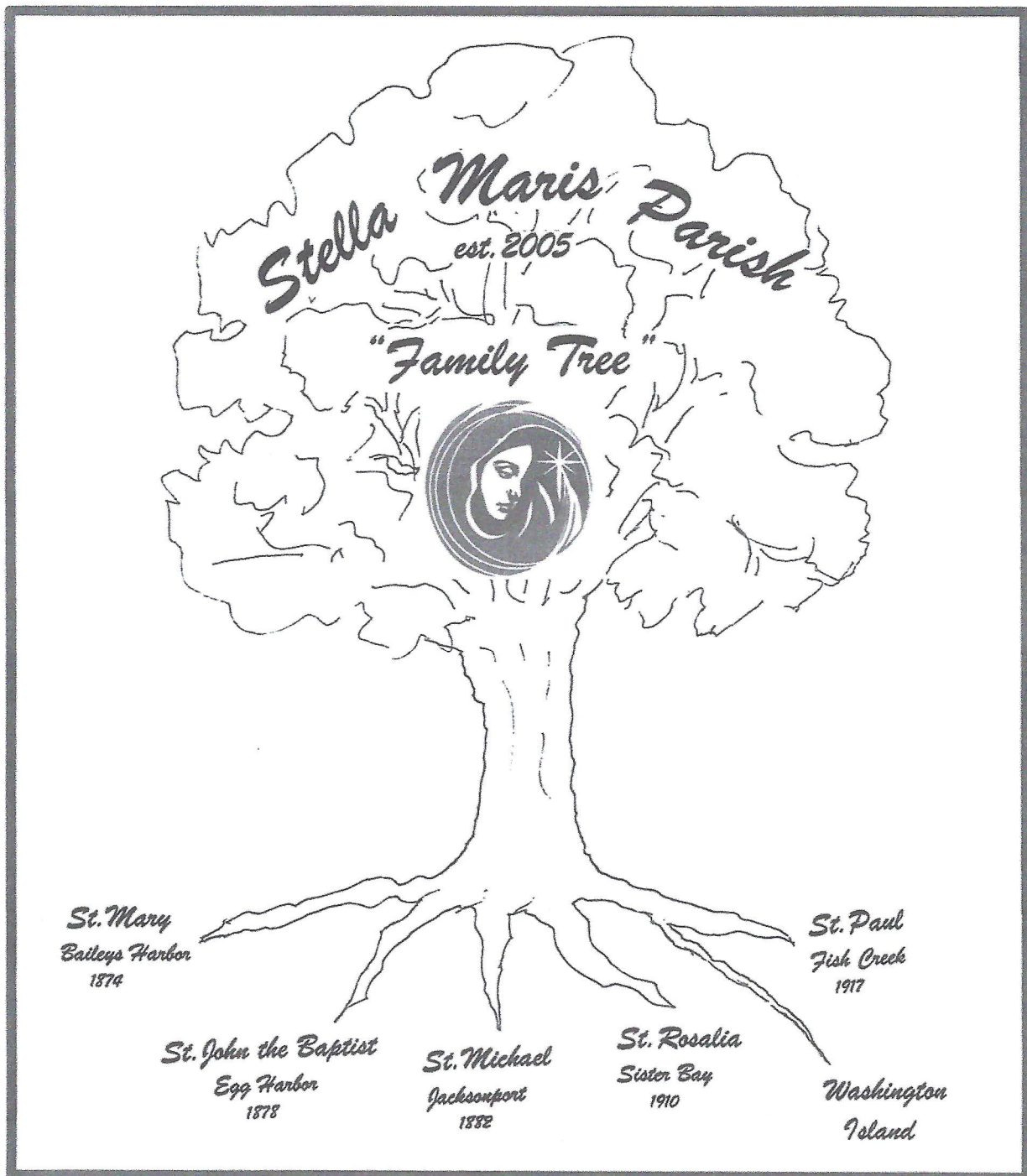
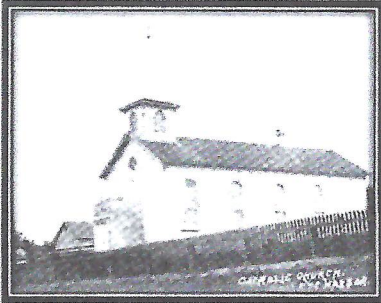


*You are invited to the 20th Year  
Consolidation Celebration of  
Stella Maris Parish  
with Bishop David Ricken  
10 A.M. Mass on September 28th, 2025  
at our Sister Bay site.*



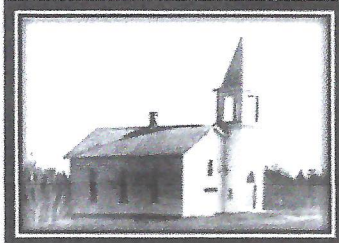
## Stella Maris Parish Roots



In 1874 St. Mary of the Lake in Baileys Harbor became the first Catholic Church built in Northern Door County. This site offered a rich history embraced by Mary's love and guidance. St. Mary is the loving Mother of our Parish. As stated in one of our mission and vision statements: "Stella Maris Parish prayerfully unites people in the love of Jesus guided by our patron, Mary."



St. John the Baptist Church of Egg Harbor began in 1878 when parishioners constructed a log church. St. John is considered our preparer in Baptism. It is not only at St. John the Baptist Church, but at all the Stella Maris sites that each time we worship, we are called to "begin to live a new life with God."

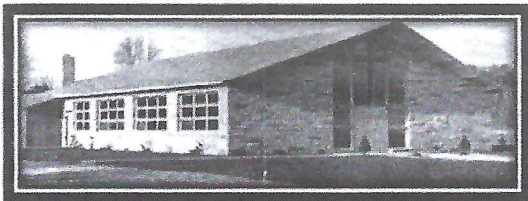


Established in 1882, St. Michael the Archangel Church was built in Jacksonport. St. Michael the Archangel represents a protector of the faithful. The celebration of our Catholic faith has been going on for many years at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Jacksonport. St. Michael the Archangel's feast day is September 29<sup>th</sup>.



In 1910 St. Rosalia Church was erected in Sister Bay. St. Rosalia was a devotional inspirer. She gave up her worldly pleasures to discover the pearl of great price which is a relationship with Jesus Christ.

After almost a century of service, and the growth of the Catholic community, a larger building was needed. In the latter 1980's a new St. Rosalia Church was planned to accommodate 500 persons.



In 1917 St. Paul the Apostle Church services first took place in a diocese purchased Gibraltar Schoolhouse. The formal dedication of the newly constructed church took place on August 20, 1961. Reading about St. Paul one cannot help but envision an active traveling man spreading the Good News wherever he went.

In the Bible it is noted that Saint Paul's message spread throughout the land reaching the hearts of thousands. So, it is fitting that St. Paul's Church in Fish Creek was established to spread the Good News to hundreds of travelers to Door County every year.



The Washington Island Catholic Community has a documented history since the mid-1800's. There is no Catholic church building on Washington Island, but this did not stop the fifty plus parishioners from finding a house of worship. Their Lutheran friends welcomed them to worship at their church. The Mass must be celebrated.

**Stella Maris Parish six sites** know that the greatest sacrifice we can experience is through the Mass. In the Eucharist we become strengthened. 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 parish life.





RSVP

*Stella Maris*  
*20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*  
*September 28, 2025*

KINDLY RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 8

*Family name*

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*Number of people attending*

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☐ ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE

☐ DECLINES WITH REGRETS

*Please deposit in one of the collection boxes located at all church sites.*