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**Stella Maris Washington Island, Saturday Feb. 14**

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## **Stella Maris Catholic Parish - Washington Island**

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 at 10:30 a.m.**

 *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time* 

*Liturgy of the Word w/ Communion - Larry Kahlscheuer (Lay Presider)*

Trinity Lutheran Church

**"Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord." ~ Psalm 119**

Those who follow the law of God are truly blessed (*psalm*), for to keep the law is to choose life over death, good over evil (*first reading*). The law, Jesus teaches, is not a set of external norms but an invitation to more just and loving relationships (*gospel*). In the psalm we ask God to give us this level of discernment about the law. We pray also to be led to the obedience which flows from a heart tempered by compassion, forgiveness, truth, and mercy. How over the years have you grown in your understanding of God's law? How has God's law made you more compassionate, more merciful, more truthful, more just? " ~Kathleen Harmon

#### MASS SCHEDULE!

**Mass or Liturgy of the Word with Communion continues to be held on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.** Along with Fr. Tom Farrell, we are blessed to have Fr. Tony Birdsall, Msgr. Jim Dillenburg, Dcns. Tony Abts, Kurt Grube, and David Kowalski coming to the island to celebrate Mass and Liturgy of the Word with us this winter!

**FAST, PRAY, GIVE ALMS:** Our Lenten reflection booklets, "*Not By Bread Alone*", are available at the main entrance to the church. Please pick up one booklet per household to use during your Lenten prayer time as you prepare for Easter, the high point of the Church year.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is right around the corner. We will be holding a Liturgy of the Word with Communion and Distribution of Ashes, at our home on Wednesday, February 18 at 4:00 p.m.

**SOUPS ON!** We hope you will be able to join us as we continue this time of warm fellowship for the winter months. Although it is not necessary to bring anything, Mary Grzelak has a google document set up for people to sign up and bring a soup, bread, dessert or whatever else if you would like to contribute. Please spend this time of fellowship with us. We always have more than enough. You can contact Mary at 813-957-2224 or email her at [mabgisland@gmail.com](mailto:mabgisland@gmail.com) or [mary.grzelak@island.k12.wi.us](mailto:mary.grzelak@island.k12.wi.us) <https://docs.google.com/document/d/10N3yBNNRnCXkA2iGSo0Of1UvsOIFBQnR2B1Lo0G9uzo/edit?tab=t.0&usp=gmail>

**Join a small group for Lent!** This year for Lent, our small groups will be using the video series, on the Formed platform, "*The Search*" from the Augustine Institute. "*The Search*" leads people to the deepest questions of the human heart, exploring the meaning and purpose of life with a visually stunning and intellectually stimulating approach. An evangelization series hosted by Chris Stefanick, "*The Search*" guides viewers through a crescendo of seven episodes examining life and death, sorrow and happiness, and science and faith. Astrophysicists, psychologists, astronauts, neuroscientists, professors, athletes, artists, and the beauty of the cosmos all point to one conclusion: Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

**Please join us starting Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. or Friday, February 20 at 1:00 p.m. at our home, 1840 Detroit Harbor Rd.** We have the Study Guides and Journals available for you. You can call us at 920-535-0550 to sign up.

**Mass Intentions:** - Mass Intentions are available for our Island Masses. If you would like a Mass said for a loved one contact us or Lori Orthober at the Egg Harbor Office (920) 868-3241. Email: [churchofficesmdc@gmail.com](mailto:churchofficesmdc@gmail.com). A stipend of \$20 is requested.

**Reconciliation:** Father is always available for you to receive this sacrament either before or after our weekend Mass when he is on the island.

**Papal Request:** Pope Leo XIV is asking us to pray 3 Our Father's and 3 Hail Mary's so God will send his spirit to come upon all nations for peace in our world. Please pray these prayers every day.

**PRAY before the BLESSED SACRAMENT.** You are welcomed and encouraged to stop by our home to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Call or text first if you'd like, or just sit on the porch before our Lord for a few minutes.

**Homebound?** If you are homebound and unable to make it to Mass, and you would like to receive Holy Communion, let us know. We have Eucharistic Ministers who can bring Holy Communion to you.

## PRAYERS

 A prayer of thanksgiving for **Jim Rose** as he recovers from what was initially thought to be a brain bleed. The spot they saw was something called a venous anomaly that he was probably born with. He is home and doing well!

Prayers for **Steve O'Connor** as he recovers from a knee replacement surgery on Tuesday. He came home today and will be in PT 3 days a week for the next month. We pray for a speedy recovery for you, Steve!

Prayers for the repose of the soul of **Mark Dewey** who died this morning after a six month battle with brain cancer. We pray for his wife Carrie and all of Mark's family and friends who mourn his loss. Mark will be dearly missed.

We pray for all those in our community who have been diagnosed with cancer or other major health issues and have asked for our prayers: **Celia Stoltz, Mickey Riggle, Emilie O'Connor, Helene Valentincic, Donna VanRamshorst, Dave Hanlin, Andy Austin, Craig Littero, Jerry and Marlene Mann**, and for all those that have asked for prayer.  We pray for them and for all those battling cancer, heart issues, diabetes, Parkinsons. We pray for those struggling with other health concerns, addictions, depression and mental health issues, all those in prison, the homebound, the elderly, migrants, the homeless and those seeking employment. We continue to pray for families and friends that have lost loved ones this past year, that they can find peace and comfort in God's healing touch.

We pray for all those that we hold privately in our hearts in a special way for specific intentions. Prayers continue for all those struggling with and recovering from the bad colds and influenza that are hitting people so hard this year. We pray for safe travels for all those traveling this winter. We also lift up our prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving; our praise reports!

**Fr. Tom Farrell:** We pray for our pastor, Father Tom Farrell as he will be retiring this summer. With love and gratitude we thank you, Fr. Tom, for all you have done to shepherd your Stella Maris flock! We pray for Bishop Ricken and all those involved in assigning the next Priest to our parish.

At each Mass people ask for prayers for friends and family. Know that we are praying for you, your families, and your friends. We ask that you pray for us and all those that have asked for prayers as well. Let us know how best we can pray for you.  (If you have specific prayer requests that you would like added to our weekly letter, please call, text or email us.)

 **Snow Shoveling** : It's that time of year where the snow will be falling soon!  Trinity is looking for snow shovelers!  They have a signup sheet in the Narthex. If you would like to take a turn for a week or so this winter, Trinity would surely appreciate it. Thank you!

**What's happening in our parish?** Click on our parish link below to read about all the great things happening in our parish and to read many great articles! Our bulletins can also be found here! <https://www.stellamarisparish.com/>

**Thank you!** to all of you that respond to our weekly emails! They are read and appreciated. We are all connected by the Holy Spirit and bound together by God's love for us.

**Seasonal Members:** If you worship with us at any time during the year and are not a member of Stella Maris, we welcome you to fill out a Stella Maris Parish Parishioner information membership form. Just ask us for a form.

**"FORMED"** Formed is now available to all parishioners! Stella Maris Parish now has a great resource available, Formed.org. Formed is a digital library ready for you to stream or download. Formed offers inspirational Catholic videos, courses, audio talks, books and movies that give you great Catholic teaching in your life and for your family. Diving into the beauty of the faith has never been easier: at home, on the go, from your TV, laptop, or phone, there is something for every member of your family to grow closer to Jesus Christ and His Church. Discover inspiring children's shows, family-friendly movies, daily Mass readings and reflections, resources about the Mass and the Sacraments and small group Bible studies. During Lent our parish will be using the Formed platform in our small groups as we look at and reflect upon the series "The Search" with Chris Stefanik. Formed is ready to go, already paid for, downloadable, and easy to access. All you have to do is to enter Stella Maris Church or our zip code, 54209, at [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and you will have access to the entire platform for free. Formed offers resources for adults, teens, children, parents, widows, those who are suffering from addiction, those who are searching, and for those who feel their faith life has grown stagnant. Truly, there is something for everyone. Make sure to sign up now and take a step forward in your faith. Watch or listen to something that interests you and tell others about it. Start exploring today and discover the Catholic faith anywhere, anytime.

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Have you checked out the **"Relevant Radio"**, **"Hallow"**, or the **"Ascension Press"** apps? These are great resources for prayer, study and so much more!

<https://hallow.com/>

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/ascension-app>

<https://relevanradio.com/>

*"O guiding wisdom, you plant your law within me, in my mind, and in my heart. Empower the sounds from my lips to become a living song, filled with your wisdom, guided by insight, and faithful to your service. Amen." ~ Kathleen Harmon*

**May Christ's light burn brightly in your heart!**

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