



STELLA MARIS PARISH

OUR LADY "STAR OF THE SEA" TM

Please see new bulletin deadlines for the upcoming weeks on page 2.



Happy Thanksgiving craft made by fifth and sixth graders for their friends at Scandia Village.



**11-10-2019, Confirmation Retreat with 22 Students - Each holding a stone:
Faith – Hope – Love – Peace – Joy - Friendship**

Online Giving

For Online Giving to our parish, please go to www.stellamarisparish.com and visit the "Online Giving" section found near the bottom of the home 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

DECEMBER

Monday, December 2

Morning Prayer-8:00 am-BH
Prayer Shawl Meeting-1:00 pm-SB
Scandia Advent Prayer Group-1:30 pm-SB
AA Meeting-7:00 pm-SB

Tuesday, December 3

Scripture Class-9:00 am-SB
Pray the Rosary-12:00 pm-BH
Flying Solo High Tea-2:00 pm-DC Coffee & Tea-Carlsville
Advent Prayer Group-Andersen's Home-2:00 pm-Ephraim
Advent Prayer Group-Kunstman's Home-6:00 pm-Sister Bay
Advent Prayer Group-Polacek's Home-6:30 pm-Gills Rock
Knights of Columbus-7:30 pm-BH

Wednesday, December 4

Staff Meeting-9:30 am-EH
Adoration-11:30 am-12:00 noon-EH & WI
Advent Prayer Group-Brabson's Home-2:30 pm-Egg Harbor
Youth Faith Formation-Grades 1-8-4:00 pm-5:30 pm-BH
Youth Faith Formation-High School-6:15 pm-7:45 pm-BH

Thursday, December 5

Creation Care Mission Meeting-9:00 am-SB

Friday, December 6

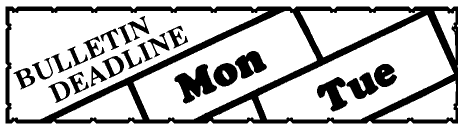
Reconciliation after 8 am Mass-BH

Sunday, December 8

Marian Concert-3:00 pm-BH

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH ^{©LPI}

First Sunday of Advent-December 1, 2019



New Bulletin Deadlines for

Thanksgiving through New Year's

Monday, December 2 **by 9 am** for December 7-8

Monday, Dec 9 **by 9 am** for December 14-15

Friday, December 13 **by 9 am** for December 21-22

Thursday, December 19 **by 9 am** for December 28-29

Thursday, December 26 **by 9 am** for January 4-5

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 (Ch. 2) or our website www.stellamarisparish.com under "Breaking News" (Usually if the schools are closed our events are cancelled.) Please use your own discretion for safety. (Faith Formation students and parents can check the website.)



Snow Pushers Wanted!

Are you interested and physically able to assist the parish this winter? Maintenance leadership is looking to build teams at each site who can assist in clearing walks and entrances of light snow ahead

Faith Formation

Welcome to the First Sunday of Advent. This is such a special season and yet it often gets missed in the hustle and bustle of life at this time of the year. Please take the time to truly prepare for Christmas. Certainly the tree, decorations, presents and celebrations are pulling at us. But Christmas will be even more special if you try taking the time for the following:

Worship Fully because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus
Spend Less and free up resources for things that really matter
Give More presence, helping hands, healing words, humble hearts

Love All the poor, the forgotten, the sick, in ways that make a difference

Advent Awakenings is continuing throughout the parish. It is not too late to join a group. Please call Mark Kunstman at (920) 495-5856 for more information.

All are invited to come to join the discussion or simply listen as the Book Club meets on December 11 at 10:00 am in Sister Bay. In December they will be discussing *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. Ove is a curmudgeon! Some great books are coming up. In January they will be discussing *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. In February they will be discussing *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis. All are welcome.

Have you been to Alpha yet? We will be starting another session in the spring. In the meantime why not join us at one of our Alpha Pot Lucks? Saturday morning, December 11 we will be meeting at Sister Bay from 9:00 am to 11:00 am for breakfast, a film and discussion. Bring a dish to pass (or just come yourself) and learn more about Alpha and enjoy good food, good company and an interesting topic.

Your Faith Formation team wishes you a tranquil and faith filled Advent season.

of scheduled Mass times. For more details, please contact Kevin Revolinski in the office at (920) 868-3241 or managementsmdc@gmail.com.

Wish List for Stella Maris

New Funeral Pall for Sister Bay

Money for Flowers for Christmas

If you can help out with any of these needs, please contact the parish office at (920) 868-3241. Thank you to everyone that has made our previous wishes a reality!

Christ Child Shower of Love Luncheon

The Christ Child Society of Door County would like to invite everyone to the "Shower of Love" for needy infants on **Dec. 4th**, at Corpus Christi Parish with Mass at 8:20 am. A donation of a layette item is gratefully appreciated. Especially needed at this time, are newborn diapers, wipes, blankets, sweaters caps, bibs, booties/socks, pacifiers or rattles. Everyone is then invited to brunch at the Log Den after Mass. Cost is \$15.00. Any questions, please email doorcounty@nationalchristchild.org, or call Kathy at (920) 495-5857. A very heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who has so generously supported the Christ Child Society this year and the children we serve.

Bulletins Online-Action Needed

If you had previously subscribed to receive our parish bulletin online, a recent programming enhancement has created a need for you to return to the parish website and resubscribe. Please see the link found on the Home page on our website under SUBSCRIBE TO OUR BULLETIN to renew your online subscription. Thanks.

Health & Wellness

"Living Healthy is a Prayer"

COPING WITH THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES AS YOU AGE

Losing a spouse, close friend, or family member can be one of the difficult experiences of aging. Everyone copes differently and there is no one right or wrong way to do it. There is no roadmap for coping with grief, but there are some things you can try to help you come to terms with your loss and to find your new normal.

Take care of yourself. Focus on the basics such as eating healthy, getting enough sleep and exercising.

Allow others to help you. Accept people's offers to bring you a meal or run some errands for you.

Talk about your loved one. It's okay to talk about the person you've lost. Reach out to those who are also mourning your loved one's loss. You may find peace and comfort in sharing memories.

Allow yourself to feel your feelings. Whether you feel sad, angry, frustrated, guilty, anxious or exhausted, don't fight it. These feelings are all normal.

Avoid big changes. Wait some time before making any major life changes.

Plan ahead. When you lose a spouse, your daily life changes. It can be overwhelming to figure out how you're going to spend your time. Sit down at the beginning of each week and write a plan with daily activities you could do.

Join a grief support group. It can be comforting to talk with others who are going through a similar experience.

Seek professional help. Meeting with a mental health professional can help you better cope with loss.

(Adapted from WPS Wise & Well, Spring 2018)

Parish Life & Upcoming Events

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-This Sunday, **December 1st** will be the Packer tailgate party at the Sister Bay Bowl. Come for the fun! Doors open at 10:30 am, party starts at noon. Admission is \$10.

DECEMBER FOOD ITEM being collected is *canned fruit and applesauce* for the CARE 24/7 Food Pantry, a ministry of Stella Maris. Donations can be left at all of our sites.

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.--USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"

FLYING SOLO-Join the Flying Solo Society, single, divorced or widowed parishioners who gather for support, camaraderie and fun on Tuesday, **December 3** at 2:00 pm at Door County Coffee & Tea Co. in Carlsville where we will enjoy high tea while discussing plans for next year. Cost is \$18.77 tax and tip included. If you are interested in joining us, please RSVP to Becky Nash by Wednesday, 11/27/19 at pastoralsmdc@gmail.com or (920) 421-3332.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE-Tuesday, **December 10th**, the 8:00 am Mass at Sister Bay will be offered for our deceased friend **Kitty Eagan**. Everyone is invited to join us in prayer and remembering. We will also gather for a Time of Sharing with coffee and confectations in the church hall following Mass.

BOOK CLUB-Winter is a good time to read. Please join us for the next book club meeting on Wednesday, **December 11** at 10:00 am at the Sister Bay site. We will be discussing *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. Martha will lead the discussion. Future reads: Monday, January 13th at 10:00 am-Sister Bay, we will discuss *Every-*

thing I Never Told You by Celeste Ng. Jan will be leading the discussion. Monday, February 10th, 10:00 am-Sister Bay site, we will discuss *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis. Jerry will be leading the discussion.

STELLA MARIS LADIES: Please join us for the CCW "Evergreens, Ever Friends" Christmas lunch and crafts at the Ridges Nature Center on Hwy 57 in Baileys Harbor at noon on Thursday, **December 12th**. Lunch will consist of personal sandwiches from B57 Deli in Baileys Harbor, along with sides, dessert and beverages. Cost is \$12, payable at the door. After lunch, you can make an evergreen item of your choice to take home. Call Beckie at (920) 839-2903 to RSVP and order your personal sandwich by Sunday, December 7th.

MEMORIAL GIFTS-When choosing memorial designations for a loved one, consider including the Stella Maris Parish "Star of the Sea" Endowment as an option.

BELL RINGERS-Volunteer bell ringers are needed for the Salvation Army red kettle campaign. Shifts are two hours in Ellison Bay, Sister Bay, or Baileys Harbor. Sign up at registertoring.com or call Mary at (920)-854-5480. Money raised stays in Door County.

CALLING ALL PRAYER PARTNERS-Your Faith Formation Committee would like to build a data base of our Prayer Partners so we can meet occasionally (maybe twice a year) and share our journeys as to what is working or what books, scripture, or other resources you have found helpful. Please email Sharon Brabson your name and your Prayer Partner's email to brabsonsharon@gmail.com. Also, if you would like more information about becoming a Prayer Partner please email Sharon.

Worship and Music Column

“Let Us Go Rejoicing to the House of the Lord.” Psalm 122

Let us go rejoicing! What a beautiful concept as we prepare for the coming of Jesus. During this dark time of year how do we choose to go rejoicing? How do we find joy and light? Do we wait in hope? Or do we wait in annoyance. Do we wish these months away so we can get to summer? Or do we wait in hope that they will come, but this time is for reflection, renewal and rejoicing?

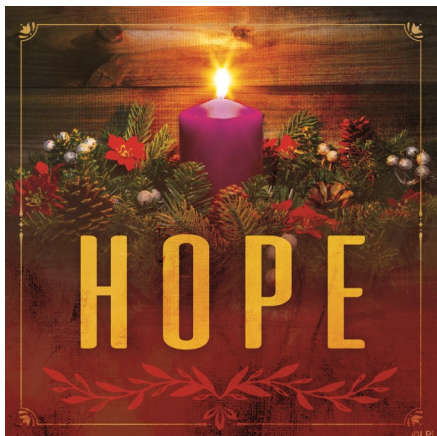
Hope is different than wishing. Wishing is waiting for luck to either happen or not. To have something happen unexpectedly whether we put effort or faith into it or not. Hope is knowing that all will be well because we know Jesus will come at Christmas and we know he will come again. Hope is putting in the legwork while trusting in the Lord's guidance. Hope is not wishful thinking. Hope is not empty.

This first Sunday of Advent we light the first candle of our Advent wreath: Hope. How can we think about and talk about Hope as we light this first candle? In what areas are we particularly hopeful? In what ways are we doubtful or lacking hope? How can we draw closer to Christ during this first week of Advent in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth? Our second reading this weekend states, “Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.” What works of darkness are keeping us from living completely in the light? Are these works or thoughts of darkness shadowing our hearts and minds from the opportunity to draw closer to Christ during these few weeks of Advent? Are we bitter? Angry? Hard-hearted? Cynical? Are we hopeful? Content? Enjoying the season?

As we prepare for the coming of Christ, let us also look inward at our hopefulness. According to Webster's dictionary, hope is “a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.” Are our expectations on the coming of Christ deeper into our hearts? Or are they on more secular things like traditions or how things have been or should be? Or decorations? Or who is coming to dinner? Or what presents to get? These things aren't bad, but if they do not increase our desire to know our Lord Jesus Christ more deeply, they are not of divine hope, but of human wishful thinking.

Happy Advent!

KgW



Liturgies of the Week

Saturday, November 30-First Sunday of Advent

Washington Island 10:30 am-TF Stella Maris Parish
Egg Harbor 4:00 pm-TF †George Browning

Sunday, December 1-First Sunday of Advent

Baileys Harbor 8:00 am-TF †Alvin Smith
Sister Bay 10:00 am-TF †Margie Hass

Monday, December 2

Baileys Harbor 8:00 am Morning Prayer

Tuesday, December 3-St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Sister Bay 8:00 am-TF †Clarice Berns

Wednesday, December 4

Egg Harbor 8:00 am-TF †Sheila Proietti

Thursday, December 5

Sister Bay 8:00 am-TF Thanksgiving for Our Priests & Religious

Friday, December 6

Baileys Harbor 8:00 am-TF †Jerry Wesa

Saturday, December 7-Second Sunday of Advent

Washington Island 10:30 am-TF **open**
Egg Harbor 4:00 pm-TF †Cyril & Helen Vertz & Gabrielle & Ione Biemeret

Sunday, December 8-Second Sunday of Advent

Baileys Harbor 8:00 am-TF †Joseph & Mary Miller
Sister Bay 10:00 am-TF **open**

TF=Fr. Thomas Farrell



Eucharistic Adoration is held weekly 11:30 am-12 noon on Wednesday's at our Egg Harbor site and on the Island at Larry & Diane Kahlscheuer's home.

Readings for the Week of December 1

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9. 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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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.

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 Friday's

after the 8 am Mass 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.

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.

Devotions

MORNING PRAYER: Monday-8:00 am, Baileys Harbor

SCRIPTURE CLASS: Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am at Sister Bay site. Please join us for a closer look and discussion on Jeremiah. Visitors are always welcome.

ROSARY: Tuesday-Noon in Baileys Harbor.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION-Wednesday-11:30 am-12 Noon in Egg Harbor and on WI at Kahlscheuer's home.

RECONCILIATION: Friday's after the 8 am Mass in Baileys Harbor. Questions or appointment request can be submitted by texting Fr. Farrell at (920) 217-8155 or by calling (920) 868-3241

Offertory Contributions -Nov. 15-16, 2019

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Stewardship		
Envelopes	\$ 5,511.00	\$ 5,000.00
ACH	\$ 6,105.00	\$ 5,500.00
WeShare	\$ 573.00	\$ 600.00
Offertory	\$ 1,053.00	\$ 2,000.00
Totals	\$13,242.00	\$13,100.00

2018/19	Actual YTD	\$283,150.00
2018/19	Budget YTD	\$309,800.00
2017/18	Actual YTD	\$288,763.00

Total Attendance last week-

****Numbers for last week were not available by press time.**