

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Jan 20, 2026

Egg Harbor Site

Our Mission: *“Stella Maris Catholic Parish prayerfully unites people in the love of Jesus guided by our patron, Mary.”*

Our Vision: *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.*

Attendees: Bernie Freeman, Mark Loper, Tom Polacek, Larry Leporte, Jody Weitman, Jim Perry, John Talley, Laura Paider

Absent: all present

Call to Order: Bernie opened the meeting at 3:36pm

Opening Prayer: Bernie

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the December 9, 2025, meeting were approved by consensus.

2026 Annual Stewardship Plan

- The Stewardship Plan was discussed and modified. See the 2026 Stewardship Plan for details.

2026 Service and Sharing Drive Checklist

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Stewardship Projects Update

- **“Spotlight on Parish Ministries” Bulletin Articles**
 - Bernie confirmed with Lorie that bulletin space for our Spotlight on Parish Ministries articles is still available to us.
 - 32 different ministries have been highlighted
 - Suggestion-continue to create and publish spotlight articles, but with different writers to offer different perspectives. Former article writers could be asked to recruit another person from their ministry to write a column for 2026. This would offer new perspectives on each ministry.

- **Loaves and Fishes Meals**

- Administratively, Stella Maris is in charge of this ecumenical event; however, Laura Neville (nonparishioner) is the coordinator.
- Bernie reached out to Laura Neville to ask how we at Stella Maris could help. Laura responded that they have enough volunteers for the event, but they do need donations of desserts.
- The best form of support is to attend this event, which is held the second Thursday of every month at the Sister Bay Stella Maris site.

2026 Meeting Dates

All meetings will be held at 3:30pm at the Egg Harbor site, unless otherwise noted.

- May 5
- August 18 (9:00 Volunteer Event Planning Meeting/10:00 Regular Meeting)
- October 13

Closing Prayer: Bernie

Meeting adjourned: 4:53pm

Respectfully submitted, Jody Weitman