



# STELLA MARIS PARISH

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## Happy New Year!



### Monday, January 10

Liturgy of the Word with Communion-8:00 am-FC  
Book Club-10:00 am-SB

### Tuesday, January 11

Mass -8:00 am-**JP**  
Scripture Class-10:00 am-SB  
Pray the Rosary-12:00 pm-BH  
Staff Meeting-1:30 pm-EH  
Pastoral Council Business Meeting-3:30 pm-SB  
Knights of Columbus Meeting-7:30 pm-BH

### Wednesday, January 12

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 13

Mass-8:00 am-**SB**  
Men's Bible Reflection-9:00 am-SB  
Council of Catholic Women Meeting-1:00 pm-SB

### Friday, January 14

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

### Saturday, January 15

Mass-10:30 am-**WI**  
Mass-4:00 pm-**FC**

### Sunday, January 16

Mass-8:00 am-**BH**  
Mass-10:00 am-**SB**

Our Prayer Shawl ladies celebrated with a Christmas luncheon at the White Gull Inn in Fish Creek in December.

(A prayer shawl is made while praying for whomever may receive it. Every stitch is wrapped in prayer. It provides comfort and security through difficult times.)



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.*

Website: [www.stellamarisparish.com](http://www.stellamarisparish.com)

Baptism of the Lord-January 9, 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.

## Faith Formation

### Be Happy!



The other day I heard someone say, "You can't wait until life isn't hard any more to be happy." I was moved by this and thought about the people I have known who chose happiness even during tough hardships. A close friend lost her son to cancer at the age of six and went on to become a nurse bringing joy, healing and happiness to others and herself. A student who later in life suffered from alcoholism, got help and now positively counsels others while learning the joy of true happiness. Another person of faith experienced seven years of waiting for a fair conclusion to a horrible accusation which was finally favorably ruled by the WI Supreme Court. All persevered feeling the blessings of the happy moments God had given them in spite of those hardships. Most of us have experienced some form of difficulty/tragedy, but through it all our faith endures. God is always with us and we do feel His love even in the toughest of times.

You may be asking how does one feel happiness in times of trouble? The answer lies in the happiness in feeling God's presence and hearing His Word. When we center ourselves through being quiet in God's presence within us, we look at life with different eyes, putting things into a balanced perspective. Also, in prayer and praising God: God, I thank you for the times this day we have been together and worked together. God, I ask that you draw me ever closer to you this day and tomorrow. God, you are the God of my life~thank you.

Of a worldwide population of 7.5 billion, 80% identify with a religion. Christianity, 2.1 billion people, is the most practiced religion. People of faith report that they're happier. In closing, a quote from an unknown author, "Life can be full of unexpected things, either happy or sad, but no matter what things may happen just always keep a loving heart, a wise mind and a strong faith in God who will always stay with us through all the journey of our life."

~Peace and Prayers, Linda Cummer, Faith Formation Coordinator

## Cleaner Air at All Worship Sites

We have just completed the installation of *iWave-R* self-cleaning needlepoint bipolar ionization generators in all of the furnaces, in all of our worship sites. These units work to clean the air supply. As the air flows past the *iWave* unit, positive and negative ions actively clean the air supply, reducing bacteria, viruses (including SARS-Cov-2 [Covid-19]\*), smoke, odors, as well as other particles. These units work continuously while the heating or air conditioning units are operating. The improved indoor air quality will make our worship sites safer for gatherings.

(\*Tests were run for Nu-Calgon, [www.nucalgon.com](http://www.nucalgon.com))

## Snow Shoveling

We could use a few students to help with snow shoveling at our Baileys Harbor and Sister Bay sites. This would be a good way for any high school students that need to have service hours for Confirmation or high school graduation to fulfill that need. Please call Deacon Tony at the church office if you are interested. If he is not in, please leave a message and he will get back to you.



## Holy Mass Live Streamed from Baileys Harbor

Continuing in the new year, Stella Maris Parish will live streaming 8:00 am Mass on Sunday morning on the parish Facebook page. For those who are not able to attend Mass because of illness or physical challenges, we want to be present to you. We know that the reach of our parish goes far beyond northern Door County and we want to give those with whom we have a connection another way to stay in touch with us. Live streaming will also help in times of inclement weather.

To join us for Mass online, go to <https://www.facebook.com/stellamarisparishdc>. Live streaming will also be available for weddings, funerals and other special liturgical events. For more details, or to volunteer to help us with live streaming, please contact Deacon Tony at [busmgrsmdc@gmail.com](mailto:busmgrsmdc@gmail.com) or by calling the parish Office at (920) 868-3241.

## Baptismal Bib

**Question:** At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

**Answer:** When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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## 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.

**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.

**KEEPING ANXIETY AT BAY:** 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. Please plan to join us via Zoom. Please email your name, phone number and email to [smpzoom21@gmail.com](mailto:smpzoom21@gmail.com) for the free Zoom link. Questions, call Sharon Brabson at (920)495-5314.

**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**—“When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.”—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities—“How to Build a Culture of Life” ([respectlife.org/culture-of-life](http://respectlife.org/culture-of-life))

### 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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## Worship Column

### The Baptism of the Lord

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

#### Who is Jesus Christ?

It is a question people asked as they witnessed him preach, heal the sick and work other wonders. It is a question people have asked through the centuries as they studied the gospels and tried to pattern their lives on his example of self-giving love. If we are to be his followers and pass on the good news to the next generation of believers, it is a question we must constantly ask ourselves.

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord and in particular, the beautiful reading from the gospel of Saint Luke teaches us that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God.

First, Jesus is the Messiah. The words "Messiah" and "Christ" both mean "Anointed One." Throughout their history, the people of Israel have awaited the one anointed by God to lead them to freedom. This anointing meant that the Messiah would save them not by his own power, but by the power of God.

At his baptism, the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the form of a dove. The Heavenly Father was anointing Jesus with power to preach the good news, to give sight to the blind and to bring freedom to captives. Jesus received this anointing to make it clear that he is the Messiah.

What does that mean for us today? It means that we have no other Savior than Jesus Christ. If we are to find true and lasting freedom, it is only through him. If we are to experience true and lasting justice and peace it can only be through Jesus Christ. As Saint Peter declares on Pentecost Day in the Acts of the Apostles, "No other name is given to us in heaven or on earth by which we are to be saved." This means that in everything we do, whether as individuals, as a Church or as a nation, we must look to Jesus if we are to find the justice, truth, freedom and peace our hearts yearn for.

Secondly, Jesus is the Son of God. After the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus, God's voice from heaven is heard, "You are my beloved Son."

When we call Jesus, "Son of God", we are not saying that he is like God, or that he is very close to God. Rather, we are saying that Jesus IS God. As we say in the Creed, he is God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God. Whatever we can say about God, we can say about Jesus. He is eternal. There has never been a time when he has not existed. He is All-Powerful. There is nothing he cannot do. And he is All-Knowing. He knows the future and knows our hearts. There is no limit to his power.

For this reason, we do not only revere Jesus as a great man, but we worship him as our God. We bow our heads when we hear his name. We kneel when he appears before us in the Eucharist. We pray to him, entrust our needs to him and praise him. Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God. We look to him to save us and we worship him as Almighty God. Just as John the Baptist pointed to him, so we must point him out to others as the only Savior of the World. Just as John the Baptist led others to him, we are to lead our family and friends to recognize him as the Messiah our hearts long for. Just as God from heaven declared that he is the beloved Son, so we are to declare to others that Jesus is the God we should follow and obey.

*Douglas Sousa*

## Liturgies of the Week

### Saturday, January 8-Baptism of the Lord

Washington Island-10:30 am-TF †LeRoy & Charlotte Kahlscheuer  
Stella Maris Parish

Fish Creek-4:00 pm-TF

### Sunday, January 9-Baptism of the Lord

Baileys Harbor-8:00 am-TF

Sister Bay-10:00 am-TF

### Monday, January 10

Fish Creek-8:00 am

### Tuesday, January 11

Jacksonport-8:00 am-TF

### Wednesday, January 12

Egg Harbor-8:00 am-TF

### Thursday, January 13

Sister Bay-8:00 am-TF

### Friday, January 14

Baileys Harbor-8:00 am-TF

### Saturday, January 15-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Washington Island-10:30 am-AB

Fish Creek-4:00 pm-TF

### Sunday, January 16-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baileys Harbor-8:00 am-TF

Sister Bay-10:00 am-TF

†Herbert & Moran Families  
†Dean Shumway

Liturgy of the Word w/Comm.

†Michael Trantow Family

†Myrle & Marie Smith

Stella Maris Parish

†Mary Ellen Martin

†Barbara & Bob Johnsted

†Michael & Patricia Burke

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†Jacob Maneage

TF=Fr. Thomas Farrell, AB=Fr. Anthony Birdsall



## Readings of the Week

- 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
- Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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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 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.

**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-

**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

Above and Beyond

No, we're not talking about outer space or science fiction! The "Star of the Sea" Endowment fund will provide resources *above and beyond weekly contributions* to permanently underwrite the costs associated with the parish's Worship, Liturgy and Music. Only the income earned on the fund will be used for this purpose. Thus, Stella Maris Parish will be able to serve current parishioners and visitors as well as future generations for many years to come!

Information about making a contribution can be found in brochures at the churches, on the parish website, or by talking with one of the Endowment committee members.

**Offertory Contributions-Dec 18-19, 2021**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Stewardship</b>		
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$23,366.00</b>	<b>\$18,800.00</b>

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

**Total Attendance last week-422**