
Stella Maris Washington Island, Sat, March 7

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Stella Maris Catholic Parish - Washington Island

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 at 10:30 a.m.

✝ 3rd Sunday of Lent ✝

Mass - Fr. Tony Birdsall

Trinity Lutheran Church

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." ~ Psalm 95

The opening of Psalm 95 calls us to praise God for salvation. The middle exhorts us to worship God for shepherding us. But the conclusion warns that we can harden our hearts against God even in the face of all God is doing to save us (*first reading*). We must instead be like the Samaritan woman (*gospel*). We must listen to the words of Jesus until we grasp that he is God's gift of salvation to us. We must drink deeply of him and receive everlasting life. Otherwise, when discipleship is difficult we will complain that God is not giving us what we want, and turn a deaf ear to Christ. Which will it be? ~ *Kathleen Harmon*

MASS SCHEDULE!

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

on Saturday 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!

CHANGE OF MASS TIME: The ferry line posted a revision to their upcoming ferry schedule beginning March 13 through April 2. (Ferry schedule is attached below). Because of this change there will not be a 9:00 or 9:30 boat coming to the island during that time. Father will be coming across on the 10:00 boat. We will plan for a **10:45 Mass on Saturday March 14, 21 & 28**. Father wants to leave on the noon boat so we will not have soup and bread luncheon or the Sacrament of Reconciliation available to us those Saturdays.

 **SPRING FORWARD**  *It's March! Don't forget to change your clocks Saturday night!*



FAST, PRAY, GIVE ALMS: *We still have a few Lenten reflection booklets, "[Not By Bread Alone](#)", available at the main entrance to the church. A great resource to use during your Lenten prayer time as you prepare for Easter.*

Our LAST SOUP & BREAD: *We hope you will be able to join us this Saturday for our last soup and bread of the season! It, as always, has been a wonderful time of fellowship! A huge thank you for all of you that have made soups, bread, desserts, salad and everything else in between. Thanks for all your help in setting up and cleaning up!*

Join a small group for Lent! This year for Lent, our small groups are 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.

Our next session will be held on **Friday, March 13 at 1:00 p.m. at our home.** We have the Study Guides and Journals available for you. Questions? Call us at 920-535-0550. (*No session Friday March 6*)

"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. I bought two copies, one for my grandson and one for me. I must tell you that I was quite impressed. It's a beautiful hardbound book!

Check out the link below. I will be placing a group order in the next week or two. 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 plus tax. Shipping is FREE. Let me know if you would like to place an order and take advantage of this discount. ***Orders need to be in by next Friday, March 13.*** 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.

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

 I would ask that you keep my brother, **Joe Wollner**, in your prayers in regards to a health concern and an upcoming MRI. 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: **Lance Ferris, Mike Gieringer, Steve O'Connor, Isabel O'Connor, Celia Stoltz, Emilie O'Connor, Helene Valentincic, Donna VanRamshorst, Dave Hanlin, Andy Austin, Craig Littero, Jerry Mann 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 pray for Dudley and the family of **Mickey Riggle** who passed away on February 21. Mickey's funeral service will be held tomorrow, March 6, at Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa, WI. Mickey's obituary is posted in a link below. 

 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.)

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.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, whose voice resounds in the many chapters of our journey of life, come and free me from any demons that may keep me from speaking your word in spirit and truth. Help me to listen to your voice, so that the sound of your salvation may become the song of all of us to ring out your joy. Amen." ~ Kathleen Harmon

EMPTY ME

FILL ME

USE ME

May you be filled with the joy of salvation during your Lenten journey.

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



Spring Schedule

NOTE: Due to the presence of heavy ice in the Bay for the near future, we will be running a revised 8 day daily schedule beginning March 18th through April 2nd. No vehicle reservations will be required starting March 18th.

MARCH 18 - APRIL 2

TO ISLAND		TO MAINLAND	
8:00 am	3:00 pm	7:00 am	2:00 pm
10:00 am	5:00 pm	9:00 am	4:00 pm
1:00 pm		12:00 pm	

PASSENGER & AUTO FERRY TO WASHINGTON ISLAND

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