

2009 Survey Evaluation Results

List 3-5 areas parish life that Stella Maris Parish does well.

1. Starts services on time
2. Worship Services & Music
 - Faith Formation
 - Generations of Faith
 - Stewardship Committee
3. All the beauty of the several churches in our area
4. Encouraging Volunteerism
 - CSR Committee
 - Stewardship Committee
 - Worship Services
 - Friendly people
 - Makes you feel at home
 - Beauty of our churches
6. I'm pleased that Fr. Dave has encouraged a friendly atmosphere at Mass by greeting parishioners and asking about concerns as well as celebrations at the beginning.
The new bulletin format is attractive—color helps. It's a critical communication venue.
7. Welcoming all as we come.
 - Info for all events
 - Good homilies—great visiting priests.
 - Sister Angela—visiting in hospitals
8. Our parish does many things, far more than the parish can support or do well, thus many are poorly attended or poorly executed. Our best efforts are in the area of service and responsibility to the community.
9. Lots
10. Saving the several churches and avoiding the central mega church .Social activities.
11. Care of sick and grieving.
 - Support of our pastor.
 - Offer of many spiritual ways of prayer and development
 - Providing liturgy at 6 sites.
 - Offering a variety of spiritual programs
 - Operating in the black
13. Eucharistic Service is beautiful and inspiring though could be better if it were slower or more deliberate
Homilies are excellent especially the way they tie in all the readings, even though they occasionally miss a good opportunity to preach on ?????
14. We have a good and holy pastor whose love of Christ shows.
 - Work is divided among capable lay people.
 - Attempts are made to include women.
 - Absolutely wonderful music & music director
 - Growing sense of community
 - Mass
 - Friendliness
 - Improved cooperation between the 6 church sites
 - Pastor communication to all sites
 - Pastor inclusiveness for all members in all sites
 - Improved appearances of all sites with focus on enhancing the liturgy
 - Worship & education—encourage all parishioners
 - Happy with Fr. Dave as pastor
 - Happy with progress being made
 - Music—choir
 - Ushers friendly
 - Worship & Fellowship
 - Several opportunities for worship & fellowship

Provides for input
 Latin Masses now & then—nice
 Variety of Mass sites & times
 Very welcoming greeters & ushers
 Good outreach to elderly in community
 21. Fr. Ruby is great
 Number of Masses is good
 Very good bulletin
 Music is wonderful
 Always makes everyone feel welcome
 Serving all the parish needs in a wonderful and caring manner
 Beautiful homilies that send you forth to enrich your faith and life
 Excellent volunteerism that we all should appreciate and be thankful for
 Doing an excellent job of blending all sites together as Stella Maris Parish
 Provides good opportunity for Mass
 Education
 Community services
 Liturgy
 Music
 Organization & Stewardship
 Inclusion of all in the Mass
 Music
 Has a full time priest
 Many activities for involvement
 A wonderful pastor—Thank You
 Kind and thoughtful parishioners
 I'm thankful to be a part of this parish!
 Fr. Dave—meaningful sermons—always take something from them
 Fr. Dave—holy priest—can tell he's sincere & makes ultimate effort in all he does
 Kathy—reverent music—blessed to have her
 Mary Ellen—she's great too
 We have a vacation home in Jacksonport, so we don't have year round presence.
 However, we appreciate all the efforts to sustain and improve Stella Maris—it is a challenge
 We do come up during all seasons, so you may see us time to time beyond the summer season—we are
 registered members of the parish and send our envelopes routinely.
 Events to bring parishioners together
 Communication
 Liturgy
 Ministry to the sick & dying
 Socializing
 Continuing call to involve more of the community to ministry
 The merger of Northern Door Stella Maris is working great.
 Fr. Ruby has done a splendid job of serving Stella Maris
 The Stella Maris logo reflects the bringing together of our religious community with diving guidance
 Welcoming and making parishioners and non-parishioners feel included (Staff)
 Making sacraments meaningful and special
 Communicating events via Mass or bulletin
 Offering faith enriching experiences: Taize, guest speakers
 Strong music, homilies and jokes from Fr. Ruby
 Good Mass schedule thru-out year to accommodate visitors
 Good communication
 Good activities thru-out year
 Fr. Dave does well at handling parish & site issues
 Keeping people informed
 Masses are well arranged

Fr. Ruby's good morning greetings and ministry to the people
 The parishes are uniting
 Unity of parishioners in resolving issues that involve us all
 Volunteering for ministries: altar servers, lectors, extraordinary Eucharistic ministers
 My husband and I are very happy with everything
 We're blessed to have Masses at all sites & very lucky.
 Making all people feel like a large family
 There are many functions that bring all people from all sites together (thank you)
 We enjoy Father's jokes
 We are happy we still have a priest here for us when needed, also all the Masses we have
 Variety of committees to be a part of
 Variety of ministries available for people to share their gifts
 Celebrating liturgy in 5 sites
 Morning Prayer
 Christ Renews His Parish
 Taize
 Newsletter
 Care Ministry
 Maintaining 5 sites
 Monday Morning Prayer & Taize
 CRHP
 Work done by Christian Service & Responsibility Committee
 Worship—Liturgy, Music, Sacristans
 Faith Classes for Adults
 Spring Fling
 Beautiful Music
 Music
 Fr. Ruby
 Beautiful churches
 Good Music
 Different ministries
 Activities
 Variety of Masses
 Friendliness in greeting members as well as visitors
 Fr. Dave's availability to all
 Attending to social needs & concerns
 Being welcome to those of other denominations
 Multiple choice of Mass times
 Great music
 Great participation
 Fr. David Ruby
 Offering many spiritual opportunities for us to satisfy different needs
 I like how the children were involved in Mass
 Our social functions: coffee after Mass
 49. Fr. Ruby
 Open use of church for 12 Step group
 Excellent services—light, airy, choir & music
 50. Mass celebration in so many areas
 Good financial managing
 Good short to the point homilies
 51. Making people feel welcome at Mass
 Good financial managing
 52. Good participation
 Good welcoming
 53. Music

- Homilies
- Bike Ride
- Talk by Sister author
- 54. Faith Formation
 - Getting the children of the parish involved (musical Masses, etc)
 - Councils do a good job
- 55. Organizations
 - CRHP
 - Mass schedule
- 56. Fr. Mauthe's service in the summer
 - Well organized services through out the county
 - Informative and well planned sermons—Fr. Dave & Fr. Mauthe
- 57. Communication
 - Fr. Ruby's homilies
 - Friendly people
 - Pristine churches & sites
 - Involved musicians
- 58. Communication
 - Worship
 - Socials
- 59. Helping all essential activities of parish life
- 60. Great sermons
 - Fine tune things we have, don't add more
- 61. Welcoming
 - Great staff
 - Marvelous homilies by Fr. Dave & Fr. Mauthe
 - Good use of parish sites
 - Enjoy newsletter
 - Perhaps you can do this online and save postage
- 62. The Mass schedule
 - Information on parish activities
 - Homilies are excellent
- 63. We are kept informed & included in parish related decisions
 - Fr. Dave is very ready to try new projects & respond to suggestions even though he doesn't necessarily agree
 - Lots of religious enrichment programs, programs to serve and programs to partake of
- 64. Spiritual renewal programs
 - Visiting speakers
- 65. Pastor is doing a terrific job
- 66. Good people—all trying in their own way
 - Love all the priests—pastor & visiting priests
- 67. The many people who help with all ministries
 - The effort of the priest to make things work
- 68. Welcoming visitors
 - Volunteering to serve at Masses and special events
- 69. With H1N1 stop shaking hands for a bit
 - Great priest
 - Very welcoming
- 70. Bulletin is good
 - CRHP is great
- 71. Doing well coming up with new events (like family bike ride) for parish participation—we just need more "parish participants"
 - Making people feel welcome before, during and after Mass
 - Mass & homilies are excellent
- 72. Masses well done
 - Welcome people very well

73. CRHP is wonderful—a wonderful experience
Choir is terrific; also enjoy Ellen & John’s cantoring
Love the added activities, such as the bike ride
Fr. David—you are doing a great job and are so real and present to us
74. Amount of Masses
CCD
75. Balancing needs of summer residents
Thanks for not always asking for money
Thanks for extending your hand of friendship
76. Pastor greeting people before Mass
Organist provides great music—helps with new songs
Many activities & ways to participate
Confessions more accessible
77. Welcome everyone
Great sermons
Good music
78. Good services
Treat people great
Parish activities are fun
79. We welcome everyone with open arms
Mass is available to everyone because there are so many Masses in various locations
We have “the Greatest Priest” in the diocese
80. Eucharistic Adoration (more)
We need confession even if we don’t have mortal sins, because of the graces we receive.
Let’s hear more about it
81. Fr. Dave welcomes everyone with a hand shake
Mass schedule everyone can get to
82. Mass—formal worship
Working together as volunteers
Friendliness to each other & visitors
83. Music is great—keep the youth music going
Welcoming visitors & parishioners
84. Music
Many opportunities to grow in faith
Several good social events
85. Church bulletin new format—logo, Mass schedule on front
Faith building & caring
Enough Masses during summer & reducing in winter
86. Mass schedule & locations
Fr. Ruby’s welcoming of parishioners & guests
Communication with parishioners
Has hired administrative help to relieve Fr. of some of those tasks
87. Everything is done well

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List 3-5 areas parish life in which Stella Maris Parish would be able to improve.

1. Youth Minister
2. Eucharistic Adoration in Sister Bay
Youth Minister
3. Walking into church for Mass. Very hard for anyone to pray, mediate, or have serenity time when it is so loud. If people want to visit, visit after Mass, not to mention Pastor Dave running around shaking hands to

everyone (could be spreading germs) or Mary Ellen too, can't you all stand at the back of church to meet and greet people these as they come in.

If Pastor Dave would wear his collar when he is out and about or to functions. No questions ask tourists, or people that come to celebrate with us would know who he is

4. Youth Ministry
Need a Youth Minister
Eucharistic Adoration in Sister Bay
5. A meeting room for all
6. Various ministries including the Pastoral Council should be more accessible. The website helps those of us with email, but older folks who aren't computer savvy should be contacted somehow
We need to continue to urge parishioners to participate more
Parish nurse is a good idea
7. Number of Masses in Sister Bay on weekends
Growth of diaconate program
Sister Bay seems to have the greatest population. Wish for Saturday night Mass on fall weekends
8. Stop the barrage pf self-congratulations and adulations; instead work towards a better parish with quiet and humble effectiveness.

Often our liturgies are chaotic and distracting and sometimes puzzling. We have a long way to go to present an atmosphere that encourages a connection to God in our daily lives, and a desire to do so often, whether here in DC or elsewhere.

9. What does a nun know about losing a spouse?
10. Reverence before Mass (preparation)
Kneeling when required especially in Sister Bay
Reverence before the exposed Holy Eucharist (kneeling and thru dismissal)
Add Latin Masses
11. Financial management
Better methods & follow up on recruitment
Less talk (focus) if buildings and more on ministry
More acceptance of others whose opinions differ from our views
12. Introduce, play and sing contemporary liturgical music
Shorten homilies to one theme
Redefine the roles of lector & commentator—training
13. Reconciliation should be every day or rather before each Mass—priest in confessional and not necessarily face to face
14. Disagreements on principle are made personal
Women still do not have a full voice in the church and so are deprived of dignity deserved in Christ
15. Allow more than 4 Masses to be said for loved ones per family
16. Increase acceptance by individual parish members as to the talents and abilities of others
Need for a little more stable Mass schedule
Need for increase in cooperation among more parish members
Need for more service by parish members (seems to be improving)
17. Outreach of sick and hospitalized
Children's CCD hard to get to
18. Involvement of children
Service for children
More for young families and singles
19. Father should slow down with communion
Not try so hard to eliminate the culture of each church site—ok to unify the parish but each site has a history to be preserved
Sorry, but the Sister Bay parishioners do not, for the most part, attend or support Masses or functions at other sites.
20. Continue to offer opportunities for youth to be involved
21. Better follow up on volunteering sign-up (we volunteered—stewardship—but no one called us
22. Music—it might help to sing songs everyone is familiar with
Downbeat messages from the Pastor in the bulletin

- Some of the Mass times during the summer are very inconvenient (especially 6pm and 7am in Egg Harbor)
23. Senior services
Transportation
 24. Togetherness—bring people at sites together
 25. You know better than we do—Good Luck
 26. Involve youth more
Help elderly
 27. Energize youth with fun activities
Make Mass kid friendly
Link with other Christian local churches
 28. Need to engage/connect with middle school & high school youth—similar to youth group in Sister Bay at 1st Baptist Church
Youth minister is needed
 29. Welcome the visitors and new parishioners
Art & environment
Getting together to prepare everything needed for Triduum, social events and working together for these events
 30. Better communication skills (from committees to parents to parish members)
More activities with the youth (create a youth group that gets kids community service as well as fun events.
 31. Activities for youth and young families (simple gatherings)
 32. Youth ministry
Space for Faith Formation
Homilies—focus on one story or one reading
 33. Unify parish by having one site—if not build new building—close down all but Fish Creek and/or Sister Bay for winter
Build community center & consolidate offices & youth education. Have worship there in winter & close churches
 34. One site during winter months—Nov-May
Building and grounds
Stewardship
 35. Children’s choir or include children in current choir
More opportunities to volunteer in community, such as helping elderly of parish with yard work, etc—nursing homes
 36. When taking a 2nd collection, announce it and pass the baskets
 37. Consolidate the churches
 38. Welcome new members
Getting new members involved
 39. Nothing—great experience
 40. Before Mass should be quiet—much noise and talking
 41. Would like bible study group lead by Fr. Ruby if possible
 42. Would like a bible class for adults in addition to the scripture class
 43. Holding hands for the Our Father
Harmony for the choir
 44. Parish nurse
 45. Continue what we are doing well!
Eliminate any group or program not working well
 46. One parish site
 50. Too many parish sites
Would like to more youth at Masses
 51. Merging service organizations
Engaging young people thru social & parish activity
 52. The sacrament of reconciliation at other parish sites—from time to time
 53. Start holy day collections or 2nd collections—coffer is losing ground pretty fast
Reevaluate staff. Do we need all we have?
Don’t read the whole bulletin at announcement time

54. Keep winter Masses at all 5 churches (or close Jacksonport)
Continue working to make a one site parish
Why do we not stand for consecration at all parish sites?
55. Sometimes we are pressured into joining groups or participating in things we don't feel comfortable with—
CRHP
Individual and groups need to “step out of the box” and venture into new things
Watch expenses—our pensions don't get any better and we need everyone to help financially
56. Unity, community
Fewer sites
Parish nurse
57. Have one central parish worship center
58. One site would unite the parish—multiple sites is divisive
Men's retreat—CRHP—needs some work done on it
59. Sense of oneness of sites
Less talk at beginning of Mass.
60. Downbeat messages by the priest in the bulletin are embarrassing
Music at Masses could use improvement—folks are trying—choosing songs everyone knows well would be helpful
61. No need to read the whole bulletin at announcement time
Music at some sites
Close at least 2 churches all winter completely—no funerals, no nothing. It's all one parish or at least we are led to believe that
Go green!!!!
62. Need for more servers
Need for not changing times of Masses—keep them the same
Work toward an all parish choir—good for all—sing at different sites at different times
63. Parishioners need to participate in more of the offered events, services and prayer life
64. Make sure everyone knows how & where to reach Father in an emergency or a sub if he is gone
More choir members
65. Advertising announcements at all events the same in bulletin
Communication
Youth involvement
66. Improved communication with summer residents
Clarify whether there's to be a new church
Will Fr. Mauthe be replaced if his health doesn't allow his return?
67. Engage children more in Mass
Possible have a monthly family Mass
68. More Masses
Keep St. Rosalia open year round
- *69. Nothing—all is good
- *70. This parish is great! I'm happy to be a parishioner
71. Reconciliation
Allowing small groups to push their agenda so hard
Getting more people to volunteer and become part of the community
The land is like a millstone around our neck
72. Build one church in a central location so that we can be ONE
- *73. Keep up the good work!
74. Youth involvement
Coffee get-togethers after winter Masses occasionally
- *75. Can't think of a thing—you're doing a great job Fr. Dave
76. Most things
Adequate opportunity to attend Mass
77. ONE site as the Bishop thought would be ok
78. More people to join us saying the rosary
- *79. Cannot really think of any—very much working towards continuing improvement

80. How to get new members in our St. Mary's Altar Society. We only had 5 members that showed up at our last meeting.
81. Cutting Saturday Mass in Sister Bay in September & October is ridiculous!! And financially irresponsible
Too much staff without any accountability
82. Give up central control
Respect the members of the parish
Respect the history of the local villages
Spread the word, don't dictate it
Too much socialism, not enough religion
83. Music is too loud
Only soft music while going to communion—no singing
There are too many changes in church; we don't need all the new things that are going on.
Too many people aren't coming to Mass
Going back to closing song after communion
84. Begin Mass on time
85. Start service on time—do your spiel at 5 to the time
86. A meeting room for all

Recap of Stella Maris Positives

Father Dave

- We have full-time priest
- Fulfills needs of summer residents

Liturgy

Homilies

- Fr. Dave
- Fr. Mauthe

Great visiting priests

Staff

Mass sites & schedule

- Beauty of our churches

Music

- Music director
- Choir

Welcoming & friendly atmosphere to visitors & parishioners

Spiritual opportunities

- Taize
- CRHP
- Morning Prayer

Ministries/committees & people involved in them

- Ministry to sick & dying
- Stewardship
- CSR
- Outreach to elderly

Growing sense of community

Finances

- Not always asking for money

Communication

Social activities

- Spring Fling
- Trying new things—Bike Ride

Bulletin

- New logo

