

Stewardship Committee Meeting

August 19, 2025

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 **Guest Attendees:** Kathy Wolff and Jan Liss

Absent: Laura Paider

Call to Order: Bernie opened the meeting at 9:03am

Opening Prayer: Bernie

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 13, 2025, meeting were approved as presented.

Welcome to New Members of Committee

- Bernie introduced Jim Perry and John Talley as new members of the Stewardship Committee.

Planning of Volunteer Appreciation Event (Sept 17)

- Bernie welcomed Commission Chairs Kathy and Jan and thanked them for being a part of the planning for the Volunteer Appreciation Event.
- The Timeline for the Celebration prep was discussed and modified. The event will be promoted the weekend of September 13/14. See *Checklist* for additional details.
- The event details were discussed and roles assigned. The modifications can be found on the *Meeting Details* document.

Recap of 2025 Stewardship Drive

- 143 forms were returned: 10 new volunteers; 27 seasonal members; 16 added a new ministry.

- Larry reported that using only hard copies of the Time and Talent forms was “good and effective.” He advised continuing a hard copy-only method of gathering information for next year.
- Suggestion for next year-Allow people time during Mass to fill out forms in person. The discussion was tabled until our December meeting.

Stewardship Committee Annual Report

- Bernie distributed the Annual Report for the Stewardship Committee that she created. This will be part of the Annual Report.

“Spotlight on Parish Ministries” Bulletin Articles

- Bernie presented the list of ministries that have been or will be highlighted soon in the bulletin. About half of the ministries have been highlighted thus far since April. The response to these articles has been very positive.

Special Update-Parish 20th Anniversary Celebration

- Tom and Larry provided the committee with highlights of the planned events for the celebration scheduled for September 28.
- The Bishop will celebrate Mass that day at the Baileys Harbor and Sister Bay sites.

Remaining 2025 Meeting Dates

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

- December 9

Closing Prayer: Committee

Meeting adjourned: 10:40am

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Weitman