

**Stella Maris Parish Washington Island - January 24**

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

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 at 10:30 a.m.**

 *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time* 

*Liturgy of the Word with Communion - Dcn. Kurt Grube*

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

***"The Lord is my light and my salvation" ~ Psalm 27***

Zebulun and Naphtali was considered a place of darkness (*first reading*) because it had been conquered by the Assyrians. When the land was returned to the Judean kingdom, the people felt God lifting them out of the darkness of oppression into the light of freedom. Isaiah uses this historical happening to foreshadow the coming of the Messiah, and Matthew uses it to identify Christ as the light of salvation. In Psalm 27 we ask to dwell with God, but in the gospel Jesus asks us to dwell with him. He calls us to participate in his mission. Saying yes will bring changes in our way of living. It will also bring light into the world. ~ *Kathleen Harmon*

#### **MASS SCHEDULE!**

**We are well into our winter Mass schedule with Mass 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!**

**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/10N3yBNNRnCXkA2iGS0Of1UvsOIFBQnR2B1Lo0G9uzo/edit?tab=t.0&usp=gmail>

**Bishop Ricken:** Please note that Bishop Ricken will be celebrating the 8:00 am Mass at Baileys Harbor on Sunday, February 1st. Bishop will be consecrating the new altar top at the church and all parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend this very special Mass and ritual.

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

**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.

**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

 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: **Emilie O'Connor, Mark Dewey, 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 the soul of **Chris Hecht** who died on Monday. We lift to you his wife Liz and their children Matt and Helen, and all their family and friends.

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**  Trinity is looking for snow shoveler!  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 saving God, you alone conquer the fears that lurk in my mind and heart, and the gift of your goodness is the song that never ends. May my voice be a voice of courage; may my song be a flash of light to penetrate the darkness and bring forth your salvation." ~ Kathleen Harmon*

**May you be blessed with peace in this new year.**

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