



STELLA MARIS PARISH
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of Stella Maris:

As we near the season of Advent, I am writing to ask you to reflect with me on all that our Parish does to further our Catholic faith, teaching, and tradition. I would also like to thank you for your generosity and ask for your continued support.

At the heart of our worship is the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life in Christ. We offer it at six weekend Masses during the summer months, and five during the winter. We also have a Mass or liturgy every weekday, and two on Holy Days of Obligation. Each year we host over 20 weddings and numerous funerals, many with Mass. And we distribute the Eucharist and bring the Word regularly to the homebound and those in assisted living facilities.

Along with Mass, we have regular Eucharistic Adoration, rosaries, and scheduled times for Confession. At each weekend Mass we have a beautiful and reverent musical ministry, with a cantor and accompanist leading hymns and setting parts of the liturgy to music.

Our faith formation offering is extensive, and includes classes and groups for youth and adults, as well as the Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults (OCIA) for those discerning conversion to our Catholic faith.

Also, we give of ourselves to the broader community, via our free Food Pantry, our Loaves & Fishes meals, and our contributions to the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society and the Christ Child Society, among others.

Our physical facilities consist of five church buildings, a rectory, an office building, four cemeteries, and five church parking lots. We are blessed to have such welcoming and sturdy infrastructure, but it does require continuous maintenance and repairs – not to mention heating, air conditioning, lawn-mowing, and snow removal!

Your gifts and your love make all this possible, so I ask that you consider carefully your charitable giving to the Parish, that you pray over it, and that you look to discern God's will for your resources.

To complete your annual pledge to the Parish, please fill out the form on the reverse side of this letter and return it to us in accordance with the directions on the form.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thomas J. Farrell
Pastor