



STELLA MARIS PARISH

OUR LADY “STAR OF THE SEA” TM

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Our Mission Statement

Stella Maris Catholic Parish prayerfully unites people in the love of Jesus guided by our patron, Mary.

Our 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.

Our Values

Welcoming and Hospitality Breaking the Silence

Spreading the Joy

Prayer Allowing the Holy Spirit to Work Through Us

A Disciple's Prayer

Oh, Good Shepherd, Jesus
Help me to imitate You
And reflect your image to others
Especially those whom I guide and serve.

Help me to think with your mind,
To see and gaze with your eyes.
To hear with your ears
To speak with the words of your mouth.

Lord Jesus use me to carry forth your mission,
As your servant and disciple,
Help me to carry out this work with your hands,
To be a voice for You in all that I say and do.

Merciful Shepherd, Jesus,
Help me to live in your Person,
To share generously in the carrying of your cross,
So that many others may be saved.
By coming to know and love You
Through my simple faithful witness.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen**

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It seems the 2021, 2022 fiscal year has gone by fast. At the same time, we are off to a great start as we are finally beyond the more serious concerns with covid. The tourists seem to have come back in full force. Our Church sites have been very full over the summer which says a lot about the faith of our parishioners and visitors. People have been very generous to us, and we are - very thankful to everyone for their financial support.

This year we had several changes in parish staff. Thank you, Jim Slomski, Katrina Welborn and Becky Nash, for staying on to help before we could replace you. Laura Paider, our new bookkeeper replaced Jim Slomski. She had been working at the Diocese. Beth Screnock, our new Worship and Music director replaced Katrina Welborn. She is from Milwaukee and Jan Malchow our Pastoral associate who replaced Becky Nash is from Door County and has been so helpful with visiting the homebound. We are so glad to have all of you on board.

Some of our church sites have had a makeover. We have done remodeling at Jacksonport early this spring, replacing the paneling in the front of Church and bringing back into the church the statues of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Joseph. The carpenters and painters have done an amazing job. A special thanks to Les Kiehnau for serving as our project manager. We also purchased statues of St Joseph and Mary for the Egg Harbor site though the generosity of donors. Additional painting is planned in the sanctuary.

This spring the diocese encouraged each of the parishes to take part in an entrust retreat. These are three-day events to help us find ways to become more involved in our faith and our church. Many of us had been part of the experience at St Norbert's Abbey. Then our parish offered a three-day retreat at Sister Bay; another entrust retreat will be offered soon.

The biggest news is the beginning of the "one by One" campaign. This is a \$70,000,000 fund drive started by the diocese for all 156 parishes. The diocese is already over \$58,000,000 toward this goal. Stella Maris saw this as an opportunity to also look for contributions toward our endowment, so we did what one would refer to as stretch goal. We included the endowment so we will not have to follow this campaign with another separate campaign for the endowment. With a goal of \$2,000,000 we are halfway home as of this writing we are now at \$1,140,000. Going forward everything we collect goes towards the endowment, which is already at about \$1,000,000. When it reaches \$2,000,000 we can begin taking distributions of approximately \$80,000 a year to support worship and music in our parish. Thank you to those who began the endowment about five years ago as it will help eliminate many of our financial concerns. We "kicked off" the "one by One" campaign on the weekend of September 17-18. We are now reaching out to everyone in some way - to help support this cause.

Our stewardship committee has been looking for volunteers to help with various ministries in our parish so if you are able to help in any in these roles we will be grateful. I am grateful to be in this parish. Thank you to everyone who made me feel so welcome. God bless you and your family

Sincerely in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Father Tom Farrell

Parish Mission Planning

Our Parish Mission Team has worked hard this past year to establish our Stella Maris goals to develop Missionary Disciples and help all encounter Jesus including our youth, young adults, young families and seniors.

We started by setting priorities for the next three years and then setting goals to carry these out. Below is a summary of where we are going as a parish. We invite all to join us on this journey to discover Jesus, to follow Jesus, to worship Jesus and to share Jesus. No matter where you are on this journey, we hope you will join us and grow in your love for Jesus and others.

Our Priorities and Goals

Parish **prepares people** to be missionary disciples. As disciples we encounter Jesus, follow Jesus, come to love and worship Jesus, and share Jesus with others. As missionary disciples, we focus on bringing people to Jesus and bringing Jesus into the lives of the people with whom we interact.

- Identify and invite twenty leaders in the parish to be formed and trained as missionary disciples. From that point, the initial group would expand to bring in others into missionary discipleship through their respective areas of ministry.
- Those who have been formed as missionary disciples will engage with the various councils, commissions, committees, ministries, and parishioners at large by the end of Q3 2023.

Evangelization -building connections with people through the love of Jesus. We are blessed with great opportunities to make connections with people through the many community that already exist.

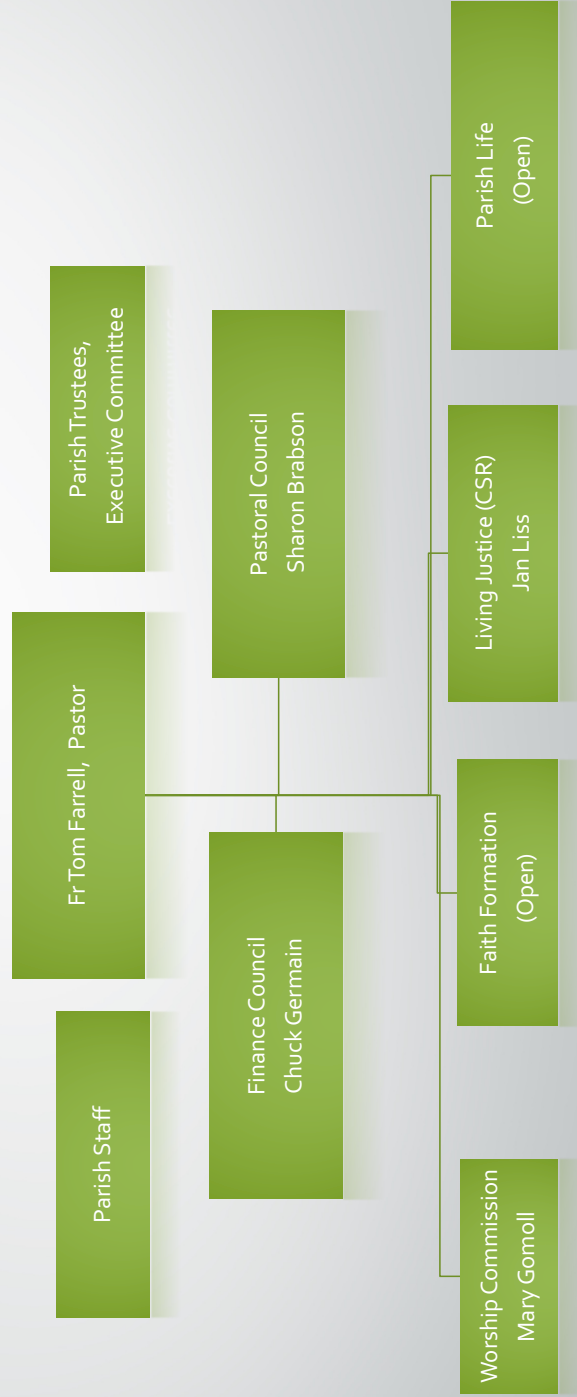
- Increase the overall involvement of parishioners in the ministries of parish by 10% by December 31, 2023
- Those who have been formed as missionary disciples will engage with the various councils, commissions, committees, ministries, and parishioners at large by the end of Q3 2023.
- Bring 10 people who have left the Church or dropped their participation in parish events, ministry, etc. back to active participation by the end of 2022
- Attract 20 visitors to become seasonal members in 2023 and 2024.

Community engagement and impact – visible, viable and welcoming – living the Gospel of Jesus through serving others.

- Ensure that our many service organizations are visible and welcoming to all and that service is seen as the fruit of our faith.
- Build off the SVdP model with and for other parish organizations. If contact is coordinated, they can inform other parish ministries that they may be able to reach out and provide assistance. This will create a welcoming and hospitable model by creating additional connections for people in need.

Stella Maris Parish

FY 2022 Organization Chart



Commissions, Committees and Aligned Groups

Worship Commission	Education Commission	Living Justice Commission	Parish Life Commission
Music Ministry	Adult Faith Formation	Christian Service & Resp. Committee (CSR)	Council of Catholic Women
Sacristans	Youth Faith Formation	Health and Wellness Committee	St Michael Altar Society
	Catechists		St Mary of the Lake Altar & Rosary Sodality
Readers Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Families of Faith-Parent Groups Bible Study Book Club	On Care For Our Common Home Prayer Shawl	Funeral Lunches
Ushers	RCIA	Respect Life	Office Helpers
Linens and Vestment Ministers	Men's Bible Study and Faith Sharing Group	Care 24-7 Food Pantry	Knights of Columbus
Pew and Entry Way Organizers	Evangelization	Saint Vincent de Paul	Christ Child
Art and Environment	Youth Ministry	Loaves and Fishes	

Commissions, Committees and Aligned Groups

Pastoral Council: Sharon Brabson brabsonsharon@gmail.com (920) 495-5314

Finance Council: Chuck Germain chuckgermain@gmail.com (920) 559-9776

Stewardship Committee: Tom Polacek tjpolacek@gmail.com (608) 516-9233

Buildings and Grounds: Jim Charles maintsmdc@gmail.com (920) 828-3241

Cemetery Board: Mike Orthober wildwiztax@gmail.com (920) 743-1827

Worship Commission Liaison: Kathy Wolff kneswolff@gmail.com (920) 839-2367
Includes Music Ministry, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Sacristans

Education Commission Liaison: Jean Krebs jeanmk923@icloud.com (920) 495-5856

Adult Faith Formation: Sharon Brabson brabsonsharon@gmail.com (920) 495-5314
Includes **Missionary Discipleship**

Youth Faith Formation: Linda Cummer cummerlinda@gmail.com (920) 421-2195
Includes **Families of Faith**

Bible Study: Sylvia Kostiuk sylviakostiuk8@gmail.com (920) 868-2821

Men's Bible Study and Faith Sharing Group: Pete Passuntino
peterjpassuntino@msn.com (920) 854-0028

Book Club: Jerry Krebs ijerryk@gmail.com (920) 854-4660

Living Justice Commission: Jeanne Rabel jlabel17@gmail.com (920) 854-6159

Christian Service and Responsibility: Jan Liss janliss@ymail.com (920) 839-2630

Creation Care Mission: Becky Nash pastoralsmdc@gmail.com (920) 421-3332

Prayer Shawl: Dixie VanVorous dixndoor@gmail.com (920) 421-4277

Respect Life: Monica Mutchler m_mutchler@yahoo.com (262) 617-8220

Care 24-7 Food Pantry: Jan Liss janliss@ymail.com (920) 839-2630

St. Vincent de Paul: Greg Berezewski gregberezewski@gmail.com (815) 953-4871

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Council of Catholic Women: Connie Brandt cembrandt@gmail.com (920) 854-6263

Jacksonport Altar Society: Mary Rohr ottorohrl@yahoo.com (920) 493-1863

Baileys Harbor Altar & Rosary: Kriss Schorer kjschorer@hotmail.com (920) 839-2156

Flying Solo: Becky Nash pastoralsmdc@gmail.com (920) 421-3332

Knights of Columbus: Garey Bies garey.bies@gmail.com (920) 854-2811

Trustees

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Treasurer Trustee: Terry McArdle mcardle65@gmail.com (608) 712-5680

Stella Maris Parish
Statement of Revenues and Expenses
Fiscal year Ending June 30

Operating Revenue and Expense:	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>
Revenue:			
1 Parish Support	615,929	605,610	685,815
2 Rental Income	2,243	200	1,000
3 Fees, Stipends, Bulletin, Other	21,838	15,939	45,036
4 Foregiveness of PPP Loan	-	88,000	-
5 Unrestricted Donations	<u>67,906</u>	<u>81,169</u>	<u>105,853</u>
6 Total Operating Revenue	<u>707,916</u>	<u>790,918</u>	<u>837,704</u>
Expenses:			
7 Compensation	391,526	365,736	355,232
8 Payroll Taxes, Health Insurance and Benefits	146,565	153,820	149,058
9 Utilities	35,864	38,115	44,273
10 Bldg. Supplies, Services and Rent	62,547	62,594	54,610
11 Major Projects (Note 1)	100,562	31,060	103,442
12 Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	5,975	3,140	3,371
13 Depreciation of Equipment	3,000	3,000	-
14 Insurance	23,085	23,380	24,125
15 Diocesan Assessments	28,122	28,159	28,999
16 Lit, Religious Ed., Faith Formation	46,860	23,521	44,147
17 Admin & General	37,983	44,629	52,696
18 Committees, Grants and Other	<u>17,727</u>	<u>19,121</u>	<u>16,134</u>
19 Total Operating Expense	<u>899,816</u>	<u>796,275</u>	<u>876,087</u>
20 Operating Income (Deficit)	<u>(191,900)</u>	<u>(5,357)</u>	<u>(38,383)</u>
Other Revenue and Expense:			
21 Investment Income (Loss)	137,575	107,499	14,023
22 Unrealized Investment Income(Loss)	(130,975)	82,407	(126,960)
23 Cemetery Revenue	18,241	38,840	31,685
24 Cemetery Investment Income (Loss)	308	7,298	(4,601)
25 Cemetery Expenses	22,408	19,753	23,731
29 Restricted Contributions	<u>8,290</u>	<u>36,160</u>	<u>6,842</u>
30 Net Revenue (Combined)	<u>(180,869)</u>	<u>247,094</u>	<u>(141,125)</u>

(3) Major projects includes a restoration of Jacksonport church interior and cement work on the exterior. Air Purifiers were added to all locations along with Air Conditioning.
Two statues were added and installed on the wall by the crucifix at Egg Harbor church site.

Stella Maris Parish
Comparative Balance Sheets (as of June 30)

	Assets:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Cash:			
1	Cash On Hand	100	100	99
2	Cash in Bank-Checking	137,262	9,723	33,671
3	Cash in Bank-Money Market Account	72,362	239,204	127,049
4	Cash in Bank-Service Org	16,564	15,991	13,405
5	Cash in Bank-Savings	24,809	22,657	39,197
6	Total Cash	<u>251,097</u>	<u>287,675</u>	<u>213,421</u>
	Investments:			
7	Investments (Cemetery)	155,383	196,253	175,998
8	Investments (General Fund)	697,692	881,671	765,205
9	CDs (General Fund)	25,000	-	-
10	Total Investments	<u>878,075</u>	<u>1,077,924</u>	<u>941,203</u>
11	Total Cash & Investments	<u>1,129,172</u>	<u>1,365,599</u>	<u>1,154,624</u>
	Fixed Assets:			
12	Land & Improvements	237,322	237,322	237,322
13	Bldgs. & Improvements	6,277,736	6,277,736	6,277,736
14	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	554,175	551,175	551,175
15	Total Fixed Assets	<u>7,069,233</u>	<u>7,066,233</u>	<u>7,066,233</u>
	Other Assets			
16	Star of the Sea Endowment (Note 1)	719,454	1,105,763	1,104,346
17	Total Assets	<u>8,917,859</u>	<u>9,537,595</u>	<u>9,325,203</u>
	Liabilities and Fund Balance:			
	Current and Other Liabilities:			
18	Payables	12,612	25,961	2,277
19	Service Organization Funds	15,515	14,916	13,469
20	Funds held for Others	14,989	25,167	8,842
21	Diocesan Collections	-	-	-
22	Deferred Revenue & Support	30,870	54,945	34,217
23	Total Current and Other Liabilities	<u>73,986</u>	<u>120,989</u>	<u>58,805</u>
	Long Term Liabilities:			
24	PPP-Loan	88,000	-	-
25	Perm Restricted Endowment	719,454	1,105,763	1,014,346
26	Perm Restricted Cemetery PC	127,736	167,866	145,676
27	Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>935,190</u>	<u>1,273,629</u>	<u>1,160,022</u>
28	Fund Balance	<u>7,908,683</u>	<u>8,142,977</u>	<u>8,106,376</u>
29	Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>8,917,859</u>	<u>9,537,595</u>	<u>9,325,203</u>

Notes:

(1) The Star of the Sea Endowment is held at the Catholic Foundation, details of FY 2022 transactions are shown on a separate report.

Pastoral Council

Council or Commission Name: Pastoral Council

Commission / Committee Members: Deacon Tony Abts, Sharon Brabson, Pat Gureski, Jean Krebs, Angela Packard, Peter Passuntino, Tom Polacek, Jeanne Rabel, Kathy Wolff

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose): The Pastoral Council exercises shared responsibility for the pastoral life of the parish under the leadership of the pastor. Responsibilities include researching the needs, ideas, hopes of the parish community, helping all to live our values in support of our mission and plan for the parish's future. The council works to create a culture of prayer, teamwork and fellowship to work toward our goals to create a vibrant, active parish inviting to all.

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2022:

Stayed connected with each Council member and parish through zoom meetings and email reports, finally resuming in-person meetings.

- Recruited three new Council members.
- Worked closely with the Mission Planning Team to plan implementation of goals and parish priorities for Missionary Discipleship
- Continued to communicate with all commissions and committees through liaisons to share goals and remove roadblocks.
- Participated in a joint Council meeting to ensure our budget supports the mission and vision of the parish.
- Encouraged members to participate in Entrust Training. Six members have completed the three day workshop.

Plans for Fiscal FY23

- Complete and deliver the FY22 Annual Report
- Recruit new Council members

- Continue the work of the Parish Mission Planning Team to carry out the vision for our parish to develop missionary disciples
- Live and promote our parish values to support our mission and vision

Our Story: This past year was a transition as the Council worked with the Mission planning Team to provide input and understand the priorities and focus of our Mission Planning. We felt we had a good foundation with our Mission, Vision and Values. Our goals now are to take the next step and help us to bring the Good News to our Parish and beyond. Six of us have participated in Entrust Training and our focus now will be on how to help Stella Maris live our values.

Finance Council

Council or Commission Name: Finance Council

Commission / Committee Members: Chuck Germain (Chair), Garey Bies, Terry McArdle (Trustee), Doug Wheaton, Rick Ripley

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose): The Finance Council advises the pastor in financial matters relative to the parish and assists him in the wise stewardship of the material gifts entrusted by God to the parish in support of the mission of the parish and the broader Church. The Council is governed by policies and procedures of the Church as well as by civil law. Basic responsibilities of the Finance Council include overseeing the accounting system for the parish, maintaining financial records, review of financial reports, establishment and maintenance of internal controls, management of funds collected, monitoring of investments, property management and the planning, preparation and reporting of the parish budget.

The Finance Council oversees 1) the maintenance of and improvements to the parish's facilities through a Building and Grounds Committee 2) the operation of the parish's cemeteries through a separate Cemetery Committee and 3) the stewardship activities of the parish through the Stewardship Committee.

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2022:

- Worked with parish leadership to assure the safety of parishioners and visitors engaging in parish activities during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Increased weekly collections to \$681,000 with offertory collections up \$65,000 from FY21 . Offertory collections remain \$38,000 below FY19, however attendance continues to increase with the average weekly attendance exceeding 1,000 since Memorial Day.
- Continued maintenance of all parish facilities , enhancing the liturgical experience of parishioners and visitors with upgrades in Jacksonport and Egg Harbor. Developed a long range facility maintenance plan for each of the five facilities.

Goals for next year:

- Team with parish leadership to develop an aggressive one on One campaign which will support the requirements of the diocese, provide for the needed facility capital improvements and allow the endowment fund to reach a \$2,000,000 threshold goal.
- Work with the Pastoral Council to support the return to in-person worship.
- Work with the Pastoral Council to promote the Parish within the broader Door County community including the continued funding of CSR activities.

Our Story:

Our capital improvement programs continued to be limited in FY22 as we attempted to operate with a balanced budget. We are completing the Jacksonport improvements, returning to the historical appearance of the interior. We have scheduled maintenance plans for each of our sites in FY23. We will continue to emphasize projects that address safety concerns (Baileys Harbor retaining wall, Sister Bay and Fish Creek sidewalks and Egg Harbor church entrance steps) while also improving the liturgical experience for parishioners and visitors.

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Adult Faith Formation

Commission or Committee Name: Adult Faith Formation Committee

Commission / Committee Members: Sharon Brabson, Tony Gischia, Lee LeVoy, Jan Liss, Rhonda Trebotich

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose): Our role is to provide a variety of opportunities to help adults grow in their relationship with Jesus as His disciples and to experience His loving presence in our lives. We partner with the Parish to make missionary disciples through keeping our vision and values alive and helping to implement Entrust training. Programs are offered in the day as well as evening. Days of Reflection, Small Groups, Scripture Studies and Book Club are just a few of the ongoing invitations for all parishioners.

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2022:

- Eighteen women came together for a Morning of Reflection on Prayer. Received positive feedback and agreed to develop another morning in the spring. Planned and coordinated a second day in the spring based on Women in the Old Testament, focused on Ruth and Naomi. This was also well attended.
- Small Groups play an important role in Faith Sharing and building relationships. Three groups met during Advent and wanted to continue in Lent. The groups expanded in Lent with over 55 folks participating in five groups including one zoom option and four groups meeting in person.
- The Book Club met monthly always discussing a thought provoking book by authors such as Irving Stone, G.K. Chesterton and Mary Doria Russell.
- Hosted two Diocesan speakers during the winter months via Zoom. In January Joe Tremblay talked about Keeping Anxiety at Bay and in February we examined some of the hot button issues of our time and how our faith can help us navigate these challenges in a talk titled “What the Heck is Going on Out There?”
- To begin our Lenten journey, we were excited to have Mother Mary Catherine come to our Baileys Harbor Site and talk to us on, “Learning to Have Confidence in God in the Midst of Life’s Trials”. A reception in the hall followed. Over fifty parishioners attended this event.
- Planned and introduced our first session to view “The Chosen” during the summer months on alternate Thursday mornings.
- Two of our goals for this past year were to grow our committee and be more inclusive working with the Men’s Group. Our committee has grown from 3 to 5 active

participants. We have also reached out to the Men's Group to include them in our mission.

- Our focus is turning to Parish Mission Training and helping Stella Maris implement and live Entrust Training to help develop and support Missionary Disciples.

Goals for next year:

- Continue to offer the parish speakers on topics of interest
- Lent and Advent small groups
- Explore Revive and determine how to best use this resource in our parish
- Host two Women's events; a late spring Morning of Reflection and a fall day long retreat
- Assist the parish in delivering, following up with Entrust Training to grow our Missionary Disciples
- Offer other opportunities for those who have completed Entrust to come together and help each other on this journey

Our Story:

Our story is a continuation of the story in The Chosen. We are called to grow spiritually, help each other on this journey as disciples and bring the Good News to our parish.

St Mary of the Lake Altar and Rosary Sodality

Council or Commission Name: St Mary of the Lake Altar and Rosary Sodality

Commission / Committee Members: Kriss Schorer, President

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose): Care for the Altar, Sanctuary, Art and Enviromenet at Stella Maris Baileys Harbor. Serve Funeral dinners for Baileys Harbor families. Also provide flowers etc for entrance and Mary Garden.

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2022:

- Prepared Sanctuary and Altars for Lent and Easter
- Prepared Sanctuary and Altars for Advent and Christmas
- Purchased and planted flowers at entrance and Mary Garden
- Sponsored Giving Trees at Christmas giving 3 bags of infant clothing to along with Cash to Christ Child Society and cash to the 24/7 Food pantry.
- Prepared the ground for planting in front of the new retaining wall.
- Contacted landscape companies and selected one for installing plantings.
- Watered the plantings until late fall
- Increased membership
- Cared for all Altar Linens
- Sold suckers for Deanery "Lick Family Violence" Campaign.

Goal for 2022/23:

- Continue Altar care and seasonal art and environment projects
- Hope to resume service of serving Funeral lunches.
- Provide lunch for the Habitat home builders
- Resume bake sales
- Continue Christmas Giving Tree Project
- Continue to increase membership

Book Club

Council or Commission Name:

Stella Maris Book Club

Commission / Committee Members:

Organizers: Jean and Jerry Krebs

Regular attendees: Jan Liss, John and Susan Brauer, Joe and Donna Cramer, Martha Newkirk, Mickie Mostardi, Lynn Polacek, Kathy Wolff

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

Adult faith formation. We meet monthly. We generally read books with a religious or moral theme and have very good discussion about them. We try to schedule books that are appropriate to the church calendar including Advent, Lent, Respect Life Month and Earth Day. We try to alternate fiction and non-fiction books.

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2021:

- We began meeting in person again this year, but have continued offering Zoom attendance for those uncomfortable with meeting and those who are out of the area in the winter.
- As was our goal for this year, we had a combined meeting with Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church's bookclub at their regular meeting.

Goals for next year:

- We will try to get Shepherd of the Bay's bookclub to join us for a meeting at Stella Maris.
- Invite a fallen away Catholic to our meeting.

Our Story:

Our book picks have impacted every member. We have learned from the books and have given the books to others in the community. Our meeting with Shepard of the Bay's Book Club was very enjoyable. It was nice combining with them in February and meeting each other for the first time. We read Door County's 2022 book of the year recommendation which was two books

by Michael Perry about his life in northern Wisconsin. Their Book Club sent ours a very nice Thank You note.

We also read "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wingate. This book is about a woman who writes her prayers down and keeps them in a box. After she dies, a woman who is cleaning her house finds the box. Reading the prayers helps her turn her life around. We all like the idea of having a prayer box, so we now have one for the Book Club. We put prayers into the box and pray extra for these intentions.

The book that impacted me the most is "Sacred Fire". A book about how Jesus taught us how to live but also how to give away our death so that others can benefit.

Buildings and Grounds

Council or Commission Name: Buildings and Grounds Committee

Commission / Committee Members: Mark Bogenschutz (Chair), Garey Bies, David Gray, Paul Gray, David VanDyke, George Freeman, Les Kiehna

Ex Officio: Jim Charles, Duane Sitte, Deacon Tony Abts

Pastor: Fr. Tom Farrell

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose): The Buildings and Grounds Committee supports the parish mission by ensuring on-going site operation, safety, structural integrity, required maintenance, site upgrade, aesthetics, and comfort.

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2021:

- *I-Wave* air purification systems were installed in all the Stella Maris worship sites.
- Renovation of Stella Maris Jacksonport was undertaken. The project was designed, the proxy for the Diocese of Green Bay was written and approved, bids were solicited, and the contract awarded to Hibbert Creek Construction and Affiliated Artists. The worship site was re-opened for Memorial Day weekend while work continued throughout the summer.
- Air conditioners were replaced at Stella Maris Egg Harbor.
- Toilets were replaced at Stella Maris Sister Bay.
- Roof repair was done at Stella Maris Egg Harbor
- Dead ash trees were removed at Stella Maris Sister Bay.
- A five-year facility plan was initiated including all Stella Maris worship sites.

Goals for next year:

- Complete the five-year facility plan for all Stella Maris worship sites.
- Using the five-year plan, continue to achieve our purpose (mission) as a facility committee
- Support the “one by One” campaign to fund the five-year facility plan.

Our Story:

If you have not already done so, stop by the Stella Maris Jacksonport worship site. You will see the result of an idea that came from a parishioner, was discussed, and developed by this

committee, received strong community support in the form of countless hours of dedicated service. It was a labor of love for local people and for the two contractors who were hired for the project. The renovation honors the past while pointing us to the future with renewed love for Catholic Worship.

CARE 24/7 Food Pantry

Council or Commission Name: CARE 24/7 Food Pantry

Commission / Committee Members: Dave and Vonnie Callsen, Neil and Sharon Dujardin, Tony Gischia, Mary Gomoll, Grace Held, Tom Holland, Vonnie Jandrain, Wayne and Julie Kudick, Jan Liss, Mary Kate McCormick, Jan Malchow, Ryan Miller, Jerry Mudrock, Kristy Nelson, Tom and Honore Rentmeester, Sharon Slomski, Don and Mary Wackwitz

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose): The food pantry is our parish's response to providing food and hygiene items to people who are in need.

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2022:

- 21 pantry volunteers ensure the pantry is stocked daily.
- Food donations continue to be received at our Baileys Harbor, Fish Creek, Egg Harbor and Jacksonport sites.
- Financial donations totaled \$9336.43
- Expenses totaled \$11,512.14.
- Our pantry, along with the other eight county food pantries, continues to be a part of and meet regularly as the Door County Food Pantry Coalition. This is a coordinated effort to provide food and other hygiene items to those in need.
- Have increased the variety of foods we offer at the pantry and have added some cleaning products.
- As our pantry has been blessed with many financial, food and hygiene item donations, we have been able to help other food related causes in the county. \$500 was donated to the snack closets at both Gibraltar and Sevastopol schools and \$1000 to the fund established to assist the victims involved in Butch's Bar fire in Sturgeon Bay.
- Have reinforced the pantry stock closet shelving.
- Placed a temporary, more visible pantry sign at the Fish Creek site and have ordered two new signs so that will allow the pantry signage to be better noticed when approaching the church from both the north and south.

Goals for next year:

- As opportunities allow, engage in conversation with our pantry users
- Encourage parish-wide support of the pantry
- Assist with food related needs in the county, as resources allow.

Our Story:

It is heartwarming to see that the increased donation of financial, food and hygiene items begun two years ago as the pandemic unfolded has continued; so very many care about helping those in need. Almost daily, bags filled with food and other non-perishables are dropped off at our pantry from parishioners and non-parishioners alike, northern Door churches and other county groups. In the first few years our pantry was open, we often wondered if we had enough in our account to cover the next food order we would be placing. With thanks to many who have financially donated, that has not been a problem these last few years. The support of our pantry by so very many is much appreciated.

Conversation Partners

Committee or Commission Name: Conversation Partners

Commission / Committee Members: Becky Nash

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose): To enhance the well-being and success of persons in the Door County community who are not native English speakers through improvement of their English language skills.

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2022:

- Re-engaged partnerships since the pandemic

Goals for next year:

- Promote ministry to potential learners and teachers
- Ensure teachers have been found for each learner in need

Our Story:

Partners began more actively meeting this year since the pandemic. As a testament to the friendships and connections that are formed between the teacher and learner, three of our teachers were invited to attend the First Communion and parties for the children of their learning partner. The children speak English well. With the help of a conversation partner, the parent, primarily the mother, practices English between raising the family and working in the service industry of Door County.

Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

Council or Commission Name: Stella Maris Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

Commission / Committee Members: Parish Life Commission/ Catholic Women members of Stella Maris affiliated with the Green Bay Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the National Council of Catholic Women.

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose): Women's Fellowship is a faith community of women dedicated to Christ's mission of service and charity. We welcome all women of the parish to join us in our mission. Our goal is to grow in spirituality, and serve our parish, community through fund raising, building friendships, social events and service. We are part of the National and diocesan Council of Catholic Women and also participate in their events.

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2022:

- Conducted a parish-wide cookie sale fundraiser to fund our Unbound sponsorship in El Salvador
- Conducted the ongoing annual Lick Family Violence Campaign to support local family abuse shelters. Please note that the National Office has recently adopted this campaign also.
- We create and donate the baptismal gowns for the parish
- Attended the Green Bay Diocesan Council of Women Spring Assembly where one of our members was installed as Secretary.
- Through affiliation with National Council of Catholic Women, promote the Commissions of Spirituality, Leadership and Service including Walking with Moms in Need, Helping to Curb Human Trafficking and Supporting Services to Eliminate Domestic Violence.
- Hosted a Spring Tea to support the Faith Formation Youth going to World Youth Day.
- Hosted the Spring Vicariate VII meeting where we learned about First Prayer to support the vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese

Goals for next year:

Continue to support educate, and empower the members the Parish in collaboration with the other Catholic Women groups in our Parish by sharing in the activities of all group events.

- Grow Council membership by hosting events and personal invitation

Our Story:

Our Stella Maris CCW is a legacy of the many women's groups who have gone before us. We are not just about monthly meetings but more about bringing women together from across the parish to join us for one or more of the many social activities, service opportunities, prayer, fund raising or other events we sponsor or attend. Ladies are welcome to join us for whichever events are of interest to them whether it is once a year or hopefully more often as we build community, grow in our faith, and live our parish values of welcoming and hospitality, prayer, sharing our faith (breaking the silence), joy and living in the Holy Spirit.

Creation Care Mission

Commission or Committee Name: Creation Care Mission

Commission / Committee Members: Pat Glen, Becky Nash, Tom O’Grady

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose): In the spirit of Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical Laudato Si, engage the Catholic and Door County communities in care of creation and the poor adversely affected by human choices.

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2022:

- Monthly faith-based educational articles in the bulletin
- Helped distribute free trees for planting
- Collaborated in community Earth Day events

Our Story:

Creation Care Ministry finished its seventh and final year promoting care for God’s creation inspired by Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical Laudato Si. Some highlights over the years include bringing area churches together for a faith environmental declaration, workshop, and tree distribution, Earth Day community collaboration, educational articles including Detective Friar Green, St. Francis of Assisi Mass celebrations, and the creation of a green purchase policy and St. Frances Pledge for the parish. We now ask the parishioners to carry on the mission goals in the parish and your own homes:

- Lower your carbon footprint
- Educate yourself for an “ecological conversion”
- Foster change to green behavior with family and community
- Restore habitat to natural state

Knights of Columbus

Council or Commission Name: Knights of Columbus

Commission / Committee Members: Grand Knight: Jeff Kita. Secretary: Pail Gray. 58 men of the parish

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose): The Knights of Columbus was founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity in 1882. Today Our Lady of the Bay Council at Stella Maris parish shares these same principles.

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2021: Numerous fund raisers providing opportunities to work together, socialize, and raise funds for many charities here at Stella Maris and throughout Door County

- Tailgate party for a Packers game
- Pancake breakfasts on holiday weekends
- Brat Fry
- Tootsie Roll Drive
- Raffles
- Provided funds for the following: scholarships for Stella Maris seniors, Food Pantries including Feed My People and CARE 24/7, Sunshine House as well as others in need

Goals for next year:

- Continue to grow as Missionary Disciples
- Help with funeral lunches
- Support each other in any needs

Living Justice Commission

Council or Commission Name: Living Justice (Christian Service and Responsibility-CSR)

Commission / Committee Members: Greg Berezewski, Dave Callsen, Beckie Hawker, Jan Liss, Jan Malchow, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson, Tom O'Grady, Jeanne Rabel, Tammy Vanderlinden

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose): By motivating, facilitating, engaging, and educating parish members in works of charity and social justice we hope to weave Christ's message of love and compassion throughout our parish life through financial, material and personal support.

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2022:

- \$18,226.66 was allocated to assist 23 organizations locally, to Afghan Refugee Support, to missionary efforts in Bogota, Burundi, Zanzibar and Sri Lanka and to Ukraine support.
- Received \$ 4829 in donations.
- Parishioners participated in collections for Box of Joy and Toy's for Kid's and regularly supported the parish food pantry
- Regular bulletin articles continue to educate and motivate parishioners to acts of service.
- Sponsored two day-long mission trips to St John's Shelter in Green Bay

Goals for next year:

- Increase awareness of emerging and/or continuing needs within the parish and in the wider county community
- Procure needed funding for continued support for the poor and those in need.
- Motivate parishioners to involvement within the parish and in the community

Our Story:

The 103 boxes for Box of Joy that were collected broke our record! Well done Stella Maris, thank you. It is gratifying to see the generosity of our parishioners who so generously give to help those less fortunate.

Prayer Shawl

Council or Commission Name: Stella Maris Prayer Shawl Ministry

Members: Jacqueline Aufrere-Sebetic, Abigail Ahrens, Georgia Beutler, Linda Burke, Peggy Bussalacchi, Kim Elkins, Bernie Freeman, Carol Franke, Connie Brandt, Joyce Charney, Nan Doumouras, Sue Dugan, Dianna Moser, Sharon Fitzgerald, Patricia Fonk, Pat Gureski, Mary Heinrichs, Diane Kelnhofer, Nancy Krunnfusz, Sandra Laszkiewicz, Mettie Lautenbach, Julie Merlow, Elaine Mulligan, Michelle Mostardi, Mary Olson, Lorie Orthober, Judy Roy, Kathy Springer, Maggie TerHorst, Lana Tencate, Dorothy Tevoert, Dixie Van Vorous, Ann Wertz, and Mary Jo Young

Role (Purpose): The ministry creates shawls and lapghans to provide ongoing love and comfort from the parish to anyone in our community that is a caretaker, ill, grieving and new candidates for the RCIA program. There are many more uses for the prayer shawls but this seems to be where we have recently focused the majority of our gifts to.

In addition to our prayer shawls, in June 2022 the ministry presented scarves or cowls at graduation time to the 12 graduating seniors from Gibraltar, Sevastopol and Washington Island High Schools that are members of our parish. These were delivered the week before graduation to the high schools, along with a personalized graduation card, a small crucifix and a prayer card. The idea is to let the students know that even though they are graduating from high school and progressing on to adulthood they will always have a home with the love and support from Stella Maris Parish.

We have others we truly appreciate in our community and this year decided to create shawls for Mother Mary Catherine and the sisters of Missionary of the Word in Baileys Harbor for a Christmas surprise and thank you for all that they do for our youth and community. Father Tom was most gracious in delivering the gifts and took a picture of the sisters with their shawls on.

The ministry meets on the first and third Monday of the month in Sister Bay at 1:00 p.m. We are happy to announce that we are now able to meet in person due to the lifting of the restrictions of Covid.

Even though our attendance at our meetings has been less this past year, we have enjoyed the addition of a few new members to our ministry.

We do make available *free* lessons to anyone who would like to learn to knit or crochet.

Successes and accomplishments in Fiscal 2021:

Although we were limited to our face-to-face meetings in the past year due to unforeseen circumstances our ministry has continued and we were able to create and deliver:

- 26 Shawls or lapghans (*205 Shawls have been made and delivered since starting of keeping a log in 2014*)
- 12 scarves or cowls (knitted or crocheted) and given out for graduation gifts to the Seniors from the local high schools within our parish

Expenses: We were awarded \$300 from Stella Maris Parish for our ministry, which we were grateful for.

From these funds we were able to purchase yarn via internet that the ladies used to create the many of the shawls. Many of our resources for shopping were closed due to Covid. We were able to reduce the cost of our yarn purchased due to an agreement with a company named Webs Yarn in Northampton, Massachusetts allowing purchases in quantity for 25% off and no sales tax because we are a non-profit Church ministry. In addition, we bought ongoing supply of gift bags, get well cards, and tissue paper for the delivery of the shawls and lapghans. We truly appreciated the funds so that our ministry may continue. The remainder of supply items were donated from the ladies of the ministry.

Goals or Points of Emphasis for next year:

Our Main goal for this upcoming year is to find out quickly which parishioners or community members are ill or in need of a shawl. Many are being missed because we do not have this communication available to us. We do understand the need for privacy.

In addition, we hope to create the scarves and cowls again for the 2023 graduating seniors in our parish.

We would like to make more items as time permits for the Christ Child Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie Van Vorous

Stella Maris Prayer Shawl Ministry Coordinator

Respect Life

Council or Commission Name: Respect Life

Commission / Committee Members: Joyce Potz, Jan Potz, Julie Kiehnau, Shirley Raasch and several passive members providing input and support

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose): As human persons created in the image and likeness of God, we understand life to be a fundamental right of inestimable worth; we invite all to embrace and defend respect for human dignity and the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death through prayer, awareness, education and action.

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2021:

- We “break the silence” by sharing educational pieces with parishioners and visitors through weekly parish bulletin inserts and monthly articles.
- Sharing via the weekly bulletin USCCB pro-life quotes.
- Support local and national pro-life activities.
- The respect life posters were laminated and replaced in the restrooms of all church sites.

Goals for next year:

- Re-establish our lapsed (due to COVID restrictions) ministry with Scandia Village residents by bringing copies of large-print Reader’s Digest and Reminisce magazines. This project provides opportunities for one-on-one conversation and prayer, if so desired. We are seeking volunteers for this ministry.
- We are actively recruiting additional active members.
- Renew promotion of the Memorials to the Unborn at each cemetery.
- Continue with timely and pertinent monthly bulletin articles.
- Due to a lack of chairperson at this time and relatively new membership we will change focus off a larger list of projects to more manageable and prioritized activities.
- Seek new members.

Our Story:

One member shared that in participating in our committee and considering our accomplishments, her thoughts are often of her daughter who had been killed in an accident by a drunk driver. Her strength for loving and speaking for the unborn has grown. People ask if she had known she was going to lose her amazing child later in life and if she had knowledge of that going to happen would she have still had her and gone through all of the pain and suffering she has endured. Without a doubt she would not have missed the gift that God had given her for those 33 years. Life is a gift from God. He never said how long she could keep her. She is strengthened by our commitment to love and cherish life.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Council or Commission Name: Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Stella Maris Conference

Commission / Committee Members: Greg Berezewski, President; Thomas Mulligan, Treasurer; Sharon Brabson, Spiritual Director; Elaine Mulligan, Home Visit Coordinator; Leo Mutchler; Monica Mutchler; Joe and Donna Cramer; David and Beth Clark; Mary Tall; Garey Bies; Louis Osadjian; Tammy Vanderlinden

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

Mission of the Society: "A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need."

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2021-22:

- Through May, disbursed \$47,164 to 116 friends in need in Door County.
- Our fundraising efforts garnered \$50,544. Our initial Friends of the Poor Walk was instrumental in this success.
- Through the winter, continued to meet virtually through zoom to continue our faith sharing, discuss how to be present to our neighbors in need during a pandemic and meet with them through personal calls. Resumed our in person meetings in May.

Goals for next year:

- Hold our second Friends of the Poor Walk to encourage donations and increase community awareness.
- Conduct a recruiting campaign with the goal of increasing conference membership by 25%.
- Strengthen our friendship and grow together in the spirit as we resume our in-person meetings.

Our Story:

A snapshot of a typical home visit from one of our Conference members.

- " Met with a young Gal whom we helped with rent. She had some past issues with drugs and while recently in prison gave birth to her baby daughter. She was being encouraged from many sides, including her Landlord. We prayed with her and we were all uplifted and blessed."

Stewardship Committee

Commission or Committee Name: Stewardship Committee

Names of Members: Tom Polacek, Chairperson, Bernie Freeman, Ann Rose, Jody Weitman, Becky Nash (staff liaison)

Brief description of this groups mission, role or purpose:

To invite people through Prayer, Service and Sharing to experience the joy and gratitude of living a stewardship way of life more fully.

Successes, accomplishments in the current fiscal year:

- Despite the limitations associated with COVID we were able to retool our annual Service and Sharing Drive and reach out to all our parish members to renew their commitments to our parish. Forty-five percent of parishioners responded to the drive with over 200 households making a service commitment.
- Recruited a new Stewardship Committee member who has settled in and made valuable contributions in her 1st year.
- Support the parish's endowment project by completing timely "thank you" notes, contributing suggestions to keep the endowment on the minds of our parish members and visitors, and by sending periodic updates to the endowment team keeping them informed as we navigate through COVID restrictions.

Major challenges or barriers that you face:

- Identifying the best practices to contact and invite people with a connection to this parish to contribute their time, talent and treasure.
- Establishing a Stewardship call team of at least 20 members to assist with the follow-up segment of the annual service and sharing campaign.
- Recruiting individuals to serve on the Stewardship Committee, we still need to add a least two members to replace recent losses.

Goals or Points of Emphasis for next year:

- Retooling our promotional messages to focus more on outcomes, i.e., the impact volunteerism and our financial contributions have in the communities Stella Maris serves.
- More closely align the stewardship drive to the parish values of discipleship: prayer, welcome, break the silence/share the joy (witness), and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and work through us.
- Taking steps to ensure the parish's endowment advisory team continues to make progress.
- Recruit new Stewardship Committee members to bring in new ideas and perspectives.

Our story:

Stella Maris has reaped the fruits of the Holy Spirit leading people to contribute financially or through their service in the parish and community. For the last five years, parishioners have come forward at Mass to witness to the community how they have used their talents for building the Kingdom here in Northern Door County. Every year, we welcome and are blessed with new, eager parishioners who move to Door County and want to participate. At Stella Maris, we have over 40 active ways people can participate. Stewardship is all about responding in gratefulness to the gifts God has given us by sharing of ourselves. Everyone can find a way.

Worship Commission

Council or Commission Name: Worship Commission

Authors of this Report: Deacon Tony Abts, Beth Screnock, Mary Gomoll

Date of Submission: July 1, 2022

Commission / Committee Members: Father Tom Farrell, Deacon Tony Abts, Beth Screnock, Debi Anderson, Connie Brandt, Mary Gomoll, Pat Gureski, Marilyn Holland, Marian Irmen, Diane Kahlscheuer, Kathy Wolff

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose): Worship Commission meets to discuss liturgical aspects of parish operations. This includes planning specifics for seasons like Christmas and Easter, including rituals, décor, and all other necessities for specific liturgies and working with ministers to achieve these goals. Activities of the Commission include preparation and execution of special events that have an impact on liturgical ministries, such as workshops, retreats, and concerts.

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2021:

We are happy to report and grateful to the Lord that we have met all four of our goals from last year:

- **(Goal 1)** Our Director of Worship and Music began on February 1, 2022 and has become familiar with the Parish Mission and Vision; meeting many people, including our wonderful priest, Fr. Tom and our also-wonderful Deacon Tony; and all of the Stella Maris staff, in addition to the provisions of the pleasant office space and equipment as well as the musical instruments.
- **(Goal 2)** Our liturgies have continued to be beautiful and meaningful even through the transition between Directors of Worship and Music as well as the pandemic. We feel very blessed to have had very competent guest accompanists to carry us through that time.
- **(Goal 3)** We extend a welcome to incoming members to the Worship Commission, Shirley Raasch and Mickie Mostardi.
- **(Goal 4)** At this point in time, Stella Maris has all its employment positions filled! We continue to be a welcoming place of worship and have had a nice come-back from the COVID restrictions at worship.

In addition to meeting the above 4 goals, we accomplished moving through COVID protocols and met via Zoom for meetings. This gradually reduced as we moved toward meetings in person. We are pleased that things have progressed more toward “normal.”

Fr. Tom has been able to bring in many of his personal liturgical directives and setting of the altar areas. His input into the work of the sacristans and servers is very much appreciated so that all involved work together in a harmonious effort toward a good experience at Mass.

As we move outward from the COVID-stricken era, Deacon Tony has also been more involved with formatting our worship style here at Stella Maris, reaching out to liturgical ministers and answering detailed questions about the celebration of Mass.

The Christmas season had beautiful liturgies and special music with Val Bartlein.

The Easter Triduum was very-well attended and there were many positive comments about the experience of the liturgies. An Easter sunrise Mass at Jacksonport was added this year. There were Resurrection Celebrations at each site!

The congregation has been introduced to and is using a new Mass setting.

There has been progress made in cleaning up the MSP scheduler database.

Goals for next year:

- Update and distribute instructions for the Liturgical Ministries.
- Seek out an increase of Liturgical Ministers; especially Cantors & Sacristans.
- Recruit Ministry Team Leaders for each Liturgical Ministry.
- Continue with Easter Celebrations at each site.
- Begin fund-raising for a new organ for the church in Baileys Harbor; including a benefit concert by Val Bartlein in August.
- Maintain a good relationship with guest musicians/accompanists by continuing to schedule them during the busy Summer months.
- Work toward re-establishing a choir, post-COVID.
- Re-do the Worship Aid that is in the pew racks, with some new songs, taking out anything by David Haas or things that we don't feel compelled to keep in the booklet.

Our Story:

At the Easter Vigil this year, we were blessed to bring into the Church six new people - three adults and three children. What a beautiful experience for all of us as we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Three adults and two children were from the same family. The parents came to us and asked to become Catholic. The other child, at the age of four, was from another family, but summed up his feelings and the feeling of all of us when, after his Baptism, he pumped his fist into the air and exclaimed, "We did it!" For all of us in worship, who struggled through the pandemic, to be able to celebrate again with the full Triduum and six new members of the faithful, the words of this child said it all!

Youth Faith Formation Committee

Faith Formation Coordinator: Linda Cummer

Catechists: Alan Moser/Confirmation, Abigail Ahrens/Grade 8, Angela Packard/Grade 7, Patricia Gureski/Grade 6, Mary Moran/Grade 5, Meghan Ahrens/long term substitute Grade 5, Dianna Moser/Grade 4, Linda Cummer/Grade 2, Mary Grzelak/Grade 8 on Washington Island

Faith Formation Assistant: Nancy Stubenvoll

Successes, Accomplishments in 2021-2022:

- A Youth Ministry program was established for our high school youth under the direction of Michael Stubenvoll, Youth Minister. Monthly meetings are held at our Sister Bay site. Each meeting begins with prayer and then a game is played which is later tied to a faith lesson.
- Eight second-grade students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on January 12, 2022.
- Fifteen students received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 27, 2022.
- Eight second-grade students received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 8, 2022.

Goals for 2022-2023:

- Enlighten all students to gain more knowledge and strengthen their relationship with the Holy Trinity through the teaching of the Youth Faith Formation curriculum
- Hold informative and educational meetings with our Families of Faith parent group
- Continue to grow the Youth Ministry program encouraging greater High School attendance

Our Story:

Our children's spiritual formation is critical as we help them grow in knowledge of their faith and to learn to live as Jesus taught us. At year's end, a class was asked what they had learned to which a student responded, "I know that Jesus is always with me." Students are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. In addition to teaching the doctrine of the church, our program includes prayer, service projects, Scripture readings, and other active learning methods. Youth Faith Formation enrolls students in first grade through high school. All are welcome!

Stella Maris Cemeteries

Council or Commission Name: Stella Maris Cemeteries

"If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him." (Rom 6:8)

Commission / Committee Members: Mike Orthober (Chairperson and Sexton), Lorie Orthober (Secretary), Pat Conlon, Shirley Raasch, John Sawyer, Mary Corriveau, Jim Charles, Deacon Tony Abts

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

"Because of our belief not only in the immortality of the soul, but also in the resurrection of the body, the Church professes hope in the face of death, and acts with charity in the funeral rites. The Church provides a number of prayers for the faithful to offer both to accompany the dying of a loved one and to strengthen our faith upon their death. Through private prayer and public funeral rites, we strengthen our faith and hope, comfort those who mourn, and bury the bodily remains of the deceased with care befitting what was the Temple of the Holy Spirit." (USCCB)

The Stella Maris Cemeteries Board advises the pastor in all matters pertaining to the provision a dignified resting place for the faithful departed in accordance with the *Diocesan Regulations and Guidelines*, *The Code of Canon Law* and the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

Stella Maris Cemeteries operates four sites:

- St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Egg Harbor, WI
- St. Mary of the Lake Cemetery, Baileys Harbor, WI
- St. Michael Cemetery, Jacksonport, WI
- St. Rosalia Cemetery, Sister Bay, WI

Successes, accomplishments in Fiscal 2021:

- Surveyed another section of the old part of St. Mary of the Lake Cemetery verifying the location of grave sites.
- Provided 27 burials.
- Sold 11 grave sites.
- Schedule and supervise all maintenance and grounds keeping of cemeteries with help from the Parish office.

- Reviewed cemetery rules and procedures. No changes this year.
- Recorded and maintain all sale of burial sites and update maps.
- Order all opening and closings of burial sites, coordinate with vendors

Goals for next year:

- Survey St. Rosalia Cemetery for soil depth and availability of adding grave sites for full burials and/or cremains.
- Finish surveying St. Mary of the Lake Cemetery (old part) for map accuracy.
- Widen entrance driveway at St. Rosalia Cemetery.
- Relocate back gate and build back driveway at St. Rosalia Cemetery

Our Story:

Stella Maris Cemeteries function as part of the bereavement ministry of the parish in helping the parish to fulfill the final corporal work of mercy – to bury the dead. In so doing, we accompany families as they journey with a loved one to their final resting place on earth with prayers for eternal peace. We help to prayerfully unite them with the love of Jesus. Times of bereavement can also be a powerful time of evangelization and conversion.

Mass Attendance and Parish Census

Year	Census	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
2015	683	2084	1922	2172	3112	5005	5865	8786	8650	5529	4970	2925	3072	54092
2016	690	2104	2206	2483	2252	4876	5688	11078	6646	5561	5525	2139	2367	52925
2017	598	2152	1916	1910	3502	4493	5383	10816	7308	6107	4929	2173	3077	53766
2018	595	1591	1851	2144	2305	4065	5894	9365	7467	6127	4042	2034	3178	50063
2019	590	1841	1487	2161	2751	3904	6746	8022	7918	5404	4126	2570	2848	49778
2020	586	1821	2120	927	0	0	992	1768	2115	1892	1593	961	1199	15388
2021	540	974	851	953	1792	2788	3600	5318	4435	3264	3601	1661	1820	31057
2022	600	1506	1304	1297	2386	2420	3841							12754
2023														0
2024														0
2025														0

Sacraments and Funerals

Stella Maris Parish, Door County

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Baptisms 18	Theodore Michael Eugene Clark Briseida Flores Bravo Ashley Flores Bravo Arely Flores Bravo Yair Flores Bravo Ivan Flores Bravo Trey David Osterkamp Lillian Martha Lehman Rita Ruth DeJardine Nikolaus Alexander Kristan James Joseph Helscher Simon Benedict Gale Matthew Peter Kleczka Calvin Michael Marquardt Sofia Ann Marquardt Adaylah Dar Beno Colton V Tillman Rhett Jackson Tillman
First Communions 8	Lucia Grace Ahrens Nicholas Alvin Christel William John Christel Camden Joseph Jarosh Leonardo Jose Jauregui Valerie Alexandra Jauregui Robert Kelly Mueller Elena Jade Osterkamp
Confirmations 16	Karlee Kita Lillian Ahrens Aaron Greene Ella Greene Rubi Jauregui Samara Jauregui Kaitlyn Kroll Darrel Lautenbach William Lautenbach Thomas Macias Helen McCormack Lauren McNally

Confirmations (continued)	Theodore Roth Lilly Sawyer Andie Schar Yahir Valdivia
Marriages 18	David Joseph Pagone And Regan Katherine Northrop Tom Joseph Sawyer And Natalie Ann Bley (others were destination weddings)
Funerals 23	Edward G. Doyle John Edwin Haunfelder Deborah A. Ottman Inez Danuser Soens Dean Ronald Shumway Steven Richard Haen Brian John Vendegna Timothy John Gontarz Marlene Mary Magno James Joseph Wojciechowski David Charles Lautenbach Marilynne Rose Kowalski Joseph Andrew Syvertsen Allen Hathaway Frater Angela Marie Frater Beatrice E. Charnetski Arlene C. Giljohann Franklin Joseph Stvan Joanne C. Wehling Barbara Alice Daubner Lynne M. Weborg Lee D. Weborg Robert H. Brogan

Minutes of the Stella Maris Parish Annual Meeting

Thursday, September 30, 2021, 4-6 PM

Sister Bay

Present: Deacon Tony Abts, Sharon Brabson, Fr. Tom Farrell, Jean Krebs, Terry McArdle, Angela Packard, Tom Polacek, Jim Slomski, Sharon Slomski, Bill Wolff, Kathy Wolff

Parish Mission and Vision: Pastoral Council Chair Sharon Brabson opened the meeting at 5:09 PM by reading the parish mission and vision statements along with the parish's values.

Opening prayer: Fr. Tom invited us into prayer with the Diocese of Green Bay Stewardship Prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting were approved. Motion by Tom Polacek and second by Terry McArdle.

Pastor's report: Fr. Tom opened by reminding us of what a long way we have come in a year! We are getting back to normal after the Covid pandemic shutdowns, are filled with hope, and the parish feels alive. Many people are returning to Mass, and we had many weddings over the summer. We also had five baptisms, one a weekend for five weekends in a row. Father spoke of wanting to do more for youth, reaching out to new people and inviting them to volunteer.

Although the parish staff is in transition with Jim Slomski's being semi-retired and Katrina's working part-time remotely from Madison, we have two prospective interests in the book-keeping position and one in Worship and Music.

Deacon Tony Abts is now gratefully and joyfully settled here. He was able to meet with Bp. Ricken about the remodeling at the Jacksonport site, the upgrading of the HVAC, and more statues at Egg Harbor.

Father thanked everyone for their dedication in following the Covid protocol and for being respectful of all parishioners and visitors.

Sharon said that we have an active and vibrant parish. She listed all our committees and how they have all found ways to meet and respond to needs despite the pandemic.

Review of parish finances: Treasurer Trustee Terry McArdle reviewed the detailed "Statement of Revenues and Expenses" and noted that we are in better shape financially than we have been. Our cash has increased, and our assets have stayed about the same.

We have invested in a lot in the Baileys Harbor, Egg Harbor, and Jacksonport sites. Baileys Harbor needed a hearing loop and internet, and Egg Harbor needed maintenance and air conditioning. Jacksonport is being remodeled to return the sanctuary to its earlier beauty

and to increase capacity by adding benches and outside television projection for overflow attendees. Terry thanked the Finance Council for doing a fantastic job.

Endowment Fund: Tom Polacek said that the “Star of the Sea Endowment” has grown to \$1,105,763. The parish is not taking any money out yet, and it will not make withdrawals until the balance reaches \$2 million. At that point the parish may withdraw between 4% and 5% of the funds annually to cover direct costs of liturgy in the parish. The endowment fund has done “remarkably well” for the eight months it has been going.

“Payroll Protection Program”: The PPP Loan (Line #24), which was listed as a liability in 2020 was forgiven in 2021.

Buildings and Grounds: Terry McArdle brought us up to date on the upcoming Jacksonport remodel and invites anyone who wants to look at the plans to stop by to talk to Les Kiehnau. Kathy Wolff asked why we needed the Bishop’s approval to remodel Jacksonport. Deacon Tony responded that when remodeling will change the worship space in a church, the approval of the bishop is needed. The upper and lower walls at Baileys Harbor have been rebuilt, and volunteers are planting flowers. The other wall is coming down. A sign warning people to stay off the wall has been put up because the wall is unsafe. Eventually, it will also need to be replaced. A neighboring business owner wants to replace his part of the wall at the same time. Terry concluded his remarks by saying that the parish has sufficient funds for emergencies.

Tom Polacek points out that a lot of giving is now being done electronically and that has brought us through tough times since in-person mass participation is still low.

Question: Jean Krebs inquired about the source of rental income (Line 2). **Answer:** The parish receives rent from people or organizations who rent out the parish’s halls.

Approval of Finance Report: The Finance Report was approved. Motion by Tom Polacek and second by Jean Krebs.

Pastoral Council Report: Sharon Brabson explained the Pastoral Council’s functions are to plan, communicate, and advise the pastor. The council has four business meetings a year, filled with four planning meetings. The pastor always has the final say. The Pastoral Council met mostly on Zoom and has liaisons to each committee/commission. Its goals for the next year are recruiting new members. Pastoral Council shares minutes and holds an annual meeting with the Finance Council.

Report on Parish Mission Planning (PMP): Deacon Tony reported that pre-Covid 30% of identified Catholics in our mission field (parish boundaries) were coming to mass. after Covid, 20% are coming to mass. we still have a lot of work to do to bring people back to mass.

Parish Mission Planning is on-going, and after five months of meetings and two listening sessions with parishioners, three priorities were determined:

1. Evangelization: building connections with people
2. Community engagement and impact
3. Preparing parishioners to be missionary disciples

The PMP Team plans to share its work with the Pastoral Council and others after they have completed their plan.

Closing prayer: Fr. Tom closed the meeting by leading us in prayer to the Holy Spirit, blessing us, and thanking everyone for their help and hard work.

Adjournment: At 6:03 the meeting was adjourned. Motion by Lynn Polacek and second by Jean Krebs.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Packard
Secretary, Pastoral Council



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