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## FEBRUARY

**Monday, February 21**

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

**Tuesday, February 22**

Mass-8:00 am-JP

Scripture Class-10:00 am-SB

Pray the Rosary-12:00 pm-BH

**Wednesday, February 23**

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, February 24**

Mass-8:00 am-SB

Men's Bible Reflection-9:00 am-SB

Respect Life Committee (Zoom)-10:00 am

**Friday, February 25**

Mass followed by Confessions-8:00 am-BH

**Saturday, February 26**

Mass-10:30 am-WI

Mass-4:00 pm-FC

**Sunday, February 27**

Mass-8:00 am-BH

Mass-10:00 am-SB

**He says to the snow,  
"Fall to the earth";  
likewise to his heavy, drenching rain.**

—Job 37:6

### Bishop's Appeal

Stella Maris Parish Assessment	\$55,919
Received to date from 12 parishioners	<u>\$15,050</u>
Total needed to meet assessment	\$40,869

**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)**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time-February 20, 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 10:30 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 Sunday 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.
- Ionization generators have been installed on all of our furnaces.

## Faith Formation



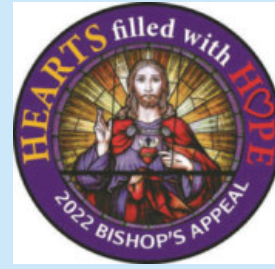
Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is observed on March 2 this year. We are happy to invite you to join to hear our guest speaker, Mother Mary Catherine on March 8 at 1:30 pm at Stella Maris in Bailey Harbor. She is the founder of Missionaries of the Word and worked with Saint Mother Teresa, learning to do small things with great love. Many of you have had

the opportunity to hear Mother speak and know what an interesting and inspiring speaker she is. The title of her talk is *“Learning to have Confidence in God in the Midst of Life’s Trials”*. Please plan to join us on Tuesday, March 8 at 1:30 pm in Baileys Harbor. A reception in the hall at Baileys Harbor will follow.

Lent will also bring opportunities for small groups to gather for prayer, reflection and discussion. There are three groups forming now in anticipation for Lent. Doug and Dixie VanVorous are leading a group on Sundays at 6:00 pm in their home starting on March 6. Terry McArdle will be leading a group at our Baileys Harbor site on Thursdays, time to be determined beginning March 3. If you would like to join either of these groups please contact Dixie VanVorous at (920) 421-4277. Terry can be reached at (920) 839-2871. Finally a zoom group is being formed, date and time to be determined. To join by zoom please contact Sharon Brabson at (920) 495-5314 or by email at [brabsonsharon@gmail.com](mailto:brabsonsharon@gmail.com).

As we get ready for the beautiful season of Lent please join us on a zoom presentation entitled *“What the Heck is Going on Out There?”* This presentation will explore the roots of Catholic teaching and how it remains relevant in our modern world. We will examine some of the hot button issues of our time and how our faith can help us navigate these challenges. You will not be sorry to join this one-hour presentation which addresses many questions we hear today. This zoom presentation will start at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 22. You may register through the following email address: [smpzoom21A@gmail.com](mailto:smpzoom21A@gmail.com). Please leave your name and contact information.

## Bishops Appeal



### Does my gift pay the Bishop's salary?

The Bishop's Appeal is an annual campaign that supports the ministries of the diocese. It does not pay for the Bishop's salary. The Appeal does provide support to diocesan ministries which reach out to thousands of people each year. Some of the ministries the Bishop's Appeal supports are Catholic Charities, Catholic Schools, The Compass and the Parish Life Mission Team to name a few. The Bishop's Appeal is a wonderful way to share our faith with people who are interested in learning more or are in need of counseling and other services from Catholic Charities.

### What is the difference between the Bishop's Appeal and the One by One campaign?

The one by One: The One by One campaign will provide support for the future of our Church and the new vision and mission of the Diocese. Bishop's Appeal: The Bishop's Appeal provides essential operating support that ensures the day to day operations of essential Diocesan ministries and programs.

## From Deacon Tony



### Get Used to Different

My wife, Diana and I have been watching “The Chosen,” a new retelling of the story of Jesus, his disciples and Apostles. At one point, as Jesus is challenging his followers to think in new ways, they push back, saying that it is all so different. He tells them, “Get used to different.” That statement applies well to parish mission planning.

Brandon Vogt, in *Return: How to Draw your Child Back to the Church*, cites these the statistics:

- An average of 6.5 people leave the Catholic Church for every one that joins.
- Fifty percent of young people who were raised Catholic are no longer Catholic today.

As a parish, we need to do something different. If we always do what we have always done, we will continue to get what we have been getting – smaller and smaller until we are no longer a force in our mission field (parish boundaries.)

The Parish Mission Plan that has been in development for several months now will provide our parish with the “something different” that we need. The Leadership Team from our parish mission planning process is currently collaborating with the Pastoral Council to launch the first priority of our parish mission plan – discipleship formation. The leaders of our many ministries, the staff and other interested parishioners and friends of the parish will be invited to enter more deeply into a relationship with Jesus. As we share our stories of faith together, we will discover new and different ways to be disciples of Jesus in northern Door County. We will maximize the opportunities that we have to unite people in the love of Jesus, guided by our patron Mary, and welcome all to grow in faith and in our parish life.



## Parish Life & Upcoming Events

**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE ALTAR AND ROSARY SODALITY** would like to thank all who contributed to our Christmas Giving Tree. We were able to present a check for \$350.00 to the Christ Child Society along with two large bags of infant clothing and other essential items and a check to our parish 24/7 food pantry for \$110.00. We appreciate all the support for this project again this year.

**FEBRUARY FOOD ITEM** being collected is *healthy 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.

**RESPECT LIFE**—“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you and his Church desires to walk with you. God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.”—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities—“Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”—[respectlife.org/navigating-infertility](http://respectlife.org/navigating-infertility)

**HAVE A FLARE FOR DECORATING?** Next Sunday the churches will change their environment from Ordinary Time to Lent. There is an opportunity for one or two people at each church to do the decorations for Lent (dried plants, urns, etc.). Please contact Beth Screnock if you are interested at (920) 868-3241 ext. 106 or [worshipsmdc@gmail.com](mailto:worshipsmdc@gmail.com)

**WORLD YOUTH DAY UPDATE**—Fifteen youth parishioners have signed up for the World Youth Day pilgrimage in Lisbon set to

begin in July of 2023. We ask all parishioners for their prayers that this is a successful mission for our youth. Thank you.

**SPRING FORWARD INTO LOVE** will be a memorable weekend experience for married couples to explore feelings and enhance communication skills. Take this opportunity to discover together "how your good marriage can be even better" or discover "new pathways to get your marriage back on track". Join Green Bay Marriage Encounter on **March 12 & 13, 2022** in Green Bay at the Quad-Parish Faith Formation Center for an enriching weekend experience you will treasure for a lifetime. Call (920) 809-3496 or visit [www.gbme.org](http://www.gbme.org) for more information or to register.

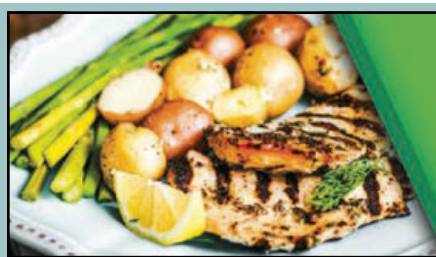
**TAX AIDE FOR 2021 RETURNS:** This no-cost tax preparation service offered through sponsorship by AARP and the IRS is again being offered with the same method as last year due to COVID restrictions. For more information taxpayers who have previously had their 2019 and/or 2020 tax returns prepared through this program may contact Shirley Raasch at (920) 839-2157.

## ALL RISE!

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**PASSION PLAY**—In this, our 15th year, we are blessed to offer you a timeless, inspiring production celebrating the life, death and resurrection of our Lord. Strengthen your Lenten journey April 7th through the 10th at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre in Appleton. This production is appropriate for all ages. For more information and a video sampling of the show please visit our website, [www.newpassionplay.org](http://www.newpassionplay.org). or call the Xavier box office at (920)-733-8840. Open hours are Monday and Wednesday from noon to 3:00 pm.

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## Worship Column

**The Word:** This Sunday's collect is a prayer that "always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out. . .that which is pleasing to you." And God Incarnate gives us a lot to ponder in John 13, asking us to love our enemies, not to judge and condemn and to do good to our "enemies."

**\*The Meditation:** The love of Jesus is modeled on the love of God. It is a human translation of that love - universal, unwavering, relentless. It will always be a challenge for us, an ideal for which we strive. **But we cannot love God and be indifferent to others.** We have to learn how to love those who are not perfect and who may be outcasts. We have to learn how to love those we might feel very naturally repelled by. What Jesus says in the Gospel is that there is no way we can claim to love God without being accountable to loving and serving others, who themselves are unique reflections of the presence of God.

**\*Liturgy into Action:** But let's face it. This is one of the most difficult teachings that we have received from Jesus on the practical living out of our faith. When we examine our own relationships, both with God and with our neighbor, we certainly realize how difficult it is for us to imitate the love of Jesus and put this into practice. Our love is imperfect. It can be colored by fear, by some hidden motive, by selfishness. Often, our love is conditional. We only love those whom we like, or those who earn our love by pleasing us. **Our love is fragile and sensitive.** It withers and dies if we are hurt or misunderstood. Or we simply get tired of giving. We grow weary of preferring others to ourselves.

Is it really possible to forgive our enemies in a world torn by war and terror, religious and ethnic prejudice, economic disparity and exploitation of the weak? We are certainly not expected to overlook these evils, but as St. Paul tells us "**we bear the image of God**" and we are called to forgive and not retaliate. We are called to be merciful, not vengeful. This is real heroism and we are all called to it.

Jesus teaches us to be concerned for the needs of others. He asks that we use God's gifts wisely and well. At the heart of our faith is a spirit leading us to acknowledge that it is God's love and goodness that provides so abundantly for all of our needs. And this should be the springboard to our sharing what we have with our brothers and sisters.

\*Taken from [eCatholicism - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Bearing the Image of God](#)

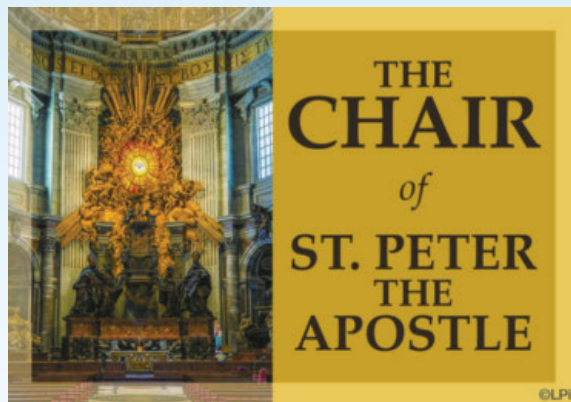
**Prayer:** This Tuesday, Feb. 22, is the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, so we ask for his help: "Dear God, through the intercession of St. Peter, your chosen "Rock" and pillar of your Church, grant us the graces to live out the teachings of your only-begotten son, Jesus Christ. Help us to forgive, to show mercy, to refrain from judging or condemning others and in all respects, live out the "golden rule" to treat others as we would like to be treated. We thank you for the gift of salvation and for calling us to be members of your holy Church. Amen.

**Note:** The parish is once again offering two different reflection booklets for your Lenten prayer time: *Not By Bread Alone* and the *Little Black Books*. These will be available in the main church entrances beginning this weekend. We have a limited supply so please choose just 1 booklet per family! Thank you!

## Liturgies of the Week

<b>Saturday, February 19-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
Washington Island-10:30 am	Liturgy of the Word w/Comm
Fish Creek-4:00 pm-TF	†open
<b>Sunday, February 20-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
Baileys Harbor-8:00 am-TF	†Elizabeth King
Sister Bay-10:00 am-TF	†Mary Myszewski
<b>Monday, February 21</b>	
Fish Creek-8:00 am	Liturgy of the Word w/Comm.
<b>Tuesday, February 22-The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</b>	
Jacksonport-8:00 am-TF	Special Intention
<b>Wednesday, February 23-St. Polycarp, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>	
Egg Harbor-8:00 am-TF	†Patrick Seubert
<b>Thursday, February 24</b>	
Sister Bay-8:00 am-TF	†Evelyn Kula
<b>Friday, February 25</b>	
Baileys Harbor-8:00 am-TF	†Marilynne Kowalski
<b>Saturday, February 26-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
Washington Island-10:30 am-TF	Stella Maris Parish
Fish Creek-4:00 pm-TF	†Eddie Bowles
<b>Sunday, February 27-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
Baileys Harbor-8:00 am-TF	†Lori Harrison
Sister Bay-10:00 am-TF	†Marlene Magno

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## Readings of the Week

<b>Sunday:</b>	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
<b>Monday:</b>	Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50
<b>Friday:</b>	Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12
<b>Saturday:</b>	Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

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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.

**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 1/31/2022**

	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	5	\$ 32,250.00	\$ (15,135.98)	\$ 1,122,877.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>\$ 874,913.75</b>	<b>\$ 247,963.41</b>	<b>\$ 1,122,877.16</b>

**Offertory Contributions-Feb. 12-13, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
<b>Stewardship</b>		
Envelopes	\$ 7,096.00	\$ 5,500.00
ACH	\$ 8,202.00	\$ 8,400.00
WeShare	\$ 1,722.00	\$ 1,400.00
Offertory	\$ 1,222.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$18,242.00</b>	<b>\$16,300.00</b>

2021/22	Actual YTD	\$441,913.00
2021/22	Budget YTD	\$429,100.00
2020/21	Actual YTD	\$377,813.00

**Total Attendance last week-311**