
Stella Maris BEACON



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A good name is more desirable than great riches;
to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. Psalm 22

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CCH! WTSMP!

The letters CCH traditionally stood for Commerce Clearing House. However, now these same initials have taken on a very different meaning as they stand for a program supported by our diocese called **Catholics Come Home (CCH)**.

We all know people who were at one time practicing Catholics or in other cases interested in becoming Catholics. Whatever the motivation to return or simply explore our faith, one thing is certain – a hearty welcome the first and next time they walk through the door can only help.

Furthermore, as our sites are alternately opened and closed during the winter months, the importance of being made to feel at home when attending mass at a site other than one's "home" church cannot be understated. Part of our vision as a parish is to be a welcoming parish. Simply put, we should all welcome one another. A great example of this is the Blessed Mother in our new logo, welcoming all who come.

Having brought a widow to some "Loaves and Fishes" meals held at our parish, I can attest to the interest and willingness of people to be invited in to a social environment. It doesn't have to be a matter of trying to pull someone into church against their will, rather simply an invitation to accompany you to an event at Stella Maris be it a Mass or other activity.

If we think of the attendees at church,

particularly if they are visitors who may not have been in a church for a while, it may be intimidating coming into an unfamiliar church. In that context, a friendly "**Welcome to Stella Maris Parish**" (WTSMP) can do wonders to make their visit more en-



joyable.

Ushers at all University of Notre Dame football games greet every guest with "Welcome to Notre Dame." Considering the record of their football team in recent years, it may be the high point of their visit but I digress. The University receives many compliments for this welcoming approach. Fans, and even newspaper writers, of visiting teams, have written to express their pleasure with this unexpected greeting, how they wished they were treated similarly at other venues.

If Deanna Farve can get someone otherwise so occupied with his (Brett) life's work to take time out for a visit to church, we can do the same with friends and family who are less busy but no less worth seeking out. Interestingly, we have a situation right

here in Stella Maris with our effort to "bring along a friend" so to speak to mass or other church activity.

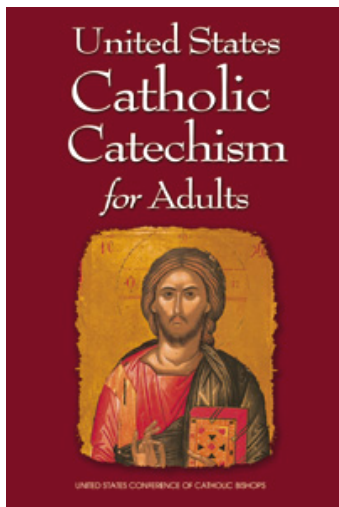
A "**Welcome to Stella Maris Parish**" at all church doors whenever there is a weekend Mass could generate a great deal of good will. While Father Dave already welcomes us in his own personal way, we could have a greeter who opens the door, the usher who hands out the bulletin all repeating the same theme "**Welcome to Stella Maris Parish!**" They can add any personalization if they know the people, say "Good morning "name" before "**Welcome to Stella Maris Parish.**" I sincerely hope others will join me in advancing the idea of welcoming all who come in to any Stella Maris Parish site.

This general topic was a subject of discussion at a recent Parish Council meeting, the first I attended as a member. Chairperson Mary Seeberg did a fine job especially considering the large number of council members and guests in attendance and participating. At that meeting I learned some of the following facts about our church, you may be interested to know:

- The Roman Catholic Church is the largest charitable organization on the planet, bringing relief and comfort to those in need.
- Catholic schools educate more children than any other scholarly or religious institution in the world.
- The Catholic faith is the largest Christian family in both the world -- over 1 billion strong -- and the United States -- 25% of the U.S. population

Joe Miller – Associate Editor

Editors' note: Specific meetings regarding Catholics Come Home initiative are now being planned. There are 3 areas that we will be working to improve. They are: Website, Worship and Welcoming. On January 8 we will meet at the office and look at ways to improve our website. A special ushers meeting will take place the weekend of January 16-17 and in the near future will offer much more. We are looking forward to working with all parishioners in offering those who are interested in our faith better opportunities to worship and grow in our faith.



Faith Formation - Mary Ellen Waldvogel

The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults is coming to Stella Maris Parish, beginning January 12th at 4:00 p.m. in Sister Bay.

A new year is here and with it new offerings in our parish for the Adults in our parish.

Bishop Ricken's letter proclaimed "I am announcing that the new adult catechism, The United States Catechism for Adults is to be the founda-

tional text for all adult faith formation and catechesis in the Diocese of Green Bay." We will meet for 15 weeks, come and join us. The books are priced less in larger quantities, please call the office and leave your name. Soon!!!!

During Lent when we begin **Catholics Come Home** and in conjunction with that invitation we will offer inquiry sessions. If you have questions about our faith please come and we will talk in a open, no commitment meeting. Our first session will be on Monday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Sister Bay. Coffee, tea and cookies provided.

Quilting keeps us warm during the winter. Would you like to join us in a new venture, making quilts? We will meet bi-weekly beginning in Sister Bay, and are open to using all sites that are open. Our first time will be January 11th from 1-4, in Sister Bay.

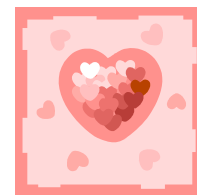


One idea was to make a parish quilt, all ideas will be considered. Let's get together and have some fun.

January 20th we will have our *Disciples on the Journey* and this time we are going to experience **Taize Prayer**. This is a wonderful different experience of prayer, and all

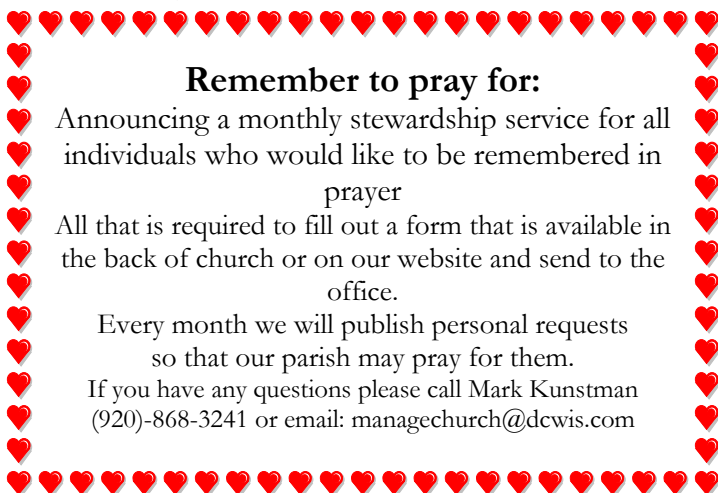
are invited. The format will be dinner and explanation of **Taize Prayer**. Mark your calendar, January 20, Baileys Harbor, dinner at 5:30 p.m. Come join us for this experience. Please note that *Disciples on a Journey* is for all of us, everyone is invited, so make your reservations now.

Mark your calendars for February 14th for the Married Couples Brunch in Sister Bay after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. This year we are very lucky to have Betty Manion, from St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Waupaca, here to tell some stories. She is a wonderful story teller and always life giving. Please reserve that day and come join us. I promise a great Brunch and a fun speaker. Please make your reservations early.



Our 8th graders along with Mrs. Cummer made Christmas cookies which will be used for desert for our Loaves and Fishes supper on Dec. 22. Thanks to Mrs. Cummer and the students for their help in reaching out to others.

For more information on the above call Mary Ellen at



Remember to pray for:

Announcing a monthly stewardship service for all individuals who would like to be remembered in prayer

All that is required to fill out a form that is available in the back of church or on our website and send to the office.

Every month we will publish personal requests so that our parish may pray for them.

If you have any questions please call Mark Kunstman (920)-868-3241 or email: managechurch@dcwis.com

(920) 868-3241 or (920)854-5264.

Answering the call to our Building and Grounds Actions Report

Your buildings and grounds volunteers have been busy completing many improvement projects to our buildings. We need to thank site managers Jim Jauquet, Paul Gray, Mark Bogenschutz, Mike Fitzgerald, Al Birnschein, Harold Gerdman, Fred Landstrom with additional help from Bill DeQuaine, John Held, Dave Gray, Pat Conlon, Darrel Lautenbach and John Auer, The tireless help, advice, hard work and unselfish assistance given to our parish by all these men should be acknowledged by all of us. Sub-

Newsletter submissions

We appreciate all comments, suggestions and critiques. Articles must be typed and sent to the Egg Harbor office or email

managechurch@dcwis.com.

Deadline for the next issue is 3/30/10. We reserve the right to edit signed submissions. We thank you for your involvement.

stantial savings resulted from their efforts. Additional thanks are also due to all the other parishioners that pitched in to help during spring and fall clean up days and other times during the year when our site managers asked for help. The need for stewardship is ongoing to keep our worship sites in good repair and a pleasant place to worship.

Currently we are studying the heating and cooling units in all our buildings. Some units are 25 years old and are approaching the end of their useful life. Additionally, most units are not energy efficient. Evaluations are underway to prioritize replacement based on condition, use requirements, and a unit cost-to-efficiency benefit. At this point estimates indicate that up to 15 units will need replacing in the next 5 to 8 years. The first unit will be installed at Sister Bay to heat the main body of that church. An up grade to a 92% efficient 112,000 Btu furnace is underway. This is an improvement from an 80% efficient 100,000 Btu unit. The net result will be to use less energy while heating the site a bit faster.

Two more serious and potential costly situations are being examined. First is the bell tower at Egg Harbor. There is water penetration from the bell tower into the walls and support structure directly under the tower. We have had structural engineers examine the Egg Harbor bell tower and they advise the situation is in need of immediate attention. Project repair costs are being gathered and submitted for budget approval. We expect work to begin sometime next spring.

The second is the roof at Baileys Harbor. This fall leaks were observed in the church body and repairs were completed by roofing contractors. They also did evaluations of the tiles and membrane. The problems are cracked/brittle tiles plus the under layment membrane is beginning to fail and water is migrating through it to roof boards in several areas. Cracked or broken tile can be replaced, but water penetration can not be stopped without a new membrane. The roof is the original on the building and is 73 years old, pretty good lifetime for a roof. We are currently conducting interviews with roofing contractors. Our objective is to identify a cost effective replacement for the roof while maintaining the appearance of the building.

I appreciate all comments made by our parishioners to the buildings and grounds group. We can always use more help. Don't be shy, just join the fun we have solving the many issues we have keeping our sites working. Jim Schorer, (920) 839 2156, email - schorer@dcwis.com

Want to know more? Visit our website for more information at www.StellaMarisParish.com

Pastoral Associate, Sister Angela

Brother Steve Herro spoke to the CSR and others interested in social justice in November and praised Stella Maris Parish for our efforts in various ways. Some ideas were brought out that many things make or keep people poor.

MIGRATION: having to move due to war, persecution, lack of work or getting better work

WEATHER: floods, hurricanes, drought, etc. some of which is a result of GLOBAL WARMING.

He spoke that:

1. Yes, **we are able to make a difference** with aide relief in the form of donations
2. Diminish our carbon footprint through less pollution of air, water and land
3. Help people help themselves through employment
4. Speak on behalf of those in need to our legislatures

People want to **help those in their area** but that does **not leave out those globally.**

It is not an either or but both.

Tom Rentmeester wrote:

Brother Herro in his social justice presentation had a number of suggestions of how our parish could support social justice initiatives. One of them I found particularly enticing was providing support to a letter writing campaign for legislation that has social justice ramifications. The letter or post card would have the Catholic position regarding the legislation. The parish would attempt to get as many of the parishioners as possible to support this legislation as possible. There are two advantages in promoting this endeavor. **1.** To promote parishioner *education and increase awareness*. Many parishioners like myself, may not be aware of the pending legislation nor what the Catholic position is regarding it. **2.** If we can consolidate our response with others in the diocese it will *increase the chances that our voice and position will be heard and acted upon.*

*Watch for a post card campaign announcement on Immigration in mid January in the bulletin as approved by Bishop Ricken.



Stewardship Committee---

Listen Up, Stewards!

Welcome to 2010!

Welcome to a year of continued stewardship within Stella Maris Parish.

The Stewardship Committee would like to address two items: the Parish Commitment Form and the committee's role in the parish community.

The Parish Commitment Form provides an annual opportunity for each parishioner to evaluate the

commitment made the previous year for prayer, service, and sharing. Doing so allows parish members to make commitment changes, both increases and decreases. Much can occur during a year which makes the annual commitment, not only a time for reflection, but necessary. Hereafter, look for the title of the form to be identified clearly as the Annual Parish Commitment Form.

The Stewardship Committee's (SC's) role is that of intermediary between all other ministries and the Parish Council. It is the SC's purpose to be of service to other ministries. Given the information parishioners have provided on the Annual Parish Commitment Form, the SC may be able to assist other ministries in meeting their needs. And when it is necessary, the SC will approach the Parish Council for assistance. It should be noted that the parish has a new computer program through the diocese which at last makes it possible to tabulate the talents and interests to which parishioners have committed for the year, thus making information useful.

Co-chairpersons of the SC for the current year are Linda Berns (920-746-8925) and June Nirschl (920-839-2017). On behalf of a growing Stewardship Committee, we invite you to attend a monthly meeting (posted on the Stella Maris website and in the bulletin). You may contact either Linda or June with questions, concerns, or interest.

Ministry Witness Series - This year we will be asking numerous committees and organizations in our parish to offer witness at our weekend liturgies. These ministers will offer you insight as to how the committee works in the parish and will be available afterwards to answer personal questions you may have. For the week-end of January 9-10 the Christian Services and Responsibility Committee will witness.

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Role
In witnessing to Christ's message of love and compassion, the Christian Service and Responsibility Committee of Stella Maris Parish is called to engage our parish community in works of charity, pastoral care and social justice. Our mission is to motivate and facilitate a parish response to serve those in need. Meeting schedule: The first Tuesday of each even numbered month. Time - 6:30 p.m. Charities served include Loaves and Fishes Dinner, Power of One food collection for Feed My People, Apostles Build - Habitat for Humanity, Hands at Prayer, financial support for organizations that serve those in need and for needy individuals, Parish Health Ministry and Diocese aid programs.

Contact Person - Ken Beutler (920)-839-1145 email - kenbeutler@hotmail.com

Mark your calendars, invite your friends
Father J. Patrick Foley is coming back to Stella Maris for another Parish Mission!

The Mission is scheduled for the week of February 8 - 12 at Stella Maris, Baileys Harbor. The theme for 2010 is:

The Lenten Journey – Christ's and Yours.

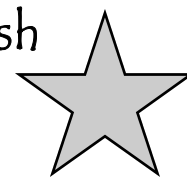
Look for a complete Mission schedule and additional information in your Mail box, Inbox and around the County!

Our Parish Lenten, Triduum and Easter Information and Schedule will be sent in a separate mailing. Thank you.

Kathy Sedan, Stella Maris Worship & Music Minister

Stars of Stella Maris Parish

*You are invited to:
A Women's tea and social
Saturday, January 23 at 1:30pm
Sister Bay site*



To include poetry readings by:

Joan Traver
Judy Roy
June Nirschl

Please RSVP by January 20 to:
Kitty Eagan (920) 854-7787 email – kitty.eagan@gmail.com

From the church mouse – Parish Contributions

There are numerous ways to share your financial resources with Stella Maris Parish. You can place donations/contributions in the offering basket during one of our services, using the offering envelopes mailed to members or using an offering envelope available in church.

The newest method is to sign up for direct contributions (EFT) from your checking account. You can make weekly/monthly contributions to the parish without the bother of writing a check, using an envelope, or even calling our office. Even better, this added convenience is

FREE! To sign up for direct donation program, complete the form available from our office or on our website. In the past, seasonal parishioners have had their offering envelopes sent to another address or deferred for a period of time. Why not sign up for EFT and make life easier?
Sign up for EFT today.



It is because of sharing your financial resources that Stella Maris Parish can better carry out its mission. We value your support of what we are trying to do as followers of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Bulletin has come a long, long way Lorie. Thanks so much for your good work. The piece about The Christ Child Society, is a case in point. It told the story of the Society and its mission. We were acquainted with that mission but long felt that an article about the work of the Society was badly needed. Voila! It appeared in last week's. The Bulletin HAS come a long, long way. Thanks. Please keep up the good work.

Note...For those of us away for the winter the Bulletin on line is a real blessing and an excellent way to "keep in touch". Thank you, thank you.

Jack & Pat Martin

Baileys Harbor wall restoration and opportunity

Nancy and I were both impressed by the completed wall in front of the parking lot in Baileys Harbor. A number of volunteers and contributors were involved. Thanks go out to Pat and Paul Hockers, Dick Franke, Paul Gray and Jim Schorer for a job well done.

The aforementioned parking lot to me represents an opportunity to raise money for Stella Maris. As you know, the 4th of July is the biggest day of the year in Baileys Harbor. Parking space is at an absolute premium. I would like to see the appropriate parish committee explore any possible adverse consequences and, assuming there are no "deal breakers," come up with a reasonable

charge to park in the church lot for the day. Volunteers, as always, will be critical to the success of the operation. (This could also apply to Egg Harbor for Pumpkin Patch weekend, Sister Bay for Marina and Fall Fest, perhaps a parish parade float could be created).

As opposed to the more traditional fundraising activities, a parking lot charge would not lean heavily on any local merchants who are otherwise most generous when it comes to charitable matters. We might even get creative and include a "free" brat, burger or hot dog with the parking fee.

Joe Miller

Have you noticed?

About 5 yrs ago Stella Maris began selling **Fair Trade** coffee, tea, cocoa & chocolate candy bars at our sites. Fair Trade Products are available after Sunday Mass at Sister Bay and always at the parish office in Egg Harbor.

By purchasing **Fair Trade/ Equal Exchange** products you help keep small farming communities alive and culture strong. These companies guarantee farmers a fair and stable price. Farmers are in co-ops owned by them. Because the products are grown organically, you get healthy foods that are healthy and won't harm the planet.

By purchasing these high quality coffees, teas, high content cocoa bars, you are improving the quality of life in developing countries and helping fund youth projects.

Martha Newkirk



Look for the label!

Quarterly Calendar*

January

7-Stewardship Meeting-3 pm-SB
 Choir Practice-6:30 pm-SB
 Men's Bible Reflection-6:45 pm-SB
 8-Round Table 1:30 pm-BH Library
 Rectory Christmas Party-3 pm-BH
 9-Finance Council Meets-9:00 am-SB
 Women's CRHP #4-9:30 am-SB
 11-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC
 12-Adult Faith Formation-4 pm-SB
 Pastoral Council Meets-6:30 pm-FC
 13-Faith Formation-4 & 7 pm-BH
 Choir Practice-5:30 pm-FC
 14-Stewardship Committee -3 pm-EH
 Choir Practice-6:30 pm-SB
 16-Usher/Greeter Meeting after Mass
 17-Usher/Greeter Meeting after Mass
 18-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC
 20-Disciples on a Journey-
 Taize-5:30 pm-BH
 Choir Practice-5:30 pm-FC

21-Scand Mass-2:30 pm
 Choir Practice-6:30 pm-SB
 Men's Bible Reflection-6:45 pm-SB
 23-Women's Tea-1:30 pm-SB
 25-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC
 26-CRHP Continuation Meeting-
 4:30 pm-SB
 27-Faith Formation-4 & 7 pm-BH
 28-Choir Practice-6:30 pm-SB
 30-NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS

February

1-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-BH
 Care Ministry Meeting-9:00 am-BH
 2-Worship Meeting-1:30 pm-BH
 Christian Service & Responsibility
 Meets 6:30 pm-SB
 Knights of Columbus Meeting-
 7:30 pm-BH
 3-Faith Formation-4 & 7 pm-BH
 4-Choir Practice-6:30 pm-SB

6-12 Parish Mission-Fr. Patrick Foley
 8-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-BH
 Parish Mission-BH
 9-Parish Mission-BH
 10-Faith Formation-4 & 7 pm-BH
 Parish Mission-BH
 11-Parish Mission-BH
 Men's Bible Reflection-6:45 pm-SB
 12-Parish Mission-BH
 14-Married Couples Brunch-11am-SB
 15-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-BH
 17-Ash Wednesday-Mass-8 am-
 EH, noon-SB, 4 pm-BH,
 7 pm-BH
 Faith Formation-4 & 7 pm-BH
 18-Lifeline Screening-8 am-5 pm-SB
 First Reconciliation-6:00 pm-SB
 Choir Practice-6:30 pm-SB
 20-Parish Leadership Retreat
 22-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-BH
 Busy Person's Retreat-6:30 pm-BH

Quarterly Calendar Continued *

24-Faith Formation-4 & 7 pm-BH
 25-Choir Practice-6:30 pm-SB
 Men's Bible Reflection-6:45 pm-SB

March

1-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-BH
 Care Ministry Meeting-9:00 am-EH
 2-Worship Meeting-1:30 pm-BH
 Knights of Columbus Meeting-
 7:30 pm-BH
 3-Faith Formation-4 & 7pm-BH
 4-Choir Practice-6:30 pm-SB
 8-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-BH
 Busy Person's Retreat-6:30 pm-BH
 9-Pastoral Council Meets-
 6:30pm- BH
 10-Faith Formation-4 & 7pm-BH
 Men's Bible Reflection-6:45 pm-SB
 Council of Catholic Women
 Meets -7:00 pm-EH
 14-Daylight Savings Time Begins
 15-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-BH
 22-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-BH
 24-Faith Formation-4 & 7 pm-BH
 25-Men's Bible Reflection-
 6:45 pm SB

28-Palm Sunday
 29-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-BH
 31-Faith Formation-4 & 7 pm BH

April

1-Holy Thursday Triduum-7 pm-FC
 2-Good Friday Triduum 3 pm-FC
 3-Triduum Easter Vigil-8:30 pm-FC
 4-Easter-Mass-8 am-EH, 8:30 am-
 BH, 10 am-SB, 10:30 am-JP

** Please consult our calendar on the web
 (www.StellaMarisParish.com) for the most
 up to date changes.*



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