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Happy New Year!



Monday, January 3

Office Closed
Liturgy of the Word with Communion-8:00 am-FC
Prayer Shawl Meeting-1:00 pm-SB

Tuesday, January 4

Mass -8:00 am-JP
Scripture Class-10:00 am-SB
Pray the Rosary-12:00 pm-BH
St. Mary of the Lake Altar & Rosary Sodality-12:30 pm-BH

Wednesday, January 5

Mass-8:00 am-EH
Eucharistic Adoration-8:45 am-EH
Faith Formation Grades 1-8-4:00-5:30 pm-BH
Confirmation Class-6:30-8:00 pm-SB

Thursday, January 6

Mass-8:00 am-SB

Friday, January 7

Mass-followed by reconciliation-8:00 am-BH

Saturday, January 8

Mass-10:30 am-WI

Mass-4:00 pm-FC

Sunday, January 9

Mass-8:00 am-BH

Mass-10:00 am-SB

Sunday, January 8-9

Power of One Food Collection at all Masses

Our children on Washington Island celebrated by giving out cards with scripture passages to those passing by. What a beautiful way to spread God's Word!

Online Giving

For Online Giving to our parish, please go to 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.

Website: www.stellamarisparish.com

Epiphany of the Lord-January 2, 2022

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.

Christian Service & Responsibility

What's the thing you do to create and bring beauty to the world around you? Whatever it is, you can use it to change the world. Think, ask and offer. That's all it takes. Think about who might benefit from it, ask around and then offer it. *Colleen Mitchell in Minute Meditation*

THANK YOU- to all those who donated games and toys to our recent Toys for Kids collection. Many Door County children had a merrier Christmas thanks to your generosity.

WHERE DO YOUR DONATIONS GO?

\$1,000 given to **Door County Secret Santa** enables many northern Door families to be given a gift of warmth in the form of wood, propane, oil and electric during the Christmas season.

We Are HOPE, Inc. helps Door County residents with their heat and electric costs, they assist job seekers with job searches, work readiness, job skill building and employment retention and they partner with employers to obtain and maintain a well-trained and qualified workforce. Our gift of \$500 helped We Are HOPE, Inc to provide help and hope to many local residents in need of a helping hand.

\$500 was given to **HELP of Door County, Inc.** which provides a 24-hour domestic violence crisis intervention services.

\$500 given to the **Sunshine House** will help them to continue providing services for county residents with special needs and disabilities. Each individual who participates at Sunshine House has a unique program designed to meet each individual's requirements such as developmental disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, early-onset Alzheimer's disease, stroke, brain trauma and other neurological disorders.

DONATIONS ALWAYS APPRECIATED-Place a check in the collection basket, noting "for CSR" in the memo. Or to give electronically, go to the website to make a separate donation to "CSR".

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!

More Christmas Flowers in Memory of:

Dorothy, Roy Geier, Donna Mohrlein, Elenor Voight, Adriane Sherwin



Faith Formation

New Year Blessings! As I reflected on what to write for this article, I came across the poster above. The word joy really resonated with me. What is joy? Many might say it is being happy. Yet that does not reflect the real meaning of joy. Happiness is good and can come and go depending on how our expectations or wants are met. It is based on outward circumstances. Joy comes from an inward peace and contentment. It is a spiritual experience through caring for others, gratitude and thankfulness. It comes from building a relationship with our God. It comes from growing as a disciple of Jesus.

Just as with our relationships here in this world, our relationship with God takes time, effort and communication. We find God in prayer. The Faith Formation Team will be providing opportunities this year to learn and share prayer opportunities. We will form a small group for *Meeting Christ in Prayer* which will use various prayer methods to help in our prayer life. You may want to read a great book by James Martin, SJ, *Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone*. Watch this space for more ideas.


Another way to grow closer to our God is listening to others or sharing our faith. This winter we are offering guest speakers to talk on issues of interest. On Monday, January 17 at 6:30 pm we are offering a Zoom presentation entitled *Anxious No More*. It is not God's will that we are to suffer from perpetual anxiety. This online presentation will offer four spiritual steps for keeping anxiety at bay. If you would like to join us please check our Stella Maris parish website for the link or send your name, phone number and email to smpzoom21@gmail.com for the free Zoom link. In March we will offer another zoom talk entitled *What the Heck is Going On Out there?* Watch this space for more information. Finally we will end our winter presentations in March during the first week of Lent with a live presentation here at Stella Maris with Mother Mary Catherine. She brings peaceful prayer and stories to parishes. She is the founder of Missionaries of the Word and worked with Saint Mother Teresa, learning to do small things with great love. Please save the date, March 8 at 1:30 pm. Stay tuned for more information.

Parish Life & Upcoming Events

JANUARY FOOD ITEM being collected is *canned fruit* 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.

STURGEON BAY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE—will be at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Sturgeon Bay on Monday, **January 3rd** from 12 noon to 6 pm and on Tuesday, **January 4th** from 9 am to 3 pm. Appointments preferred. Call 1-(800) 733-2767.

BOOK CLUB will meet at 10 am on Monday, **January 10** at our Sister Bay site either in person or via Zoom. We will discuss “Sacred Fire: *A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity*” by *Ron Rolheiser*. Rolheiser explains, when we embrace the struggle and yearning to know God we can experience a profound re-understanding of how to live our lives.

 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** meeting has been moved to Tuesday, **January 11** at 7:30 pm. We will be having a guest speaker. Please plan on attending.

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 for more information.

RESPECT LIFE—The Church teaches us that “by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man.”[1] God desired to dwell among us, as one of us, in order to bring us salvation. This truth “reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God... but also the incomparable value of every human person.”[2]—[1] Pope Paul VI, *Gaudium et spes: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1965), 22.—[2] Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 2.

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 **(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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Worship Column

First Saturdays Devotion

Once a month, you may have noticed in the front-page bulletin schedule that there is a “1st Saturday Mass” at 8:00 am in Baileys Harbor. It is usually preceded with prayer of the Rosary and then after Mass, confessions are offered. You may have wondered what this is about.

Beginning in 1915, Our Lady Mary started appearing to three young children at Fatima, Portugal. In an apparition in July 1917, Our Lady had indicated that she would request a devotion involving the First Saturdays of the months. This request was made on December 10, 1925, when Lucia, one of the three children, was a novice among the Dorothean Sisters. On that day, Sr. Lucia experienced an apparition of the Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus, in which Mary said:

“All those who during five months, on the first Saturday, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say a rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary for the intention of making reparation to me, I promise to assist them at the hour of death, with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls” (*Documents on Fatima & the Memoirs of Sister Lucia*, 279-280).

Hence, the Five First Saturdays Devotion:

1. Go to confession (within 8 days before or after reception of Communion)
2. Receive Holy Communion (within 24 hrs of 1st Saturday)
3. Say five decades of the rosary
4. Keep Mary company for fifteen minutes meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary

Consider participating in this devotion offered at Stella Maris guided by our patron Mary. What a blessing she has offered us to be there at the hour of death with special graces if we just take some time to pray with her for five consecutive Saturdays.

Source: <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/getting-fatima-right>

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Becky Nash

Liturgies of the Week

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	†Mary Ellen Martin
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

Monday, January 3

Fish Creek-8:00 am	Liturgy of the Word w/Comm.
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Tuesday, January 4-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Jacksonport-8:00 am-TF	Better Health for Betty Gagnon
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Wednesday, January 5-St. John Neumann, Bishop

Egg Harbor-8:00 am-TF	†Paul Muckerman
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Thursday, January 6

Sister Bay-8:00 am-TF	†Shirley Ruby
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Friday, January 7

Baileys Harbor-8:00 am-TF	†Marilynne Kowalski
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Saturday, January 8-Baptism of the Lord

Washington Island-10:30 am-TF	†LeRoy & Charlotte Kahlscheuer
Fish Creek-4:00 pm-TF	Stella Maris Parish

Sunday, January 9-Baptism of the Lord

Baileys Harbor-8:00 am-TF	†open
Sister Bay-10:00 am-TF	†Dean Shumway

TF=Fr. Thomas Farrell



Readings of the Week

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6: 45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/ Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

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Parish Membership
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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.

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-

day's from 8:30 to 9:30 am in Baileys Harbor May through November 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.

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.

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

Q: Is there a minimum amount a person has to give to this endowment fund?

A: No! All contributions...large and small...help grow the fund (the principal) and get it closer to the goal of \$4 Million. At that point, the annual interest will fully cover the costs of Worship, Liturgy and Music. Until that time, when the fund reaches the \$2 Million level, the parish will then choose to use the available income to help with the expenses of Worship, Liturgy and Music.

Information about the Endowment can be found in brochures at the churches or on the parish website.

Offertory Contributions-Dec 18-19, 2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Stewardship		
Envelopes	\$10,740.00	\$ 7,000.00
ACH	\$ 8,312.00	\$ 8,300.00
WeShare	\$ 267.00	\$ 2,000.00
Offertory	\$ 4,047.00	\$ 1,500.00
Totals	\$23,366.00	\$18,800.00

2021/22	Actual YTD	\$340,793.00
2021/22	Budget YTD	\$334,900.00
2020/21	Actual YTD	\$279,266.00

Total Attendance last week-(Not available by press time)



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