



STELLA MARIS PARISH

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Dear Parishioners,

February, 18, 2024

All the priests in the diocese joined Bishop Ricken on a webinar this past Thursday. The bishop addressed several areas to us. **As we prepare for the National Eucharistic Congress, we need to remember the importance of having respect for the Eucharist** especially those who **distribute holy communion**, whether in church or to the home bound and to be sure remaining hosts are returned to the tabernacle. He expressed gratitude to everyone who participated in the diocesan Eucharistic training program.

He also spoke about **the importance of reconciliation**, as it goes **hand in hand with receiving holy communion**, as how **we need to prepare our hearts to receive our lord**. He asked us to remind everyone of the importance of attending Mass every weekend and that it's mandatory. Considering **the Bishop's emphasis on reconciliation, starting the first weekend of Lent**, I will be **offering confession one half hour before all the Masses**. On alternate Saturdays, I usually don't get back from the island until 2:30 but that gives me one hour to get to Fish Creek for 3:30 confessions. So, I want everyone to know at the Saturday and Sunday weekend Masses, I will be in the confessional 30 minutes before Mass and I will continue to do this throughout the year, **apart from Christmas and Easter, as the Masses run longer with the importance of the feast day**. **There will be opportunities throughout those specific weeks**. I will let the visiting priests know that this will be an ongoing practice when they return.

In light of the Eucharistic Congress, I also decided we need to draw attention the Eucharist during the words of the institution over the bread and wine when it actually becomes the body and blood of Christ. Traditionally bells were rung at the consecration. Many parishes continued this practice throughout the years. With the statistics saying that only 30 % of all Catholics actually believe in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist – I feel we need to bring this practice back to this area. It had been the practice of several of the parishes I was assigned to in the past, though not all, but **we need to bring the focus back on the true presence of Our Lord and God**. **I also invite our young people who are interested in serving, to see me or just catch me before mass – as I will now be early for confessions**.

The bishop also asked us to pray the St Michael Prayer after each mass beginning in lent, as he sees the need for St Michaels intercession **with all the unrest in some of our nations communities** and the wars that are happening throughout the world. I want to thank our Religious Ed Coordinator Abigail Ahrens for bringing the Religious Education program to Sundays. I hear many wonderful things that are happening, how more parents are able to participate and how it frees up - everyone's Wednesday night.

Thank you for all you do for your families and for your involvement in the parish.


Fr Thomas J. Farrell

Baileys Harbor - Egg Harbor - Fish Creek - Jacksonport - Sister Bay - Washington Island

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Stella Maris Catholic Church

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

Last Monstrance Blessed by
Pope John Paul II
Easter 2005 Year of the Eucharist

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let Your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come, follow Me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice...

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "Yes" to the Lord Who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

-Pope John Paul II

Join us for Adoration in preparation for the Eucharistic Revival in Indianapolis this summer. Come and pray for vocations and be blessed by being in the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist placed in the last Monstrance ever blessed by Saint John Paul II.



JOIN US FOR PRAYER

*Exposition
Adoration
Benediction*

February 23-29

Friday 23-

Sister Bay 2-4 PM (Stations at 4)

Saturday 24-

Fish Creek 12-3 PM

Sunday 25-

Sister Bay 11:15 AM-12:15 PM

Tuesday 27-

Jacksonport 8:30-9:30 AM

Wednesday 28-

Egg Harbor 8:30-9:30 AM

Thursday 29-

Sister Bay 8:30-9:30 AM

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Knights of Columbus

Lenten Fish Bake Fund Raiser



March 8

March 15

March 22

4:30 pm-6:30 pm

Stella Maris-Sister Bay

Serving baked cod loins, baked potato or potato salad,
Coleslaw, bread and dessert

\$15.00 per person

After the 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross

For Reservations, Text (920) 421-3114

For how many attending and time you would like to eat

Carryout's welcome but please call or text the time of pick-up!

Be Our
Light

and join us for our annual
GALA of GIVING
benefiting St. John Bosco Catholic School

Saturday, March 2, 2024 @ 5pm

Let your generosity shine!

*Come enjoy silent and live auctions, bag raffles,
and a chance to win a \$5,000 Grand Prize!*

**Doors open at 5pm
Dinner served from 5:30pm-7pm**

Dinner features broasted chicken, beef tips, spaghetti,
mashed potatoes, fresh salad, and a breadstick and is
served with milk and coffee. Beer, wine, and soda will
be available via a cash bar.

*Corpus Christi Social Hall
811 W. Juniper St. Sturgeon Bay*

\$50/person

Each ticket includes:

- *Dinner & dessert*
- *Drink ticket*
- *Evening of fun!*

*Please order tickets by February
20th. Attendees must be 21+ only.*

For tickets, please return this slip to the office or to purchase event and/or raffle tickets directly,
call the office at (920) 743-4144 or purchase them from a St. John Bosco student. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

of Event Tickets @ \$50 each: _____

of Raffle Tickets @ 1-\$20, 3-\$50 or 7-\$100: _____

TOTAL: _____