

## Minutes: Christian Service and Responsibility meeting November 18, 2025

### Baileys Harbor

**Witness Christ's message of love and compassion through:**

- 1. Financial and material support for those in need, locally and throughout the world.**
- 2. Engage, motivate, educate and facilitate as parish members work in acts of charity and social justice.**

*In Attendance: Becky Nash, Tom O'Grady, Jeanne Rabel, Kristy Nelson, Jan Liss, Pat Glen  
Guests: Larry LePorte, Stella Maris Business Administrator and new parishioner, Becky Eith*

*Jan Liss opened with the CSR mission statement. Jan then introduced Becky Eith who is a new parishioner and interested in exploring volunteer opportunities. Larry Le Porte then informed the committee of the recent External Donation Protocol approved by the Diocese and Father Tom Farrell. This policy states that all external donations must be approved by Father Tom and Stella Maris Trustees. Receiving organizations must be recommended by a committee member free of conflict of interest, must have 501c (3) status and must operate in keeping with Catholic teaching. Larry distributed the protocol documents along with Agreement of Policy forms signed by attending members. Larry also shared that staff members had responded very positively to additional responsibilities made necessary by budget cuts. Volunteer numbers are also up.*

### **Updates:**

*24/7 Food Pantry- Jan: As of 11/1/25 donations are \$6,647 , a very large increase. . Expenses were \$1,106. The current balance is \$13,182.00 Food donations have also increased and volunteer numbers adequate.*

*CSR: - Jan: Kristy Nelson reported that the Box Of Joy donations have been sent. Donations were down this year, only 48 boxes were filled. Kristy is exploring new ideas with themes for next year. One possibility is to enlist the help of Faith Formation members in getting the items separated and organized. There is a shipping charge of \$200 to be paid.*

*Loaves and Fishes - Pat: Stella Maris has assumed a support role of this community program. Attendance is still up from last spring, remaining at 45 – 50 plus those who volunteer. The number of meals being prepared is still at about 60. Volunteer levels are sufficient. It has been determined that there are enough volunteers to keep the program active through this winter. There will be music to entertain at the Christmas meal.*

*Respect Life - Jan / Report via text from Beckie: Shirley Raasch will continue with a Respect Life article for the bulletin each month. They are hoping to work with Knights of Columbus on Pro-Life projects and are seeking new members so that more can be done.*

*St. Vincent DePaul - -Jan: Elaine Mulligan reported via email that The fall Walk for the Poor on September 13<sup>th</sup>. and fund raising campaign raised \$38,000. This is about \$ 15,000 more than last year. In addition a donation was made by a Stella Maris Parishioner to be used for a young mother whose husband died unexpectedly. Vincentians have visited with her with offers of assistance. There were 22 calls made since the last Living Justice meeting in September.*

*Pastoral Council - Jan: The POP UP Choir had a good turn out and was able to sing at all church locations. A joint meeting of The Pastoral Council and Finance Council will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*Faith Formation - Jan: The group will be meeting each month following 8:00 Mass at the Baileys Harbor site. older students and adults are invited. Meeting dates will be announced in the bulletin*

*Jail Ministry – Jan: There were no sign ups for the 3 weekly visits offered. More volunteers could be helpful.*

*New member outreach – Jan : The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Stella Maris as a single parish was held at the Sister Bay site on September 28<sup>th</sup>. with Bishop Ricken in attendance.*

*The Open House for the newly completed Gloria Dei Motherhouse and home for The Missionary Sisters of The Word order in Egg Harbor was held October 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

***Budget Report/Allocations – Jan:*** *Dave Callsen who provides the CSR Budget and Cash Flow report was unable to attend this meeting. The reports have been completed but were not available at this meeting.*

***Allocations – Jan:*** *The amount appropriated for CSR to work with this fiscal year has been increased from the \$3,000 reported in May to \$10,000. The committee discussed the amount to be donated to charities and arrived at the amount of \$8,000.00 with \$2,000 to be held back for now. Of that sum, \$200 will be used to pay the Box of Joy Shipping fee. The committee discussed the list recipient list of charities and selected the following as noted below. Donation amount will be \$1,000 each. Other donations will be considered later in the year. Individual committee members will begin reaching out for confirmation of 501c (3) status prior to submitting the request per the new External Donation Protocol.*

***Northern Door Children's Center (restricted to funding scholarships) , Salvation Army...Red Kettle Fund, Habitat for Humanity, Jak's Place, Secret Santa Fund, and We Are Hope.***

***New Business:*** *It was discussed and decision was made to change the CSR meeting time to 2:00 during the dark winter months.*

*The next meeting will be 2:00 Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. 2026 at Sister Bay.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Glen*