

A Family of Faith: Catechesis for the Whole Family

Stella Maris Catholic Church Catechesis Calendar 2026-2027

Family Attendance and Participation at all Events is Vital!

September

September 13- Faith Formation Registration

Sister Bay after the 10 AM Mass

September 27- Family Session- Importance of Prayer in the family; Guardian Angels

8 AM Mass Baileys Harbor, Class 9:15-10:30

October

October 4- Break-Out Session- St. Faustina and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Our Lady of the Rosary

8 AM Mass Baileys Harbor, Class 9:15-10:30

October 24- Carlo Acutis Day-Confirmation Students

9AM-5PM, Our Lady of Champion Shrine

October 25- Break-Out Session- Prayer in Salvation History

8 AM Mass Baileys Harbor, Class 9:15-10:30

November

November 1- Family Session- All Saints Day

8 AM Mass Baileys Harbor, Class 9:15-10:30

November 15- Break-Out Session-Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

8:00 AM Mass Baileys Harbor, class 9:15-10:30

December

December 5- First Saturday and Confirmation Morning of Reflection

7:30AM Rosary, 8 AM Mass, 8:30am

Reconciliation, Baileys Harbor (class till noon)

December 6- Family Session- Advent

8AM Mass, Baileys Harbor, class 9:15-10:30

December 13- Break-out Session- The "Our Father"

8AM Mass Baileys Harbor, class 9:15-10:30

January

January 3- Confirmation

3 PM Sturgeon Bay, Corpus Christi

January 10- Break-Out Session- Holy Spirit and prayer

8 AM Mass Baileys Harbor, Class 9:15-10:30

January 24- Family Session- Word of God Sunday/ Lectio Divina

8am Mass Baileys Harbor, Class 9:15-10:30

February

February 7- Break-Out Session- Prayer to the Virgin Mary and Expressions of Prayer

8 AM Mass Baileys Harbor, Class 9:15-10:30

February 10- Ash Wednesday

February 14- Family Session- Lent

8am Mass Baileys Harbor, 9:15-10:30 Class

March

March 7- Break-Out Session- Forms of Prayer/ Praying with Scripture

8 AM Mass Bailey's Harbor, Class 9:15-10:30

March 14- Family Session- Stations of the Cross

8:00 AM Mass Baileys Harbor, class 9:15- 10:30

March 21- Family/Adult Session- The Triduum

8am Mass Baileys Harbor, 9:15-10:30 class

April

April 11- Break-Out Session- The Battle of Prayer and Prayer with the Communion of Saints

8 AM Mass Baileys Harbor, Class 9:15-10:30

April 15- Adoration and First Reconciliation

5pm Adoration and Reconciliation followed by

6pm Mass

April 24- First Communion Retreat

9-12:00 Sister Bay

April 25- Family Session- Prayer Partners and Intercessory Prayer

8am Mass Baileys Harbor, Class 9:15-10:30

May

May 1- Walk to Mary- Our Lady of Champion Shrine

May 9- First Holy Communion

10am Mass, Sister Bay followed by celebration



Growing Together in Faith and Prayer: Faith Formation Begins September 27th!

What does it look like for a family to grow together in faith? A child's faith is nurtured not only in the classroom, but around the table, at Mass, in prayer, and through the example of people who love them.

This year, Stella Maris Catholic Parish invites families to journey together through a year centered on prayer. We will explore what it means to pray, why we pray, and how prayer draws us into a deeper relationship with God. But prayer does not stand alone. It is woven into every part of our Catholic faith.

Throughout the year, we will continue to study the Gospel, our Life in Christ, the Sacraments and the Creed, discovering how what we believe becomes the way we live. We will learn about the beautiful ways the Church gives us to encounter Christ, especially through the Sacraments, and how our lives of prayer prepare us to receive those gifts with greater faith and understanding.

In a special way, we will take inspiration from Our Lady of Champion and her words to Adele Brise. Our Lady told Adele to teach the children what they should know for their salvation, including how to sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross and how to approach the Sacraments. That call to teach children the foundations of their Catholic faith remains just as (or even more!) important today.

Faith Formation begins Sunday, September 27th, after the 8am Mass in Baileys Harbor and is for the entire family. We will meet for two Sundays most months (and some weeknights throughout the year for service and prayer opportunities). Stella Maris Catholic Parish recognizes what the Church teaches: parents are the primary catechists of their children. The parish is here to support and accompany parents in this beautiful responsibility. When children see their parents learning, praying, asking questions, and growing in faith, they learn that Catholicism is not merely something we study - it is a way of life and a journey to salvation and eternal life with God.

Before each class, we will gather for fellowship. Sharing food, conversation, laughter, and our lives with one another is an important part of becoming a stronger parish community. We want our children to know not only their faith, but also the people who share that faith with them. We want parents to know that they are not walking this journey alone.

As Bishop Ricken encourages us to "Reclaim Sundays", our hope is that these days of family faith formation become a time for families to pray, learn, worship, and grow in discipleship together. Whether your family has a well-established prayer life or you are looking for a place to begin, you are welcome. There is always more to discover about the riches of our Catholic faith, and there is always an invitation from God to come closer.

As we begin this new year, may we hear again our Blessed Mother's invitation to teach our children - and may we allow ourselves to be taught as well. May our families grow in knowledge, love, holiness, and confidence in our faith, so that we can approach Christ with open hearts and recognize His presence in every part of our lives.

Come grow with us. Come pray with us. Come share in the life of our parish community. As Mary said to Adele, "Go and Fear Nothing, I Will Help You"!

To enroll in Faith Formation, please contact Angela Packard at faithformationsmdc@gmail.com