturgy the best possible with the resources that are available.

We are very fortunate to have a worship and music minister in the parish. She has a commitment to our parish because she was living here by choice before she started working for us. Her great gifts and talents as a musician and classical training are obvious. She spends many hours a week practicing to make sure that she serves our parish well with her gifts and talents. Her dedication to her job is great. She not only works very hard but makes sure that everything she does is correct according to the church, collaborates with the staff and worship committee as well as creates a quality experience for the people of the parish. I am so happy that we have someone in this position but especially someone who is so good and doing so well.

Our parish has been going through quite a transition in the last few years. There has always been so much good in the people of this parish and the area. We also have so many wonderful visitors on a regular basis. The one thing that brings everything/one together in the Catholic Church wherever it is, is the Eucharist. Wherever we go in the world, we can participate in the Eucharist and feel a union with God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit as well as the local community and all who worship in the same way. Our parish is no different. Our experience of Eucharist is our participation in worshiping God as well as coming together in the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ. In order for any experience to be unifying, it needs our voluntary and full compliance. If we are to worship well, the involvement of our whole heart and soul is vital. What we are doing with our worship/music minister and worship committee aims to facilitate that great worship which unifies. It is not always easy to progress because we have to let go of some of what we have become attached to but it is worth it.

A younger parishioner approached me and told me that she has never known another priest who expends more energy for the mass and how much she liked it. Her one question was how long I could keep it up. I told her I will continue to work hard to provide the best worship experience possible as long as I have a great group of liturgical ministers to work with and time to meet my personal needs. I am fully committed to great worship.

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

Worship & Spiritual Life

Our parish family rejoices, along with the families, friends and relatives of our six children that are receiving Jesus for the first time at the 10 am Mass this Sunday. Alleluia!

This Sunday is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations traditionally held on the first Sunday of May. At Mass this weekend, we will pray with our fellow Catholics around the world for people to listen to God's call and say "Yes!" to a consecrated life in service to Him.

When Bishop Ricken was here last weekend for Confirmation, he asked Fr. Dave and several of us on the staff if we thought there were any young men and women in our parish who might be called to the priesthood or to a consecrated life. We answered, "Yes!" And just thinking about our 27 high school students that were confirmed last weekend and our 6 children receiving their First Holy Communion today, there very well could be another future priest or sister from Stella Maris!

Our parish has been blessed to have one of our own ordained a priest this past January: Fr. Jason Blahnik. Fr. Jason answered God's call and said, "Yes!"

Our Pastor, Fr. Dave Ruby answered God's call 18 years ago this coming May 18 and said, "Yes!" Currently, our Green Bay Diocese has twelve seminarians studying for the priesthood and Deacon Timothy Brandt will be ordained a priest on June 6th. God is calling and they are answering, "Yes!"

The theme of Pope Benedict's message for this year's World Day of Vocations is: *Faith in the divine initiative – the human response* and the Pope stressed the importance of prayer for vocations: The first duty, he says "is to keep alive in families and in parishes, in movements and in apostolic associations, in religious communities and in all the sectors of diocesan life this appeal to the divine initiative with unceasing prayer."

Pope Benedict continues "The vocation to the priesthood and to the consecrated life constitutes a special gift of God which becomes part of the great plan of love and salvation that God has for every man and woman and for the whole of humanity."

Prayer for Vocations:

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in the Diocese of Green Bay.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance.

Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sources: www.usccb.org, www.gbdioc.org.

Our Faith Community News

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet **May 5** at 7:30 pm in Baileys Harbor in the church basement.

IF YOU HAVEN'T made your reservations for the style show luncheon on **May 7** at 12 noon at the Sister Bay site, call Donna Carlino (920) 854-7462 before Wednesday.

NEXT WEEKEND, May 9-10, there will be Mother's Day Rose Sale sponsored by the Door County Right to Life Chapter. The proceeds are used to purchase educational material for the Door County Fair Booth, D.C. Library and local schools. A **suggested donation of \$2.00** would be much appreciated for the Long Stem Red and White Roses. Thank you in advance.

POWER OF ONE—Please donate canned fruits and vegetables for "Feed My People's" Power of One collection the weekend of **May 9-10**. We thank you so much.

SPRING FLING—Stella Maris Parish will hold its annual "Spring Fling" dinner party at the Sister Bay church site on Wednesday, **May 13**. The doors will open at 4:00 pm and a beef roast dinner will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Take outs will be available. The menu includes an all-you-can-eat roast beef dinner with all of the trimmings including homemade salads and desserts from the best cooks in Door County. The evening will include live entertainment and a raffle at 7:00 pm with \$500 cash as the top prize. Adults \$12.00 and children under 12 are \$5.00. Tickets will be available at the door.

CCW EGG HARBOR will meet on **May 14** at 7pm at Sharon's house. This is the house north of Casey's. If there is not enough parking in her drive, you may use the bank or the village lot. Father Dave will be our guest that evening. Hostesses are Millie Sawyer and Gen Richard

STEWARDSHIP APPRECIATION NIGHT—will be celebrated at the Baileys Harbor site on Wednesday, **May 27** at 6:00 pm with a dinner served by the parish staff. Anyone that has served our parish this past year is invited.

THE HEDY ELLER SCHOLARSHIP has been opened up to any graduating senior that belong and has been active in the Stella Maris Parish. Applications can be picked up at Gibraltar and Sevastopol Schools and at the Egg Harbor church office. Graduating seniors must have a 3.0 or higher grade point average and must include 1-2 paragraphs about their stewardship that was performed for the parish. For more information, please contact Stacey Niedzweicki at (920) 421-0538.

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE that the parish has initiated a direct donation program (otherwise known as **ACH**). In cooperation with Baylake bank this new service will enable parishioners to make arrangements to withdraw funds on a monthly basis for **FREE**. The form is available on our website by choosing event tab and scroll to committee reports, email or call the office. By having your contributions pulled directly from your bank account you will save time, conserve on natural resources, make your life easier and have reliability. Stella Maris Parish appreciates your contributions.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 2 Fish Creek 4:00 pm	†Joan Soens
Sunday, May 3 Jacksonport 8:00 am	Members of Stella Maris
First Communion	
Sister Bay 10:00 am Washington Island 1:00 pm	†Eleanora Niedzweicki Liturgy of the Word W/Comm
Monday, May 4 Fish Creek 8:00 am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday, May 5 Sister Bay 8:00 am	†Edward & Olive Koessl
Wednesday, May 6 Egg Harbor 8:00 am	†Bob Carmody
Thursday, May 7 Sister Bay 8:00 am	†Owen Larson
Friday, May 8 Baileys Harbor 8:00 am	†Jannette McArdle
Saturday, May 9 Fish Creek 4:00 pm Egg Harbor 6:00 pm	†Christopher & Mark Howell †Joe Paletti
Sunday, May 10 Baileys Harbor 8:00 am Sister Bay 10:00 am Jacksonport 12:00 noon Washington Island 1:00 pm	†Alvin Orsted †Members of Stella Maris †Eugene Remiszewski Liturgy of the Word W/Comm

Devotions

MORNING PRAYER: 8:00 am - Monday, Fish Creek

ROSARY: Tuesdays-Noon-in the Chapel-BH, Wednesdays-7:30 am before Mass, FC.

ADORATION & BENEDICTION after the 8:00 am Mass on Wednesdays at Stella Maris/Fish Creek.

Adult Faith Formation

SCRIPTURE CLASS will meet on **Tuesday mornings after the 8:00 am in Sister Bay**. Please come and join us for a closer look and discussion on the up coming Sunday Scriptures. Everyone is welcome.

Readings for the Week of May 3

Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24---13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Pastoral Associate *Bereavement Ministry*

The Bereavement Support Group is going well. Next fall I plan to have another session. I may also have one for those who have lost a child since I have heard of many who have experienced this. Please call Sister Angela at (920) 421-2407.

Care Ministry



Our next meeting is **Monday, May 4** from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Egg Harbor church basement. Please let me know if you are unable to attend. Sister Angela-(920) 421-2407.

Faith Formation

THANK YOU-for everyone that helped at **Confirmation**. No matter how big or small your part was, it all helped to make this day a very special one. Thanks again!

Liturgy of the Word with Children, began this spring in Sister Bay. It has been received well. The children really seem to understand the word of God better when read to them at their level. We would like to continue this ministry during the summer months, but we need more help. The lesson plans are ready. I would be glad to meet with you and teach you how to minister to the children, I just need a few people willing to help. We need at least two adults at a time in order to be in compliance with the diocese on safe environment. It's a wonderful ministry and if there are at least four people willing to come forward we could easily continue. Pray about this opportunity to serve God. Please call me at (920) 854-5264 or email me at faithchurch@dcwis.com thanks for all your support.

Spiritual Renewal



The **Christ Renews His Parish Renewal Weekends** for women and men have been postponed until fall. The **new dates** are **November 7-8 for Women; December 5-6 for Men, both at Birch Creek**. We hope you will come and experience this Renewal Weekend!

Questions- call Lee LeVoy, (920) 421-2980.

Offertory Contributions April 25-26 2009

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Envelopes	\$5,583.03	\$6,133.77
Offertory	1,999.43	1,600.00
Visitor Envelopes	120.50	186.67
Other Funds	1.00	10.67
Totals	\$7,703.96	\$7,931.11
2008/09 Actual YTD		\$395,769.24
2008/09 Budget YTD		\$391,356.80
2007/08 Actual YTD		\$403,839.74
<u>Total Attendance last week 953</u>		

From the Green Bay Diocese

REGARDING THE SWINE FLU-To date, there are no additional restrictions or changes in the usual celebration of the Holy Eucharist due to the swine flu outbreak in this country. However, the Diocese of Green Bay is monitoring the situation and will issue any necessary liturgical adaptations as the need arises. These will be communicated to parishes, and posted on the diocesan Web site at www.gbdioc.org.

Stewardship



First Holy Communion is a prayer-filled celebration. We see the joy of First Communicants and remember our own first sharing of the bread and wine.

Help Needed

YOUTH ACTIVITY COORDINATOR-Stella Maris needs an adult to facilitate activities for our youth in grade 6-12. Youth are very important to us so anyone who can give us 15 hours of time a week, we will compensate you and be very grateful. If you are a person of faith, you can do this job and do it well. Please contact the parish office and submit an application if you are interested or if you know of someone who would be good for us to encourage to take this position. The parish office address and phone number are on the front cover of the bulletin.

MONEY TRANSPORTERS-We are in need of a couple of parishioners to transport the collection money from the Masses at Egg Harbor and Jacksonport to the Sister Bay bank each weekend. If we get enough volunteers it wouldn't be a weekly commitment. Please call the office at (920) 868-3241 and talk to Mark..

PASTORAL COUNCIL VACANCIES-The Pastoral Council will have four vacancies this spring. We are seeking interested Parishioners to fill these openings. If you would like to be a part of this group that works consultatively with Father Dave in many area of Parish life, please contact Dawn Janiak at djaniak56@gmail.com or (920) 868-1721.

Pancake Breakfast

Stella Maris/Baileys Harbor will be having a Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, **May 24**, Memorial Day Weekend, from **8:30 am-11:00 am**. Pancakes, French toast, pokies, ham, Door County cherries, orange juice, milk and coffee will be served. Cost is \$6.00-Adults, \$4.00-Children ages 6-12, and under 5 are free. Proceeds will go towards the Stella Maris Scholarship Fund. The breakfast is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council # 4896.

Bishops Appeal

Stella Maris Parish Target	\$35,858.00
Received to date from 228 donors	<u>\$30,377.50</u>
Total Needed to meet assessment	\$ 5,480.50

Calendar Happenings

Monday, May 4

Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC

Women's CRHP #3-6:00 pm-FC

Tuesday, May 5

Scripture Class-8:30 am-SB-

Bereavement Ministry-1:30 pm-FC

Knights of Columbus Meeting-7:30 pm-BH

Wednesday, May 6

May Crowning-4:00 pm-BH

Thursday, May 7

National Day of Prayer

SB Sodality Style Show Luncheon-12:00 noon-SB

Men's CRHP Continuation Meeting-6:45 pm-SB

Choir Practice-7:00 pm-SB

Saturday & Sunday, May 9 & 10

Mothers Day Right to Life Rose Sale-All Sites



Main Street Market
Egg Harbor

Mike's Port Pub & Grill
Jacksonport

Mass Schedule

May 9-17

Saturday 4:00 pm -Fish Creek

6:00 pm-Egg Harbor

Sunday 8:00 am-Baileys Harbor

10:00 am-Sister Bay

12:00 noon-Jacksonport

May 23-September 6

Saturday 4:00 pm-Fish Creek

5:00 pm-Sister Bay

6:00 pm-Egg Harbor

Sunday 7:00 am-Egg Harbor

8:00 am-Baileys Harbor

9:00 am-Fish Creek

10:00 am-Sister Bay

11:00 am-Jacksonport

Washington Island through June 28

Mass-1:00 pm- May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21

Lit. of the Word-1:00 pm- May 3, 10, 17, June 28

Any questions call Larry Kahlscheuer (920) 847-2289