

Stella Maris Washington Island, Saturday, January 10

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Stella Maris Catholic Parish - Washington Island**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 at 10:30 a.m.****† Baptism of the Lord †***Fr. Tom Farrell & Dcn. David Kowlaski***Trinity Lutheran Church***"The Lord will bless his people with peace." ~ Psalm 29*

Semitic cultures of Israel's time used the imagery of raging waters to represent a primordial force of evil and chaos constantly threatening to destroy human life. But the Israelites had a different understanding: the waters were not primordial, God was. God's power sweeps over the waters in the opening lines of Genesis. God's power is sovereign over all forces, seen and unseen. This is the power which is revealed in the baptism and mission of Jesus (*gospel*). This is the power which brings people out of chaos to the peace of salvation (*psalm refrain*). And this is the power given us in our own baptism. How can we not shout "GLORY!" ~ Kathleen Harmon

I hope you all had a blessed and joy filled Christmas season with family and friends. The Baptism of our Lord officially ends the Christmas Season, but may you all continue to hold the birth of our Lord and his coming, close in your heart throughout the year.

⛪ 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! Tomorrow will be our first "**Soup & Bread**" luncheon after Mass. 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 you would like to contribute. You can contact Mary at 813-957-2224 or email her at mabgislard@gmail.com or mary.grzelak@island.k12.wi.us <https://docs.google.com/document/d/10N3yBNNRnCXkA2iGSo0Of1UvsOIFBQnR2B1Lo0G9uzo/edit?tab=t.0>

Reconciliation: Father is always available for you to receive this sacrament either before or after our weekend Mass.

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

 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, Chris Hecht, 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 all those that we hold privately in our hearts in a special way for specific intentions. We pray for safe travels for all those traveling this winter. We also lift up our prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving; our praise reports!

Heavenly Father, we lift to you those from our community who have recently passed including Ed Regnier, Arba Turner, Marg Bjarnarson, Dan Nilsson, Nancy Kamke.

Prayers for all those struggling with recovering from the bad colds and influenza that are hitting people so hard this year.

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 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/) <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.

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/>

" O God of all glory, your power is unfathomable; your wake, immense and fierce; your love, unconditional; you call, ever clear. Unleash within me the song of your Spirit, that I may forever sing of your greatness, not with shriek or shrill, but with the music of your unwavering justice. ~ Kathleen Harmon

May you be blessed with peace in this new year.

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