
Stella Maris Washington Island, January 31

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Stella Maris Catholic Parish - Washington Island

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 at 10:30 a.m.

 *4th Sunday in Ordinary Time* 

Liturgy of the Word with Communion - Dcn. Kurt Grube

Trinity Lutheran Church

"Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!" ~ Psalm 146

The kingdom of heaven the psalm refrain promises is the experience of being saved by God. In phrase after phrase Psalm 146 describes what God does for us weak human beings: lifts oppression, feeds the hungry, frees captives, heals the blind, raises up the bowed down, protects strangers, etc. When we acknowledge how "poor" we are (*gospel*) and stand humble and lowly before God (*first reading*) we open ourselves to God's saving deeds. We grasp that God is the source of all fulfillment, and we discover a blessedness we already possess. ~ *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!

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-*

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.

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 February 15th- Sundays at 6 pm in Sister Bay, Mondays at 9:30 am by Zoom, or Wednesdays at 9:30 am in Egg Harbor for this 7-week series. Call Angela at (920)868-3241 to sign up for a group or for more information. ***We will be starting a group on the Island as well. Let us know if you are interested and we will work out a time/day that will hopefully work for you.***

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

⚠ 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**. We lift to you his wife Liz and their children Matt and Helen, and all their family and friends as they celebrate his life and mourn his loss. His funeral will be held today at Shepherd of the Bay in Ellefson Bay.

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 shoveling!  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.

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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 of all the poor, you constantly lift up all whose lives seem helpless, and whose spirits are crushed. Come and instill in me the happiness that you bring in the midst of my own poverty, so I may, with more integrity, sing on behalf of your people.

Amen." ~ Kathleen Harmon

May you be blessed with peace in this new year.

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<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10N3yBNNRnCXkA2iGSo0Of1UvsOIFBQnR2B1Lo0G9uzo/edit?tab=t.0&usp=gmail>

Last weekend was frigid cold with many events being cancelled, but that didn't stop the Islanders from gathering for Liturgy of the Word and a warm bowl of soup and fellowship after! Dcn. Kurt, thank you for braving the cold, and the ferry boat, and for leading the liturgy for us!



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