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We have been sent to speak for Christ 2 Corinthians 5:20

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## Looking Back on the Summer of 2009

*Thoughts on the 4th of July* – Is there a more perfect place to watch the fireworks display than the front steps of Stella Maris Church in Baileys Harbor? On a very pleasant evening, with a full moon backdrop, the biggest day of the year in Baileys Harbor seemed strangely tranquil while awaiting the display. The bells of Stella Maris Baileys Harbor site were tolling patriotic songs. As always, next to the Church, in the parking lot, the Knights of Columbus had their popular stand featuring brats, burgers, hot dogs, popcorn, nachos with cheese and liquid refreshments. These festivals are a great opportunity to have your family up for a visit and are also a vital part of the Door County economic scene.

Working in the K of C refreshment stand is a great way to meet new people and get to know people better you otherwise “only see in church.” A classic example of the spirit of the volunteers can be seen in the Gray family. Ever present at K of C fundraisers, their idea of taking a break from working the refreshment stand consists of going home to the farm to milk the cows before returning to service the refreshment stand and then take down the tent etc. at the end of the day!

*This summer* we also had the opportunity to hear Fr. Mauthe’s homily on “adopting” (as in providing support) for young and old from countries such as Guatemala, Mexico and the Philippines. In his own inimitable style, Fr. Mauthe lends a great deal of credence to the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA) program since he, himself, has been an active partici-

pant long enough to see two of the young men he supported become priests! This year’s drive, the most successful he’s ever had in the 10 years Fr. Mauthe has represented CFCA, generated sponsorships for over 150 (one hundred and fifty plus) youngsters and/or aging adults. In sports parlance, Stella Maris is an “impact player” when it comes to supporting those less well off than ourselves. If you have not yet signed on, please think about doing so right now while it is fresh in your mind. Thanks to everyone who participated. Well done!!

*July 29th* – we encountered a group of bicyclists from various locations Sheboygan, Hales Corners etc. Thirty of their group had spent the previous night at Stella Maris Egg Harbor, camping out and sleeping in the Church basement. It was a win-win situation and was another example of Ecumenism at work.



*The Parish’s “Youth Alive Steak & Shrimp Dinner,”* held on August 12 was designed to benefit future youth programs and what a rousing success. Tickets were completely sold out well

in advance of the event with 129 people attending.

The initial idea sprang from a conversation between Marv & Rosemary Lepert together with Ed and Nancy Schmitt during the parish mission held at Stella Maris Baileys Harbor. Fr. Ruby entered the discussion and commented we could have a steak fry and Marv simply said “When?” Ed Schmitt added shrimp to the menu and agreed to be co-chair-person. Marv and Rosemary settled on the unique purpose of the event, named solely to benefit our youth. This was a stroke of genius. Prior to this time, there had never been an event expressly geared to our youth. Great idea Folks!

Dave Franke had come “out of the Stella Maris blue,” so to speak, to volunteer to cook the steaks to perfection.. Others, like the ever present and invaluable Dennis Mayborne, pitched in with the cooking to help make the day a rousing success. Particularly appealing aspects of the affair was the idea of having a more formal structure to the evening adding a touch of class with red roses, candles, and piano music in the background.

The event cleared in excess of \$2,000 for the allocated youth programs. A generous tip of the hat to Marv and

his “gang” to ensure no helper/volunteer is missed, all those I am aware of are: Jade, & Marriah Moore, Jordan Alberts, Josie Shabbit, Ashley & Brandon Vanderlinden, Dave Franke,

Bob Brogan, Bob & Ellen Brousil, Pat Gureski, Mark Kunstman, Marvin, &, Rosemary Leppert, Dennis Mayborne, Fran Richter, Kathy Sedan, Ed & Nancy Schmitt, Carol Shabbit, Mike & Nancy Stubenvoll, Tammy & Tom Vanderlinden and Mary Ellen Waldvogel. Great job one and all! As with previous successful parish events, various parish sites were represented on the Steak & Shrimp Youth dinner committee. This is another classic example of the combined impact of our sites. The more our sites pitch in collectively, the more we accomplish as one TEAM!

One closing observation on the Youth Alive Steak & Shrimp dinner, of the team of 25 who were the reason for the event's success, only two were active in the Spring Fling. To me, this signifies a larger and larger number of parishioners are coming forward to help with different activities. The strength of Stella Maris is in our combined numbers. We have only begun to realize what we can accomplish as one body.

*Joe Miller, Associate Editor*

### Priesthood Sunday October 26

Thank you Father Dave Ruby for your call to be our pastor!



### Altrusa collection report

This past August 8, over 250 Door County children anxiously waited with their parents in anticipation of choosing all the things they would need to go back to school. The local Altrusa Club of Door County holds a special annual event for children throughout all of Door County whose families have difficulty sending their children back to school with the necessities on a similar level as their more fortunate peers. Each child is escorted around the pre-organized gym to pick out just the right school supplies, a new outfit of clothing, new back pack, new shoes, underwear & socks, toiletries and a bike helmet. With our special collections, Stella Maris Parish donated boxes of items including: 129 boxes of crayola crayons, 100/s of pencils and pens, 54 erasers, glue, rulers, paper and scissors. From there they have their eyes screened by local Door County Lions members. These children deserve to start the school year off on a positive note and the smile on their faces as they leave with their parents is priceless.

It was a great project and wonderful day,

*Georgia Beutler, CSR committee co-chairperson*

### Parish Help wanted

*Joyous Voices*

The choir is in need of voices to fill the air with harmony, no experience needed, looking for 9<sup>th</sup> grade and older. Please call Kathy Sedan for details.

## To Our Envelope Users

**IF YOU ARE LEAVING THE AREA FOR A WHILE**, please fill out the slip and put it in the collection basket or send it to the office. (This helps when we send out year-end contribution statements, etc.). **Please Note:** Contribution envelopes are not forwarded automatically unless we have an address, since they're not sent First Class Mail. Thank you.

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You can still place donations/contributions in the offering plate during one of our services, using the offering envelopes mailed to members or using an offering envelope available in church. Your contributions are always appreciated.

### Faith Formation - Mary Ellen Waldvogel

**Liturgy of the Word for Children** has begun again at our Sister Bay site during the Mass, November 1. We have people who are willing to take the children out to hear the word of God in simpler words; all we need are more children age 4 though grade 4. Come and join us with your little ones, all are welcome.

We have begun our Faith Formation for this year of 2009-2010. We have recruited four new catechists, which we are greatly thankful for. On Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> we cele-

### Newsletter submissions

We appreciate all comments, suggestions and critiques. Articles must be typed and sent to the Egg Harbor office or emailed to [managechurch@dcwis.com](mailto:managechurch@dcwis.com).

**Deadline for the next issue is 12/30/09.** We reserve the right to edit signed submissions. We thank you for your involvement.

brated Catechetical Sunday, at the 11:00 Mass at the Baileys Harbor site, at which the catechists were called forward and commissioned, joining the catechists was our music minister Kathy Sedan. We thank all of these people for the time, energy, and response to share their faith with our children. After Mass we celebrated with a wonderful breakfast, served by Dennis Mayborne and Paul Gray: for which I am also very grateful

**September 12<sup>th</sup> we had our first annual bike ride, from Stella Maris Parish.**



Eight people joined in a beautiful ride in Peninsula State Park. We proudly wore and dressed in our official Stella Maris T-shirts. Upon our return we shared a light meal of pizza, graciously donated by Sonny's Pizza. A great time was had by all. Please plan to join us on our next ride.

**Our first Heart Spa day was celebrated on September 15, 2009.**

Eighteen women from our parish celebrated a Heart Spa Day. Many started the day with daily Mass and then began their day of prayer, music, reflection, and fun. My friend and past employee, Vicki Huffman joined us from Shawano. We did facials, pedicures, manicures and some art work, making comfort neck pillows, when warmed make for great comfort. We had great fun and deep sharing. The gospel was Jesus and women at the well, we did a gospel for modern days and where we might find Jesus. It was great fun and it is important to be spiritually, physically, and emotionally happy.



**Wednesday evening, September 30<sup>th</sup>** we also had our first Disciples on a Journey, (Generations of Faith) evenings. We began with supper at 5:00 p.m., and then joined Fr. Dave in a prayer service focusing on ordination. Fr. Dave did a great presentation on the sacrament of Ordination. He introduced us to many saints who also have been greatly influential in the journey of ordination. He then shared pictures of his ordination explaining what was happening as he showed the pictures. He closed by asking questions. On behalf of our parish I thank you for sharing this with us and also being our Pastor.

All members of our parish should have received a brochure about the Disciples on a Journey, if you have not, please call the parish office. One of my concerns as the director of faith formation here at Stella Maris Parish is when new ways to learn about our faith are introduced we don't always take advantage of them. Example, Disciples on a Journey is designed so that people can join us for supper right after our regular faith formation. These presentations are not only for people with children, they are for everyone. The students who attend faith formation, this is part of your faith formation, we provide supper so it is easier for the parents to be able to attend and learn more about their faith. Yet, some of the families think it is a night off or the parents pick up their children and leave. This saddens me because I have tried to get good speakers in and make the areas we study, interesting. I am very grateful to those who prepare the meals. We are all in this together, none of us know it all, that's why Disciples on a Journey was chosen as the name. Maybe we need to think of these nights as nights that Jesus is asking you to come learn more about Him and his church. This is the goal.

**November 18<sup>th</sup> Fr. Jim Nielsen**, from St. Norbert's college will be the speaker about the sacrament of Marriage. He has had a lot of experience in preparing young people to celebrate this sacrament. Supper will begin again at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for a meal and a great speaker. We can all learn something. All parents and students are expected to be there. Thank You.

**November 29<sup>th</sup> - Advent Prayer Service** – Baileys Harbor at 2:00 p.m. Chili dump. Please bring a quart of chili, not too spicy because of the children. We will gather for a prayer service, following prayer we will make boxes, then share chili, hot chocolate, and dessert. To Prepare the boxes for those who are in need (If you have an extra shoe box please bring it along) we are looking for donations of the following items: personal care products, such as shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste, tooth brushes, combs, brushes, playing cards, small books, crossword, etc.

**Family Christmas Liturgy** – 4:00 p.m. Egg Harbor – This year we are fortunate because we have a parish family who will be our holy family. Mr. & Mrs. McCormack, will be Mary and Joseph, their son Luke will be Jesus, and the girls Monique, Molly and Helen are the angels. Would you like to join this family and participate? You are needed and welcome. We need shepherds, angels, readers, servers, and singers. We will be sending notes home so we can plan. Please help us make this a great experience for our parish.

**Want to know more? Visit our website for more information at [www.StellaMarisParish.com](http://www.StellaMarisParish.com)**

## Worship and Music Notes:

# A Group from the Notre Dame University Folk Choir In Concert



UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME FOLK CHOIR



The choir serves the University of Notre Dame as a vital part of worship on campus in addition to touring nationally and internationally. Their musical offerings have been gathered from all parts of the world.  
Come join us for an evening of beautiful liturgical choral music.

**Wednesday, October 21, 2009**  
**Stella Maris, Baileys Harbor Church**  
**Hwy 57, Baileys Harbor**  
**7:30 – 8:30 PM**

Informal Reception to follow

**Free Will Offering**

**All donations will help fund the Stella Maris Parish Youth Scholarship.**

### Answering the call to our Building and Grounds good stewards ministry

A very important element of stewardship is the ministry of service. This summer the parish had numerous parishioners offer their expertise in helping to maintain our 5 locations and welcoming to all. First impressions mean a lot and the upkeep of our buildings and grounds are a priority. We give thanks to the following for their ministry this summer:

- Lawn maintenance - Jim Jauquet, Bill DuQuaine, Fred Landstrom, Tom Sadler, Larry Garske, Darrel Lautenbach and his Egg Harbor crew
- Flower bed maintenance, weeding and watering – Annette Heck, Don Berns, Pat Conlon, Phil Berns, Betsy Rukavina, Lynn Polacek, Pat Gureski, Jinx Olson and sodality members from Baileys Harbor, Cathy Gerdman, Mary Rohr and the altar society from Jacksonport
- General landscape upkeep and repair – Paul Gray, John Auer, Fred Landstrom, Pat Conlon, Harold Gerdman, and Rolland Rohr
- Garden Angel cemetery upkeep/repairs - Karl & Shirley Raasch, and Eileen McManis
- Baileys Harbor wall excavate, repair, concrete wall and stone work – Pat and Paul Hockers, Dave Franke and crew.

Finally to all the unsung ministers who answered the call to service in a humble way aiding us in serving our parish a heartfelt, sincere BLESSING and THANK YOU!

#### From the editor -

Over the course of the last quarter the parish put into place a new logo. Our newsletter is also going through some modifications designed to improve the design. We serve the parishioners of Stella Maris Parish through numerous communications including the church bulletin, Mass announcements, advertisements, signage, website and newsletter. Your suggestions, ideas and reflections help us to continue grow closer to God as one parish.

### Stewardship Committee---Yes!

Like an umbrella, the Stewardship Committee is an inclusive ministry that exists to aide and supports all Parish ministry needs. As a result, we sent a survey to Parish families this past spring to assess current practices in volunteering and giving. Also, we are interested in identifying members' talents which could benefit church activities.



We followed this with a letter of thanks to those who responded. In addition, we mailed out a second letter to those who have not yet answered. This survey is important since it will help us meet the needs of Stella Maris Parish. Your response is much appreciated.

You can be more connected to Stella Maris Parish by joining activities, reaching out to others, offering prayer for those in need. Your generosity keeps the Parish alive. We are all stewards, always serving others through prayer, service and sharing.

The Stewardship Committee meets regularly the second Thursday of the month at 6 pm, location to be announced. Please join us.

*"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them." (Romans 12:6)*

#### From the church mouse –

Neither rain, nor snow, nor dark of night..... is a phrase for those braving the elements. On the Island neither wind, nor rough seas are added. Either way, nothing kept our Pastor from His appointed rounds. So it was



Sunday the 27th of September. Like the missionaries of past years, Father David braved all to come celebrate with his Island community. We rejoiced in the breaking of the bread at Mass and remained together to share a potluck.

Turkey and dressing were the main course with most of the trimmings. Fellowship and food warmed the hearts as the winds began to howl outside.

*Larry and Diane Kablscheuer, Washington Island*



## Parish Fall Cleanup days set for October 23-24

For the second year, we will be holding a fall clean up days from 9:00-12:00 at all sites. Plans are to rake, pick up brush, winterize, wash windows, and do a general cleaning inside and out. The Building & Grounds site coordinators along with Art and Environment ministers are formulating specific needs list for each location to work off of. Please contact our site managers or ministers to sign up and offer your assistance in readying the parish for winter and have an opportunity to meet other parishioners in fellowship.

The building and grounds committee which is chaired by Jim Schorer have reviewed the immediate and long term needs of all of our sites. Thirty plus recommendations were presented to the finance council and we are happy to say that most of the immediate needs have been met with a few to take place by the end of the year. The list was long including the rebuilding of the stone wall, landscaping, repairs to kitchens, exterior painting, re-stripping parking lots, lighting and HVAC improvements. For 2010 we are looking forward in working with a number of parishioners who offered to develop a master plan for refreshing the landscaping around our buildings.

### Quarterly Calendar\*

#### October

- 17-18-World Mission Collection
- 19-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC  
Evening Eucharistic Adoration &  
Benediction-7:00 pm-EH
- 20-Scripture Class-8:30 am-SB  
Finance Council Meeting-7 pm EH
- 21- Arising From Grief-1:00 pm-FC  
Faith Formation Class-4 -8:30 pm  
**Notre Dame Choir Concert-  
7:30 pm-BH**
- 22-Anointing Mass-1:30 pm-FC  
Sacrament of Reconciliation-5pm BH
- 23-24-Fall Cleanup Days-All Sites
- 25-Priesthood Sunday
- 26- Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC
- 27- Scripture Class-8:30 am-SB  
Loaves & Fishes Dinner-5:00 pm-SB  
Worship Meeting-6:30 pm-BH
- 28-Cemetery Remembrance Walk &  
Reception-9:15 am-EH  
Arising From Grief-1:00 pm-FC
- 29- Sacrament of Reconciliation-5:00  
pm-BH
- 30- Cemetery Remembrance Walk &  
Reception-8:45 am-BH

#### November

- 1-All Saints Day  
*Daylight Savings Time Ends*
- 2- Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC  
Care Ministry Meeting-9:00 am-SB  
All Souls Mass- Cemetery  
Remembrance Walk, Reception-

- 7:00 pm-JP
- 3-Scripture Class-8:30 am-SB  
CSR meeting 6:30 FC  
Knights of Columbus Meeting-7:30  
pm-BH
- 4-Arising from Grief-1:00 pm-FC  
Faith Formation Class-4-8:30 pm BH
- 5-Sister Bay Sodality Meeting-1pm SB
- 6- Cemetery Remembrance Walk &  
Reception-8:45 am-SB
- 7-8-Fall Renewal Weekend-Women's  
CRHP #3
- 9-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC
- 10- Scripture Class-8:30 am-SB  
BH Sodality Meeting-Noon-BH  
CRHP Cont. Meets-4:30 pm SB  
Pastoral Council Meets-6:30 pm-FC
- 12-Buildings & Grounds Meeting-  
8:00 am FC  
Worship Meeting-1:30 pm-FC  
Council of Catholic Women Meeting-  
7:00 pm-EH
- 16- Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC
- 17- Scripture Class-8:30 am-SB  
Finance Council Meeting-7:00 pm
- 18- Faith Formation Class-4-8:30pm BH  
**Generations of Faith/Disciples on  
a Journey-5:30 pm-BH**
- 19- JP Altar Society Meets-1:30 pm-JP  
Scand Mass-2:30 pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation-  
5:00 pm-BH  
TV Mass Taping-6:00 pm-Green Bay
- 21-Hunter Mass-7:00 pm-FC
- 23- Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC
- 24- Scripture Class-8:30 am-SB  
Loaves & Fishes Dinner-5:00 pm-SB
- 25-Ecumenical Service w/Emmanuel  
Lutheran-BH

- 26-Thanksgiving Mass-8:00am-SB,  
10:00am-JP
- 29-Advent Family Party Chili Dump-  
2:00 pm-BH
- 30- Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC

#### December

- 1- Scripture Class-8:30 am-SB  
Christian Service & Responsibility  
Meeting-6:30 pm-FC  
Knights of Columbus Meeting-7:30  
pm-BH
- 2- Faith Formation Class-4:00-8:30 pm-  
BH
- 3- Sister Bay Sodality Meeting-1:00 pm-  
SB  
Parish Reconciliation Service-  
2:00 pm-FC
- 7- Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC  
Care Ministry Meeting-9:00 am-FC  
Mass-Eve of Immaculate Conception  
7:00 pm-FC
- 8- Mass-Immaculate Conception-  
8:00 am-SB  
Scripture Class-8:30 am-SB  
BH Sodality Meeting-Noon-BH  
Taize Prayer-7:00 pm-FC
- 9- Faith Formation Class Reconciliation  
4:00 & 7:00 pm-BH
- 10- Council of Catholic Women  
Christmas Party  
Parish Reconciliation Service-  
7:00 pm-SB
- 12-Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe-  
9:00 am-FC
- 14- Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC
- 15- Scripture Class-8:30 am-SB  
Finance Council Meeting-7:00 pm

16- Faith Formation Class-4:00-8:30 pm-BH  
 17- JP Altar Society Meets-1:30 pm-JP Scand Mass-2:30 pm  
**Lessons & Carols & Reception-7:00 pm-FC**  
 21- Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC  
 22- Scripture Class-8:30 am-SB  
 Loaves & Fishes Dinner-5:00 pm-SB  
 24- *Christmas Eve*  
 25- *Christmas Day*

28- Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC  
 29- Scripture Class-8:30 am-SB  
 31-New Years Eve Mass-6:00 pm-SB

**January**

1-Mass, Mary the Mother of God-8:00 am-FC

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

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