



STELLA MARIS BEACON

Use every chance you have for doing good. *Ephesians 5:16*

August 2010

Volume 3
Issue 12

Prayer, Service, Sharing



When I decided to participate in Christ Renews His Parish two years ago, I had no expectations. I had never attended a retreat before, so I had many questions, and those questions may be similar to those of you who are considering attending the November CRHP Renewal Weekend.

What will the format be? A warm welcome, time for private reflection, small and large group discussion, quiet and shared prayer, witnesses by past participants, convivial, spirited meal times, the choice of participating in private Reconciliation, joyous celebration of the Eucharist, and perhaps most important, celebrating God's love and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Though there will be serious discussion, fun and laughter is guaranteed.

What will the emphasis be? Topics and discussion will include scripture, spirituality, Christian community and awareness, and discipleship.

Is this a silent retreat? NO!

How much participation will be required? There are no expectations as to how much each person should participate. Rather, the amount of participation will depend on the extent to which you feel comfortable.

Who will the presenters be? Past participants in Christ Renews His Parish.

What kind of accommodations will be offered? You will have a private room in a comfortable tranquil setting. All meals and snacks will be provided.

What will I need to bring? Bring casual clothing, and an overnight bag.

With six Stella Maris locations represented, will I know anyone? Chances are that you will know others attending, but you will leave having made new Stella Maris friends.

Given the title Christ Renews His Parish, what will MY responsibility be for renewing the parish? Each participant will determine the amount and degree to which they wish to and can be involved. Personal renewal may lead to parish renewal.

Will I be expected to pay for the retreat? Stella Maris parish is subsidizing part of the cost of the weekend, but a free will offering will be greatly appreciated.

Why should I participate in this Renewal Weekend? Because everyone's faith journey is unique and never ending, your experience may be very different than that which I experienced. I was transformed in so many ways. To me, scripture has become increasingly meaningful, most especially the Psalms. My prayer life is simpler and easier, and I am beginning to understand and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in ways that I could never have imagined. Wherever you are in YOUR faith journey, give yourself the gift of celebrating the unique you, nourishing your soul, and feeling God's love. Please join us!

Lolly Ratajczak

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

It's that time of year again, the dreaded registration time for Faith Formation. If I have your latest email address I could send you the form that way, if you have not contacted the office with that change the only recourse is the mail. Please contact me at faithchurch@dcwis.com with an email address and any up-dated information that I need. (New phone, new address) The new first graders and anyone who recently moved here need to contact me also. Thanks so much for your help. We need to order books now.

For those who are new or first time students, for Gibraltar students a school bus is provided for you on Wednesday afternoons which brings you directly to Stella Maris in Baileys Harbor; if you are a student of Sevastopol transportation is provided by Door County Shuttle from school to Baileys Harbor. The only transportation the parents need to provide is pick-up at Baileys Harbor at 5:30 p.m. Thank you.

Looking forward to the coming year with great expectations we have chosen a new curriculum for most grades, we will celebrate Confirmation in May with Bishop Banks in Sister Bay at 10:00 a.m. on May 15, 2011. Our little ones will celebrate First Reconciliation and First Communion on May 1st at 10:00 a.m. in Sister Bay. If you need to celebrate any of these sacraments let me know now. Thanks

The Catechism class will begin again on October 12th at 4:00 p.m. in Sister Bay. We have completed half of it and will pick it

up at that time. Put it on your calendar if you are interested. We will have a sign up time in September. Just so you know I didn't forget you.

Last winter we (group of ladies from the parish) made a quilt which was given to the Spring Fling I was wondering if there is any interest in doing that again or maybe something else, if you are interested let me know what is on your mind. It was a great time to meet new people and get to know some of the people from different sites. Again let me know if you would like to take on another project. Call me at 920/854-5264 or email me at faithchurch@dcwis.com

Sister Angela has celebrated her 50th anniversary as a Sister. On September 19th, after all the Sunday Masses, we will join Sister in this celebration.

Please mark your calendar for this marvelous event. We all appreciate Sister and her ministry. The times of the masses are as follows: Egg Harbor 8 AM, Sister Bay 9:30 AM, and Baileys Harbor 11 AM.

From the Christian Service and Responsibility Committee:

The CSR Committee would like to thank Stella Maris for being such a caring parish. This past year has seen our parish help so many people in so many ways. The following are just some of the great things we have accomplished:

1. Financial support for the Northern Door Community Clinic, HELP of Door County, Inc., the Hispanic Resource Center, Northern Door Children Center, Neighbor to Neighbor, Feed My People, Loaves and Fishes and Scandia Village.
2. Financial support for many individuals and families in need.
3. Support for the African orphanage in Benin by providing funding for a garden, and for a water system to expand their capability to grow food for their orphans.
4. Support for Feed My People through our monthly food collection.
5. Serving the needs of our community by our monthly Loaves and Fishes meal.
6. Providing space to store prepared meals for the Meals on Wheels program of northern Door.
7. Support for the children of our community through the Altrusa school supplies program for needy children.
8. Support for Backpack Buddies program that supplies nutritious snacks to needy children each weekend.
9. Support for the efforts of Habitat for Humanity

This year we will continue to support these efforts and will also be supporting a new program of Adult Day Care that will be offered at the Community Clinic to assist those home bound and their care givers. We also will be implementing our Health and Wellness program for the parish. This committee which now has seven members with representatives from each of our sites except Jacksonport has formulated the following Mission Statement:

The Health and Wellness Committee of Stella Maris Parish, in collaboration with other Northern Door Churches, will recognize and respectfully address the health and wellness needs of our community members; body, mind, and spirit. Our Long term goals will be:

To create a sense of connection to a caring parish community interested in the safety, health, and well-being of those who risk isolation due to age or infirmity.

Work with the Stella Maris CSR Committee and other churches to increase the number and quality of volunteer programs available to meet the needs of seniors, those with disabilities and their caregivers.

Increase the awareness of parish families and individuals with health care needs of the already existing services in Door County.

Support and facilitate the provision of health education information and programs.

As you can see we continue to seek out new and different ways to respond to the gospel message to help those less fortunate and in need. We rely on your help both through your active participation in our efforts and through your financial generosity. We hope that you will be able to continue to support us financially through the envelope collection for the CSR Committee that occurs in September. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all.



Many thanks are extended to Kriss and Jim Schorer who offered their lovely home for our end of the fiscal year Worship Committee potluck supper in June.

Summer at Stella Maris:

This summer, the worship and spiritual life of our parish has been concentrated on all our weekend liturgies. With nine masses each weekend both on the peninsula and on Washington Island, we are really busy! Not to mention all the weddings, funerals, memorial masses and baptisms!

On the music front this Summer: I would like to acknowledge the talents, dedication and hard work of all the following musicians providing quality liturgical music at our worship locations:

Katie Freund on Saturdays at Fish Creek and Egg Harbor

Diane Kahlscheuer, Kathi O'Connor and Dan Hansen on Washington Island

Heidi Teich on Sundays at Egg Harbor, Fish Creek and Jacksonport

Tanner Lundquist, a Gibraltar High School Senior, on Saturday at Sister Bay

I would also like to acknowledge the talents, dedication and hard work of our cantors leading our congregations in prayerful, inspiring song this summer:

Mary Anderson at Egg Harbor on Saturdays

John Brauer at Fish Creek on Saturdays

Hans Ribbens at Egg Harbor on Sundays

Kriss Schorer at Baileys Harbor on Sundays

Mary and Steve Gomoll at Fish Creek on Sundays

Ellen Brousil and Alisa Christensen at Sister Bay on Sundays

Marilynn Orthober at Jacksonport on Sundays

As a pastoral musician and cantor, it is the constant practicing and preparation that needs to be accomplished in order to provide quality liturgical music. Our jobs are to inspire the congregation to praise God with, quoting from Vatican II: "full, conscious and active participation."

When I was at the recent National Association of Pastoral Musicians Convention in Detroit in July, Archbishop Allen Vigneron challenged us to inspire our congregations to "Sing from your heart to Christ's heart". That is what all of us are striving to do.

On the Worship Front this Summer:

Liturgical Art & Environment: We are blessed by the talents of our ministers who so skillfully arrange the beautiful seasonal flowers that grace our churches reminding our worshippers that their natural beauty also praises their Creator.

Deacon Jim Sustman, liturgical art and environment expert also returned to Stella Maris in July to meet with all parishioners



interested in art and environment at our Egg Harbor, Baileys Harbor and Jacksonport churches.

Our parish is in the process of researching and discussing additional art and environment updates at our Jacksonport and Egg Harbor churches. Future meeting times will be announced at our Masses so that everyone is invited to attend.

I would like to acknowledge the talents of Dave Gray, Harold Gerdmann and Marty Gureski for the beautiful liturgical Altar, ambo, candle stands, paschal candle stands and new ambries at our Baileys Harbor, Jacksonport, Sister Bay and Fish Creek churches.

And we are very grateful for the talents of Tammy Charney who has lovingly restored so many of our church statues to their original beauty. Grateful thanks to Jan Anschutz as well for restoring the beauty of the statue of St. Michael in Jacksonport.

Altar Servers: We are blessed by new altar servers: Monique McCormack at Fish Creek; the father and daughter team of Steve and Tia Schultz at Sister Bay and Connor Moore at Baileys Harbor. And of course, we are always grateful to all our experienced parish servers: adults and youth for their dedication and service.

Ushers and Greeters: Have you noticed the Welcome Tags with our new Stella Maris logo our fine ushers and greeters are wearing! They always provide a smile and warm greeting to all who enter and leave our worship locations.....Thank you.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: We have so many dedicated ministers at all our churches that the best thing to say is..... Thank you.

Lectors and Commentators: We are grateful to our new lectors at Baileys Harbor: Karl Raasch and Joe Miller. And we gratefully acknowledge all our experienced lectors and commentators.....Thank you.

Sacristans: We are also very grateful to our parish Sacristans as their ministry requires arriving early and staying late coupled with much attention to detail. At the same time, it is also a very rewarding ministry as the most important functions are to help prepare for the liturgy of the Eucharist. I would like to acknowledge our parish sacristans for their hard work and dedication: Jim and Andrea Jauquet, Liz and Jack Heller, and Greg and Sue Holub at Fish Creek
Betsy Rukavina, Donna Rice and Mary Seeberg at Sister Bay

Terri Smith and Bob Tarsitano at Baileys Harbor
Pat Gureski, Joan Peterson, Gen Richards and Pat Kiehnau at Egg Harbor
Carol Eaton and Cathy Gerdmann at Jacksonport

All the above information is just a fraction of everything we do, with a fraction of all our involved ministers, to help prepare for liturgies at Stella Maris.

Please accept my humble and sincere apologies if I have missed anyone.

We are always inviting our congregation to participate in the preparation of our liturgies:

Here are several suggestions:

IF.....you enjoy learning more about the history and theology of the liturgy which is the culmination of everything we do as Catholics....then we invite you to share your talents with the Worship & Spiritual Life Committee!

IF.....you have artistic tendencies; love gardening and flowers and appreciate God's beauty in naturethen we invite you to share your talents as an Art and Environment Minister at one of our churches!

IF.....you love to read the Bible and study Scripture and enjoy public speaking.....then we invite you to share your talents in proclaiming God's Word as a parish Lector or Commentator!

IF.....you're a people person.....then we invite you to share your talents as a parish Usher!

IF.....you love to go to Mass with your entire family to worship together; ready with a smile.....then we invite you to share your talents as a family as parish Greeters!

IF.....you love to sing but would be more comfortable in a group setting...then we invite you to sing in one of our three parish choirs at Baileys Harbor, Fish Creek and Sister Bay.

***Please consider these invitations
as they are coming from The Lord!***

*Thank you, Kathy Sedan
Stella Maris Worship & Music Minister*

Bereavement Ministry

You are invited to join a Bereavement Support group to help you cope with the loss of a loved one in a confidential setting. Sr. Angela Palm: Pastoral Associate, Masters Degree in Pastoral Studies & experienced in conducting such a group. Participants have found them helpful in having others listen & sharing things in common.

Topics

- Crazy is Normal
- Stages of Grief
- Surviving loneliness and stress
- Spiritual Aspects
- The Value of Memories

Date: Begins first week of October 7 through 3rd week of November.

Exact day, time & place will be determined by the needs of the participants.

Registration required by 3rd week of Sept.

For more information call Sr. Angela 920/421-2407.

.....

We continue to keep Deacon David Kowalski and his wife Marilynne in our prayers as he continues his recovery from quadruple bypass surgery he had the first part of July. Deacon David thanks everyone for their prayers, cards and good wishes; he is doing O.K. but the recuperation process is going to take some time as he builds up his strength.

We are all grateful to the Lord for watching over him by directing him to the right medical facilities and doctors!

.....

PLANNING FOR A VIBRANT FUTURE

Over the past several years, Stella Maris Parish has had two planning efforts and one visioning session. A short list of the results of these efforts include the consolidation of five parishes, and Washington Island, their councils and finances and Washington Island into Stella Maris Parish; increased the numbers of people involved in committees and lay ministries; improved communications; developed a stewardship effort to take advantage of the time, treasure and talent of our parishioners; developed a welcoming process for new parishioners; formed a Christian Service and Responsibility Committee; developed a faith formation program for all ages; improved liturgies. In all, the goal was to become a more vibrant and unified parish.

It has always been recognized that at some point we would need to embark on another planning process as that is a responsibility that we have in order to control our future by building on what we have done in the past.

On May 8, 2010 at a joint meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, committee chairpersons and staff the following statement was adopted:

The Pastoral and Finance Councils recommend to the pastor that we continue to build Stella Maris as a vibrant parish and that we continue to serve five ministry sites and the ministry to Washington Island.

Therefore, the councils have decided to embark on a planning process for Stella Maris Parish. At the same time, the Green Bay Diocese has embarked on a planning process. These two efforts are going to be done concurrently in our parish.

There will be an open meeting for all parishioners. In preparation for this meeting you will find a questionnaire enclosed in this newsletter. Please fill it out and bring it with you to the meeting. If you are unable to attend, we welcome your input. Fill out the questionnaire and return to the parish office.

Only signed questionnaires will be accepted.

Thank you for your participation in this process.

PROPOSED QUESTIONS FOR STELLA MARIS PLANNING MEETING

1. Please briefly describe one or two the best example/s of vibrancy and life in our parish or each description, include a story, image, or quote that best illustrates these positive elements.
2. What steps has the parish taken in the past five years toward becoming a more unified and vibrant parish?
3. Please briefly describe the one or two best hopes and dreams for the future of your parish. For each description, include a story, image, or quote that best illustrates these hopes and dreams.
4. In order to become a more vibrant parish what do we need to do. Please give concrete suggestions.
5. How can we shape our parish for the long term future of the area; what steps should we be planning now?
6. As a parish, we must address our needs versus our wants. Do our existing buildings serve our needs----- yes or no. If no, give specifics.
7. We have significant issues surrounding our buildings. How should we pay for the costs surrounding these issues: savings, extra collections, other.

Signed: _____



Buildings and Grounds

The Bell tower repair at our Egg Harbor site has begun. The bell tower needed extensive repair and we are well on our way to getting it restored to its original safety and soundness. This project has a price tag of approximately \$76,000.00. Even though we are diligently working on our Egg Harbor site to get this project finished prior to the 100 year anniversary of its dedication; which by the way is being planned for Sunday, October 24, 2010; our other sites are in need of attention also.

Fish Creek site is in need of extensive sidewalk and cement removal and replacement. This project is set to go before the Finance Council shortly with work to be completed prior to winter freeze. The cost of this project is estimated to be \$2100.00 and \$4000.00.

Jacksonport site the floor tiles under the pews need to be replaced. Bids had been given for the project. This will to be completed when the church is closed for the three winter months. Pews will be removed and refinished and more room will be made by removal of the wall by the entrance door. The cost of this project has not been determined.

There was a leak in the roof at the Sister Bay site; which has been repaired with a temporary fix. Within the next few years the roof will have to be replaced.

A replacement roof is in the future at the Baileys Harbor site along with an assessment of the heating and air conditioning system.

The contributions for these projects are very much appreciated and make it possible for us to maintain and improve our worship sites. To allow for more complete financial information to flow to our parishioners as well as to our visitors these contribution figures will continue to be updated in our weekly bulletins. As of August 16, 2010 the following contributions have been recorded:

Fish Creek Site:	\$3,837
Egg Harbor Site:	\$5,195
Baileys Harbor Site:	\$ 790
Sister Bay Site:	\$1,405
Jacksonport Site:	\$1,005
Not Designated:	\$2,966



Giving Thanks That We Can

July means picnics here in Door County and that's when the Parish Potluck Picnic was held this year. Many of us volunteer time, talents, treasures and prayers, making Parish activities successful, so we wanted to celebrate that Stewardship.

Thanks to the efforts of some behind-the-scenes folks especially Paul Gray, the event unfolded with no glitches. The Baileys Harbor Recreation Park was a perfect setting. The tables were heaped with wonderful treats, especially favorite recipes. Gentle conversations flowed on a hot, lazy Sunday afternoon. Plenty of kids' games entertained us as well, either watching or playing! Even the late-afternoon storms held off.

We are thankful to come together to celebrate service. The message remains clear and constant: for each of us, Stewardship---helping others in whatever way we can---is a fulfilling, lifelong path. Thank you to all.

Stewardship Committee



“Youth Alive Steak and Shrimp Dinner”

Stella Maris Parish’s second annual “Youth Alive Steak and Shrimp Dinner” appears to have been a success once again, thanks to tremendous parish support.

Last year we had a sparse crew of 18 youth and adults, this year we had a crew of 34 which spread the work load nicely. Last year we served 125 dinners this year 152, the dinner netted \$1540 in 2009 this year \$2122 for a potential mission trip and other activities.

I wish to thank all the hard working crew of youth and adults for their commitment and all the wonderful parishioners who joined us for dinner and fellowship. Also, a big thank you to the businesses for their generous support, Carrol House Restaurant, The English Inn, Piggly Wiggly and the Viking Restaurant.

God Bless,
Marvin H Leppert



Stella Maris Youth

Youth Activities at Stella Maris is off to a great start. The Holy Spirit has filled our youth with enthusiasm which is an answer to our prayers. Thank you God, for all your blessings! We are truly blessed with wonderful youth in this parish. They are such talented, kind and amazing people to be around.

We have had a summer full of activities. Some of the highlights were, traveling to Wisconsin Dells for a trip to Noah’s Ark Waterpark, this was our maiden voyage, but it will not be our last. We went to a Brewers game at Miller Park, and boy did we have fun! Many who went are asking that it become an annual event.

We had a very small group go to American Folklore Theatre and we really enjoyed experience of ushering and getting to see two live theatrical performances for free. The trip to the PGA Championship in Kohler, WI was transformed from an official parish trip to a group of our youth going with a parish family because of financial and insurance reasons involved with traveling in private cars. The group still went together and had a wonderful time seeing the best golfers in the world compete. Some of our high school youth attended Catholic Youth Expeditions for an amazing experience of four days spent with young adults living in a Catholic community, praying, camping and taking in all the summer fun Kangaroo Lake has to offer. St. Joseph’s has always been a sacred space much loved by this community. With its new focus on youth, God continues to do great things at St. Joseph’s Formation Center. Hopefully more of our youth will take advantage of this special place in the coming year.

We raised quite a bit of money for our youth program with the Youth Alive Steak and Shrimp Dinner. Thanks to Mr. Marvin Leppert’s careful planning and all the volunteers who worked and patrons who purchased tickets to help to make the night such a great success. The food was delicious! Mr. Leppert has requested that two-thirds of those funds raised that night be set aside to fund a mission trip for the youth in the future. The remaining third is to be set aside as scholarship money to pay for activities for those youth whose families need some assistance in paying for our parish youth activities. That is all important, but I propose to begin a new fundraising effort to support our day to day operations for our youth program. Just as we all can agree that the bell tower needs to be repaired and other maintenance to the buildings, then why not fund a program that helps to encourage our youth to be active members of our church? We have seen a few generations grow up and not have the same ties to their Catholic faith as their grandparents. Perhaps it is time to feed Christ’s sheep and nurture a relationship that will turn this trend around.

If you would like to help in this effort, please contact Bridget Browning. If you would like to donate funds to be used in recruiting and evangelizing the youth of our parish through our new youth group and our youth activities please consider making a donation and designating it as Stella Maris Youth. This will be a fund that is used for day to day operations of a youth group as well as special trips and activities as the Holy Spirit directs. If you do not want to make a monetary donation, please pray for this effort and ask God to continue to go before us in directing our youth on a path that leads to Him. Thank you for your support and participation as a parish family.

PARISH CALENDAR

September

2-St Rosalia Sodality Meeting-1:00 pm-SB

Cantor Practice-6:30 pm-EH

3-Rosary-7:30-BH

Choir Practice-8:30 am-BH

4-5-Bake Sale after Mass-EH

6-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC

Mass-9:00 am-BH

7- Scripture Class-8:30-SB

Duplicate Bridge-12:00-EH

Rosary-12:00-BH

Worship Meeting-1:30 pm-FC

Knight of Columbus Meeting-7:30 pm-

BH

Choir Practice-5:30 pm-FC

Catechist Meeting-6:00 pm-BH

9-Choir Practice-6:30 pm-SB

Men’s Bible Reflection-6:45 pm-SB

Council of Catholic Women-7:00 pm-EH

10-Rosary-7:30-BH

Choir Practice-8:30 am-BH

Continued on back page



STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR LADY "STAR OF THE SEA"™

7710 Hwy 42
PO Box 49
Egg Harbor, WI 54209-0049

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO.12
FISH CREEK, WI
54212

Return Service Requested

- 30-Choir Practice-6:30 pm-SB
- October**
- 1-Rosary-7:30-BH
- Choir Practice-8:30 am-BH
- 3-Blessing of the Animals-1:00 pm-EH
- Annual Meeting-11am-SB
- 4-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC
- Care Ministry Meeting—9:00 am-BH
- 5-Scripture Class-8:30-SB
- Rosary-12:00-BH
- Worship Meeting-1:30 pm-FC
- Knight of Columbus Meeting-7:30 pm-BH
- 6-Faith Formation Grade 1-8-4:00 pm-BH
- Choir Practice-5:30 pm-BH
- Faith Formation Grade 9-10-7:00 pm-BH
- 8-Rosary-7:30-BH
- Choir Practice-8:30 am-BH
- 21-Scripture Class-8:30-SB
- Duplicate Bridge-12:00-EH
- Rosary-12:00-BH
- 22-Faith Formation Grade 1-8-4:00 pm-BH
- 23-St. Rosalia Sodality Fashion Show/Luncheon-11:00 am-SB
- Choir Practice-6:30 pm-SB
- Men's Bible Reflection-6:45 pm-SB
- 24-Rosary-7:30-BH
- Choir Practice-8:30 am-BH
- 25-Tom Bennett Speaker Series-1:00 pm-FC
- 27-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC
- 28-Scripture Class-8:30-SB
- Duplicate Bridge-12:00-EH
- Rosary-12:00-BH
- Loaves & Fishes Meal-5:00 pm-SB
- 29-Choir Practice-5:30 pm-FC
- 11-12-CSR Speaker this weekend
- Mass Schedule changes
- 13-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC
- Care Ministry Meeting—9:00 am-SB
- 14-Scripture Class-8:30-SB
- Duplicate Bridge-12:00-EH
- Rosary-12:00-BH
- St. Mary of the Lake Sodality Meeting-1:00 pm-BH
- Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting-BH
- 15-Faith Formation Grade 1-8-4:00 pm-BH
- Faith Formation Grade 9-10-7:00 pm-BH
- Choir Practice-5:30 pm-FC
- Faith Formation Family Mass-6:00 pm-BH
- 16-Scand Mass-2:30 pm
- Choir Practice-6:30 pm-SB
- 17-Rosary-7:30-BH
- Choir Practice-8:30 am-BH
- 18-19-CRHP Witness Presentation
- 20-Morning Prayer-8:00 am-FC