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## Merry Christmas!



**Monday, December 27**

Office Closed

Liturgy of the Word with Communion-8:00 am-FC

**Tuesday, December 28**

Mass -8:00 am-**JP**

Scripture Class-10:00 am-SB

Pray the Rosary-12:00 pm-BH

**Wednesday, December 29**

Mass-8:00 am-**EH**

Eucharistic Adoration-8:45 am-EH

**Thursday, December 30**

Mass-8:00 am-**SB**

**Friday, December 31**

Office Closed

Mass-8:00 am-**BH**

New Year Eve Mass-4:00 pm-**FC**

**Saturday, January 1**

(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

New Year's Day Mass-8:00 am-**BH**

New Year's Day Mass-10:00 am-**SB**

(Epiphany of the Lord)

Liturgy of the Word with Communion-10:30 am-WI

Mass-4:00 pm-**FC**

**Sunday, January 2**

(Epiphany of the Lord)

Mass-8:00 am-**BH**

Mass-10:00 am-**SB**

Father Tom and the entire staff at Stella Maris Parish wish you a very joyous Christmas! Spend some time with the Lord and cherish the miracle of Jesus's birth.

Online Giving

For Online Giving to our parish, please go to [www.stellamarisparish.com](http://www.stellamarisparish.com) and click on "Giving to the Parish Electronically" on the front page.

### Stella Maris Mission Statement

*Stella Maris Catholic Parish prayerfully unites people in the love of Jesus guided by our patron, Mary.*

### Stella Maris Vision Statement

*We invite all to journey as disciples. By sharing the Gospel, responding to Jesus' love and the gifts God has given us, we welcome all to grow in faith and in our parish life.*

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph-December 26, 2021

## Celebrate Mass Via TV or Radio

Sunday Mass is available diocesan-wide via broadcast **television** on ABC affiliate WBAY at 5:30 am Sunday morning, **Bishop Ricken at 7:30 am on WFRV Channel 5 on Sundays** and on CW14 at 8:00 am on Sunday.

**Radio** Mass is available on Relevant Radio, 1050 AM at 9 am. Daily Mass is livestreamed Monday through Friday from the campus of Relevant Radio here in Green Bay. You can access the Mass at the Relevant Radio app, or at this link <https://relevantradio.com/faith/dailymass-video/>.

Also available on your **computer**, is a full list of daily events with direct links to Masses, rosary and daily reflections compiled by The Compass, The Official Newspaper of the Green Bay Diocese at <https://www.thecompassnews.org/virtual-event-calendar/>. We are **livestreaming** from Baileys Harbor at 8:00 am on our **Facebook** page at <https://www.facebook.com/stellamarisparishdc>

## Update on Our Gathering

- Each church has a section reserved for social distancing.
- Masks are strongly encouraged at Mass.
- Ministers of communion will wear masks and Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances to church.
- Parishioners are reminded that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those individuals who are frail due to illness or age.

## Faith Formation

### Christmas Excitement!

Second graders have been anxiously awaiting for the coming of Christ! Yes, He comes into their hearts and ours with great joy as he did to those over 2,000 years ago. In class we also talk about when Jesus will come again in all His majesty at the end of time as he welcomes us into His heavenly home...as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ...we hear these words every week at Mass. As we prepared during Advent for Jesus coming, we all need to prepare for this too...Christ's final coming. Christmas is such an exciting and joyful time of year but nothing can come close to what is waiting for us in heaven!

During our classes we discuss how Jesus comes to us every day - right now - in a mysterious way...and we should feel the excitement of Christmas whenever we pray, whenever we read God's word and whenever we receive the sacraments. This sense of Christmas excitement continues for second graders as they are preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

This was the Year of St. Joseph as declared by Pope Francis; it ended on Dec. 8th. I often speak about Joseph to my class of second graders. I remind them that when the Angel Gabriel spoke to Joseph before Christ was born, he told Joseph to not be afraid...so Joseph did as the angel of the Lord commanded him. He continued to raise the child, Jesus, relying on the guidance of God's will. As these students receive these 'first' sacraments, may they grow in doing God's will by participating often in reconciliation and communion. And may this participation continue every time with a sense of Christmas excitement...for us all.

*Peace and Prayers, Linda Cummer, Faith Formation Coordinator*



## Office Closure

Due to the lack of staff, we will be closing the parish office December 24th through January 3rd so we can enjoy time with our families. In case of any emergencies during that time, please call Fr. Tom at (920) 217-8155. Otherwise, we will be happy to assist you January 4th when we return to the office. Merry Christmas!

## On the Lighter Side

**Call Ahead**-Father John was nervous when he cast Jimmy, the middle school class clown, as Joseph in the annual Christmas pageant. His fears were realized when Jimmy decided to do a little improvisation by pulling out his cell phone in the pageant's opening scene. The astonished priest, who was narrating, asked, "What are you doing with your phone?" Jimmy smiled and replied, "This year I'm phoning that inn to make a reservation!"



## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

CHOOSE AN ENVELOPE FROM THE TREE/  
WREATH TO SHARE YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT

This year's donations will go the Christ Child Society of Door County ( an organization that helps needy children in Door County) and our parish 24/7 Food Pantry at our Fish Creek site.

Envelopes for contributions are on the trees/wreaths and can be deposited in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office.

Baskets for donations of infant necessities or non-perishable foods will be available at each site.

## Respect Life

### St. Joseph: Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ "came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph" (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, "in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat'" (PC 3). His "yes" to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him "an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble" (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say "yes" to life, despite our own fears, frailties and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was "chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true 'miracle' by which God saves the child and his mother" (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life.

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## Parish Life & Upcoming Events

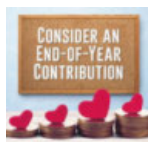
**THANK YOU** to all who gave generously last weekend through the Retirement Collection. If you still wish to donate, you may use the envelopes in church or send to the parish office to share in the care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests, as well as our own diocesan priests. On behalf of them, thank you for your generous care!

**DECEMBER FOOD ITEM** being collected is *healthy breakfast cereal and oatmeal* for the CARE 24/7 Food Pantry, a ministry of Stella Maris. Donations can be left at any of our sites and at the pantry. Thank you.

**PLEASE HELP!** Stella Maris Parish is in great need of ushers, sacristans and collection couriers, especially at Sister Bay, Baileys Harbor and Jacksonport! Having enough ministers helps the Mass flow more smoothly for everyone. Please think and pray about offering your time and energy to one of these ministries! Whether you've never served in a ministry before or are a returning minister, your fellow parishioners will appreciate your friendly, helpful face. Training will be provided! Please contact Mary Gomoll at (920) 562-4020 or [marygomoll@gmail.com](mailto:marygomoll@gmail.com) for more information.

**RESPECT LIFE**—“Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, ‘in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’ (PC 3). His ‘yes’ to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.”—\*Excerpts from Patris corde, © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities—2021 Respect Life Reflection

## End of Year Contributions



Contributions for this year (2021) must be placed in the collection basket by Friday, December 31st. Any money placed in the collection basket on Saturday, January 1st or later will be posted to your 2022 contributions, regardless of the date on your check. Donations that are mailed to the office must have a postmark of December 31st or earlier. Any donations postmarked January 1 or later will be posted to your 2022 donations, regardless of the date on your check.

## Winter Weather Cancellations



Father Tom, the staff and support personnel will make every attempt to maintain our schedule of masses, events and committee meetings. However, we ask that you never place yourself in harms way to attend them. In the event of a cancellation the following methods of communication will be used: Radio station WDOR (FM 94), TV stations WBAY (2) or our website [www.stellamarisparish.com](http://www.stellamarisparish.com) **(Usually if the schools are closed our events are cancelled)** Please use your own discretion for safety.

## RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Do you wish that you could talk to someone about what it means to be Catholic? Are you thinking of joining the Catholic Church? Maybe you were baptized, but now you would like to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation. Would you like an opportunity to share your faith and accompany those who are ready to take the next step in their faith? If so, it sounds like RCIA is for you. For more information, call Deacon Tony at (920) 868-3241.



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## Liturgies of the Week

**Saturday, December 25-The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)**  
 Baileys Harbor-8:00 am-TF †Dorothy Balistreri  
 Sister Bay-10:00 am-TF †John & Beulah Warner

**Sunday, December 26-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
 Baileys Harbor-8:00 am-TF †Wilbur Fletcher  
 Sister Bay-10:00 am-TF †Joan Eckert

**Monday, December 27-St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**  
 Fish Creek-8:00 am Liturgy of the Word w/Comm.

**Tuesday, December 28-The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**  
 Jacksonport-8:00 am-TF †Helen & Harold Dannhausen

**Wednesday, December 29-Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**  
 Egg Harbor-8:00 am-TF Special Intention

**Thursday, December 30-Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**  
 Sister Bay-8:00 am-TF †Jack Rio

**Friday, December 31-Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**  
 Baileys Harbor-8:00 am-TF †Marilynne Kowalski  
 Fish Creek-4:00 pm-TF †Gladys Konopka

**Saturday, January 1-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God/Epiphany of the Lord**  
 Washington Island-10:30 am Liturgy of the Word w/Comm.  
 Baileys Harbor-8:00 am-TF †open  
 Sister Bay-10:00 am-TF †open  
 Fish Creek-4:00 pm-TF Stella Maris Parish

**Sunday, January 2-Epiphany of the Lord**  
 Baileys Harbor-8:00 am-TF †Harold & Ruth Gray  
 Sister Bay-10:00 am-TF †Bonny Charnetski

TF=Fr. Thomas Farrell



Dear God, rest your hands on recovery efforts in the Kentucky communities. Let all people find relief and healing in you. Amen.

## Readings of the Week

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/ Lk 2:22-35

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

**Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4: 4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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**Parish Membership**

Stella Maris Parish is delighted when new people want to join our parish and gladly welcomes them into our faith community. Contact the parish office.

day's from 8:30 to 9:30 am in Baileys Harbor or by appointment by texting (920) 217-8155.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**

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. The couple 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.

**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.

**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 the office to arrange for visits or communion.

**Reconciliation**

God's great mercy is something to be celebrated. Ritually we Catholics experience God's unconditional love in the sacrament of reconciliation. Our pastor is available on Satur-

**Stella Maris Parish "Star of the Sea" Endowment**  
 For a perpetual Catholic presence in northern Door County

**Totals through 11/30/2021**

	New		Investment	Ending Fund
Year	Donors	Contributions	Net Earnings	Balance
2018	11	\$ 437,309.51	\$ 5,009.24	\$ 442,318.75
2019	99	\$ 218,099.27	\$ 27,467.71	\$ 687,885.73
2020	8	\$ 25,850.00	\$ 5,718.35	\$ 719,454.08
2021	8	\$ 161,404.97	\$ 224,904.09	\$ 1,105,763.14
2022	2	\$ 6,050.00	\$ 80.41	\$ 1,111,893.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>\$ 848,713.75</b>	<b>\$ 263,179.80</b>	<b>\$ 1,111,893.55</b>

**Offertory Contributions-Dec 4-5, 2021**

	Actual	Budget
<b>Stewardship</b>		
Envelopes	\$ 7,864.00	\$ 5,500.00
ACH	\$	\$
WeShare	\$ 1,827.00	\$ 2,000.00
Offertory	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$11,896.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>

2021/22	Actual YTD	\$308,192.00
2021/22	Budget YTD	\$306,100.00
2020/21	Actual YTD	\$243,411.00

**Total Attendance last week-**  
**\*\*Numbers not available by press time**