
Stella Maris Washington Island, Sat. Feb. 21

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Stella Maris Catholic Parish - Washington Island

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY

21 at 10:30 a.m.

✠ 1st Sunday of Lent ✠

Mass - Fr. Tony Birdsall

Trinity Lutheran Church

"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." ~ Psalm 51

In these verses from Psalm 51 we admit that our self-centeredness, like that of Adam and Eve (*first reading*), has led us to turn away from God. We beg God to wash away our offense and create within us new hearts filled with steadfast fidelity. We pray to be redeemed in the obedience of Christ who reversed the destructive consequences of Adam and Eve's choice (*second reading, gospel*). And in the end, we praise the God whose love and mercy restore to us the joy of salvation. Psalm 51 is, then, the journey-song of Lent. May we sing it well as we walk homeward. *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, Dcn. 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.

SOUPS ON! *We hope you will be able to join us as we continue this time of warm fellowship for the winter months. 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.* (Currently, there is one soup and bread for this weekend, so if you can bring something, it would be welcomed. Thanks!) *Please spend this time of fellowship with us. We always seem to have more than enough. You can contact Mary at 813-957-2224 or email her at mabgisland@gmail.com or mary.grzelak@island.k12.wi.us <https://docs.google.com/document/d/10N3yBNNRnCXkA2iGS0Of1UvsOIFBQnR2B1Lo0G9uZo/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. 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

🙏 Continued prayers for **Steve O'Connor** as he recovers from his recent knee replacement surgery. Also prayers for Steve and Margie's granddaughter, **Isabel O'Connor** who is struggling with mental health issues due to PTSD. Isabel will be 24 tomorrow (Friday).

🙏 **Mike Gieringer** is asking for prayers for good test results for a health concern.

🙏 We pray for all those in our community who have been diagnosed with cancer or other major health issues and have asked for prayer: **Jim Gunnlaugsson, Celia Stoltz, Mickey Riggle, Emilie O'Connor, Helene Valentincic, Donna VanRamshorst, Dave Hanlin, Andy Austin, Craig Littero, Jerry and Marlene Mann.**

🙏 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 continue to keep the **families** of **Chris Hecht** and **Mark Dewey** in our prayers.

🙏 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. 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 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. Register for a free FORMED account at [signup](https://signup.formed.org).

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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://relevantradio.com/>

"God, who calls all to conversion, come now, and transform my mind and will, and create in me a clean heart. Transform the words from my lips, to become a path for prayer for all who come to be changed by your mercy and compassion.

Amen." ~ Kathleen Harmon

When he calls on me, I will answer him. May you be filled with the joy of salvation this Lenten season.

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