

# STELLA MARIS PARISH

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## 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.”

### 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.

### 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.

### 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. Parish members 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.

### Infant Baptism

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

### 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.

## Dear Fellow Parishioners

For years, this parish has been in the process of planning for the future which is good for any group to do, not only to make the future better but to help the present to be the best that it can be. Capitalizing on the best of our Catholic faith and our unique situation can only help us to be better.

Soon after I came to this parish, the councils had a planning day in which we set some goals for the year. We made much progress in reaching those goals. One of the goals was to resolve the situation with our buildings. In response to that goal, the councils set up the Future of Stella Maris committee. This committee had representation from all of our sites. The committee took time to survey as many people in the parish as possible. After listening to people and studying the question themselves, the committee recommended to our parish that we build one new church in the middle so that we could truly become one parish and conserve our resources. Of course, there was so much more to the recommendation but I am condensing it. The committee worked hard and put a lot of time into formulating their recommendation with good reasoning behind it. No matter how much went into the recommendation, it was just a recommendation and needed to be accepted by the parish. In order to see if the recommendation was something that the whole parish could accept and own, we decided to vote on whether we were ready as a parish to move toward one new parish for all. After helping the parish to understand the recommendation, we voted. One new church was voted down 61.1% to 39.9% or so.

After that vote, the executive committee and I met with three of the top diocesan officials. They recommended that we put everything on hold while we took stock of all that had happened in the vote and after. At the time, the diocese was without a bishop. Since a new bishop could totally change the way that we plan for the future of our buildings, it only made sense to wait for the new bishop. Bishop Ricken was appointed and installed. He has begun a new planning process. This planning process is totally different than all of the planning processes that we have gone through in the past. The bishop met with all of the priests this month. At that meeting, the bishop emphatically told us that he will not be closing any more churches. He is very concerned about the national statistic that 15% of a parish leaves when a building is closed. He assured us that there would be enough priests because fewer priests are retiring, a better vocation recruitment drive is on and foreign born priests will be utilized in the mean time.

After that general meeting of the priests with the bishop, I personally met with him this last Saturday. I updated him on our parish situation. After his confirmation experience and my report, he indicated he was very happy with our parish situation. He knows how well we are doing and even thinks we may be a model for other places. The bishop understood why our parish voted the way it did and supports where we are and where we are going. He even agreed to a parish visit in the fall to help us reach resolution in this area. I am excited about it and know it will be a great experience.

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

## Worship & Spiritual Life

**Pentecost is “the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter”.** As we worship together and partake of the Eucharist at this weekend’s liturgies, we pray that the Holy Spirit strengthens us to “renew the face of the earth.”

Included below is a prayer I’d like to share; it was displayed in a church I was visiting. I liked it so much I wrote it down to include it in this column for Pentecost:

Be silent, still, aware,  
for there in your own heart  
the Spirit is at prayer.

Listen and learn,  
open and find  
heart, wisdom, Christ.

### To our Visitors:

**Welcome, we are so happy you are here!**

We want your worship experience at Stella Maris to be as meaningful as possible so here are several updates that have occurred since you were with us last:

We have new, permanent Hymnbooks: Gather Comprehensive II. This hymnbook begins with Daily Prayer, then the Rites of the Church, then The Order of Mass ending with the Hymns and Songs section. For ease in identifying, no page numbers are listed; only Hymn Numbers.

### **The Order of Mass begins at #134 – The Mass of Creation.**

As the Word of God is to be proclaimed, and our Lectors do that so eloquently, the Sunday readings are not included in these new hymnbooks.

Copies of Sunday’s Word Missalettes which include the Sunday readings are available for those who might wish to read the readings and they are available at the entrances of all our churches. We thank you for returning them back to the entrances after each Mass.

Here is a Prayer for Travelers from the Book of Blessings until you return back to worship with us at Stella Maris:

**May God bless you with every heavenly blessing  
And give you a safe journey;  
Wherever life leads you,  
May you find Him there to protect you. Amen.**

*Kathy Sedan, Worship / Music Minister*

## Our Faith Community News

**STRAWBERRY FEST** is around the corner!!! Ladies of the parish, please join us at Sister Bay for the final Sodality meeting of the season on Thursday, **June 4th** at 1:00 pm in Sister Bay. And mark your calendars for **STRAWBERRY FEST** on Thursday, **June 25th** starting at noon.....more details to follow. Yum, yum!!!

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**-Egg Harbor will meet **June 11 at 6:30 pm** at the EH site. We will pray the rosary at the outdoor shrine followed by our annual pot-luck dinner. Hostesses are Rita Borghese and Joan Peterson.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH EXPEDITIONS**-Branch 213 of Catholic Knights will be sponsoring a **FOOD DRIVE** for **CYE**, on the weekend of **June 13 and 14** at Corpus Christi, St. Joseph, S/S Peter and Paul and Stella Maris parishes. **CATHOLIC YOUTH EXPEDITION (CYE)** was founded by Fr. Quinn Mann and is located at St. Joseph Formation Center (formerly St. Joseph Retreat Center) on Kangaroo Lake. Non-perishable food (pasta, spaghetti sauce, can food, cereal, mixes, etc.), paper products and energy efficient light bulbs are examples of what is needed. This will be delivered to them that week. Thank you for your generosity in helping these young people.

## Thank You

**THANK YOU** to everyone for supporting "A Tisket A Tasket", style show luncheon given by St. Rosalia's Sodality. This is a yearly event and we couldn't do it without the local stores coming through so graciously each year. Thank you to all of them. Thank you to the gals that did such a great job modeling and to Mary Niedzwiecki for catering for us this year, it was great. For the flowers, thank you to Dee Mead and your committee and Helen of FLORA SPECIAL FLOWERS. Hedy Eller and her daughter Ingrid for the name tags and the lovely little nut cup baskets, also the theme for this years show. To all the ladies of St. Rosalia sodality, thank you, you are the best. Donna Carlino, President, St. Rosalia's Sodality.

**THANK YOU**, thank you to Annette Heck, our own Master Gardener, and her crew who did the lovely planting in the new planters and around the church in Egg Harbor.

### Offertory Contributions May 23-24, 2009

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Envelopes	\$5,266.00	\$6,298.31
Offertory	6,071.41	3,078.49
Visitor Envelopes	775.00	252.88
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$12,112.41</b>	<b>\$9,629.68</b>
<b>2008/09 Actual YTD</b>		<b>\$423,001.95</b>
<b>2008/09 Budget YTD</b>		<b>\$425,553.86</b>
<b>2007/08 Actual YTD</b>		<b>\$435,297.00</b>
<b><u>Total Attendance last week 2,479</u></b>		

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 30

Fish Creek 4:00 pm  
Sister Bay 5:00 pm  
Egg Harbor 6:00 pm

### Sunday, May 31

Egg Harbor 7:00 am

Baileys Harbor 8:00 am

Fish Creek 9:00 am

Sister Bay 10:00 am

Jacksonport 11:00 am

Washington Island 1:00 pm

### Monday, June 1

Fish Creek 8:00 am

### Tuesday, June 2

Sister Bay 8:00 am

### Wednesday, June 3

Egg Harbor 8:00 am

### Thursday, June 4

Sister Bay 8:00 am

### Friday, June 5

Baileys Harbor 8:00 am

### Saturday, June 6

Fish Creek 4:00 pm

Sister Bay 5:00 pm

Egg Harbor 6:00 pm

### Sunday, June 7

Egg Harbor 7:00 am

Baileys Harbor 8:00 am

Fish Creek 9:00 am

Sister Bay 10:00 am

Jacksonport 11:00 am

Washington Island 1:00 pm

†Daniel Shumway

†Eva Krishka

†Leon Charnetski

†Deceased Members of the Council of Catholic Women

†Naomi Just

†Betty Nesbitt

†Eleanora Niedzwiecki

†40th Anniversary Intention

Members of Stella Maris

Morning Prayer

†Edward Garzoni

†Robert Carmody

†Tom Bennett

†Alvin Orsted

†Christopher & Mark Howell

†Members of Stella Maris

†Marvel Bowar

†Alvin Peterson

†Catherine McArdle

†Dick Eyryse

†Owen Larson

†John & Gertrude Mosgaller

†Edward Garzoni

## Devotions

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

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

**ADORATION & BENEDICTION after the 8:00 am Mass on Wednesdays at Stella Maris/Egg Harbor.**

## 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.

## Wedding Banns

**Mark Callahan/Stephanie LaFond**

June 6, 2009-1:00 pm

Stella Maris/Fish Creek

**Hector Rodriguez/Christina Wade**

June 20, 2009-2:00 pm

Stella Maris/Baileys Harbor

## Faith Formation

The First Baptist Church in Sister Bay is going to again host Vacation Bible School, **June 15-19** in Sister Bay, from 9:00-12:00, for ages 4 thru going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If you are interested, please register by picking up a form in the back of one of our church sites or by calling (920) 854-2544. The theme this year is "With God All Things Are Possible".

## Spiritual Renewal



The *Christ Renews His Parish Renewal Weekends* are: **November 7-8 for Women; December 5-6 for Men**, at Birch Creek. Come and experience this Renewal Weekend!

**Taize Prayer** will be offered on **Wednesday, June 10, 7:00 pm at Stella Maris in Fish Creek**. We invite you to experience this form of prayer, which includes meditative singing, readings from scripture, and a period of silence. Please join us!

## Stewardship



We are the body of Christ; we have the opportunity to minister. Every page of the bulletin gives evidence of ministry in action within our parish community. If you have not yet chosen a ministry by which to serve, now might be the time to pray, to listen, for guidance from the Holy Spirit.

## Bishops Appeal

<b>Stella Maris Parish Target</b>	<b>\$35,858.00</b>
<b>Received to date from 242 donors</b>	<b>\$31,327.50</b>
<b>Total Needed to meet assessment</b>	<b>\$ 4,530.50</b>

## Meeting Site Change

The **Fish Creek** site will not be available for meetings during the months of May through October. If your committee has something booked during these times, please contact the office to change your site location on the main calendar. Thank you.

## Readings for the Week of May 31

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27;16:12-15

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20 ©Liturgical Publications Inc.

## 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 COUNTERS WANTED**-We are in need of a couple of additional money counters at the Egg Harbor bank on Monday mornings at 9:00 am. Please call Pat Fuller for more details if interested at (920) 868-9839.

## Community News

**FISH BOIL**-at Sister Bay Moravian Church on **June 4**. Three boils, first seating is at 5:00 pm, followed by 5:45 pm and 6:30 pm. Cost is \$10. Sponsored by the Men's Fellowship.

**MARIAN RETREAT DAY**-at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. **June 6**-Retreat Day with Mother Assumpta, **August 1**-Retreat Day with Fr. Louis Guardiola. Limited seating of 200. Pre-registration required. Cost is \$15 per person (includes lunch). For questions and registration call (920) 866-2571.

**RETROUVAILLE-A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES**-If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but want to try again-then the Retrouvaille program can help you. For More information, call (800) 470-2230. You may call anonymously. Please be assured that all names are kept in strictest confidence. Next program dates are **June 12-14** and **September 11-13, 2009**. Sponsored through the Diocese of Green Bay.

**YOU'RE INVITED**-to come to Holy Name Retreat House. Serving the Diocese of Green Bay, it is situated on Chambers Island in Door County, in the Bay of Green Bay. A silent retreat there includes Mass, group prayer, personal counseling, private reading, and spiritual presentations in a beautiful natural setting. For more information, please contact MaryAnn at (920) 272-8296 or e-mail at [mholloway@gbdioc.org](mailto:mholloway@gbdioc.org).

**THE CALL TO MINISTRY CHALLENGE**-In the next 30 days, please invite **ONE** person to ministry formation who:

- Wants to answer God's call
- Desires to learn more about his/her faith
- Seeks to serve the people of God
- Wants to minister more effectively

Ask the person to follow-up your invitation by seeking out more information:

1. Log on to <http://www.gbdioc.org/vocations/lay-ministry/commissioned-ministry0formation-program.html>
2. Call Tony Pichler, Director for Lay Ministry Formation, at (877) 500-3580, ext. 8268
3. Email: [tpichler@gbdioc.org](mailto:tpichler@gbdioc.org)

Thank you so much for your ministerial service and for calling others to consider ministry formation!

### Calendar Happenings

#### Monday, June 1

Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC  
Care Ministry Meeting-9:00 am-BH

#### Tuesday, June 2

Scripture Class-8:30 am-SB  
CSR Meeting-6:30 pm-BH

#### Thursday, June 4

Sister Bay Sodality Meeting-1:00 pm-SB

#### Sunday, June 7

Graduation Recognition At Mass-10:00 am-SB

### From the Stewardship Committee

We are busy planning a new project that will take place **May 30-June 21**. Each week in the parish we will be emphasizing a different subject, this weekend will be prayer, week three will be sharing, and cumulating the month will be commitment weekend.

#### **Week 2- June 6-7 Service –**

We will recite the stewardship prayer at the end of mass then a personal witness speaking on *mission vs. maintenance* and a Listen and Learn session in back of church or fellowship hall (Christian Services & Responsibility (CSR), B&G committee, and Knights of Columbus) served with coffee and cookies

### Mass Schedule

#### **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 September 6**

**Mass-1:00 pm–** May 31, June 7, 14, 21, July 5, 12, 19, Aug 2, 9, 23, Sept. 6

**Lit. of the Word-1:00 pm-** June 28, July 26, August 16, 30  
Any questions call Larry Kahlscheuer (920) 847-2289



**Fish Creek Marine & Supply  
Fish Creek**

**Newport Resort  
Egg Harbor**