

Stella Maris Washington Island, Sunday March 29

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Stella Maris Catholic Parish - Washington Island
SUNDAY, MARCH 29 at 2:00 p.m.

† Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord †

Mass - Msgr. Jim Dillenburg

Trinity Lutheran Church

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" ~ Psalm 22

The reading from Philippians proclaims how Christ's choice to empty himself leads to his exaltation. Psalm 22 shows how a cry of being abandoned by God becomes self-abandoned, unrestrained praise of God. Truly death to self undertaken out of love for God and others transforms who and how we are. Psalm 22 is, then, the "word to the weary" spoken by a tongue well-trained (*first reading*) in the words and example of Jesus. May our singing of Psalm 22 give us the courage we need to enter Holy Week, aware of both the suffering and the exaltation to which it will lead. ~ Kathleen Harmon

 **MASS SCHEDULE!** 

Mass or Liturgy of the Word with Communion continues to be held weekly. 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!

Please take note of the changes and additions to our Mass and worship calendar for the next month:

Saturday, March 28 - - 11:30 a.m. Funeral Service for Marlene Mann

Sunday, March 29 - - 2:00 p.m. Palm Sunday, Msgr. Jim Dillenburg

Good Friday, April 3 - - 3:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (our home)

Saturday, April 4 - - 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, Fr. Tom Farrell

Saturday, April 11 - - 10:30 a.m. Msgr. Jim Dillenburg

Sunday, April 19 - - 1:00 p.m. Fr. Tom Farrell

After Mass Fellowship & Treats: *We hope you will be able to join us after Mass on Sunday for a quick time of fellowship and treats before Msgr. Dillenburg catches the 4:00 boat! (It also happens to be Dorene Gillespie's 7th birthday on Sunday! 🎂 🍷 🍰)*

A huge thank you to all of you that have made soups, bread, desserts, salad and everything else in between for our soup and bread luncheons this winter!

"The Story of all Stories" is a story bible for young Catholics written by Emily Stimpson Chapman and illustrated by Diana Renzina. This has been in the making for 2 years and came out in October 2025 available on Bishop Robert Barron's "Word on Fire" bookstore.

Check out the link below. **I will be placing a group order on April 1.** We get a discount when we order 5 or more. Original price \$50 with a 30% discount bringing the cost down to \$35 a book. Shipping is FREE. Let me know if you would like to place an order and take advantage of this discount. They will be shipped to our home so you will need to pick-up here and pay in advance. Or simply order them on your own. Whichever is most convenient for you.

<https://bookstore.wordonfire.org/collections/on-sale/products/the-story-of-all-stories>

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.

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. (the snow has melted enough that you can actually get to the front porch now! ❄️ 😊)*

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 ask for prayers for the repose of the soul of **Marlene Mann** who died on Wednesday, March 18. Please hold Jerry and the family in your prayers as they mourn and grieve the loss of Marlene, a devoted and beloved wife, mother, friend, and community member. Visitation will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sat. March 28 from 9:30-11:30. Service at 11:30 and a luncheon to follow. We are asked to bring a side, salad, or dessert.

🙏 We also received word that **Jerry Maiers** and **Sonja Noonan** passed away this past week. Please keep their families in your prayers.

🙏 We pray for all those in our community who are recovering from surgery or have been diagnosed with cancer or other health issues and have asked for prayer: **Joe Wollner, Lance Ferris, Mike Gieringer, Isabel O'Connor, Celia Stoltz, Emilie O'Connor, Helene Valentincic, Donna VanRamshorst, Dave Hanlin, Andy Austin, Craig Littero, Jerry 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, those seeking employment, and peace in the world. 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 bad colds and influenza. We pray for safe travels for all those traveling. We also lift up our prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving; our praise reports!

🙏 Please keep **Dorene Gillespie** and **Odin Valentincic** in your prayers as they are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion this spring. Also prayers for all those going through OCIA and entering into the Catholic Church this Easter Vigil.

🙏 **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.)

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.

Welcome New Parishioners (Sept. 2025-March 2026) David & Jeannie Horak, Susanne Miller, Megan Hannasch, Evan Zellner, Elizabeth Haack, William & Terri Bittner, Michael & Rebecca Eith, Michael & Sarah Novotny, **Linda Heineman**, Logan & Caitlin Macomber, Timothy & Jeanne Farrell, **Pamela & Doug Hansen**, Linda & Mark Glasser, Alan & Lorraine Kroll.

"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).

Formed.org

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 always walks with us, you are our help who never leaves us in shame. As you exalted your Son, come now and exalt this song and prayer so that in crying out to you, our faith can be restored, and every tongue confess that you alone are God.

Amen."

~ Kathleen Harmon ~

EMPTY ME

FILL ME

USE ME

May God be with you all as we enter the holiest of weeks.

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