



Stella Maris Parish
Our Lady "Star of the Sea"

Mission Statement: Stella Maris Catholic Parish prayerfully unites people in the love of Jesus guided by our patron, Mary.

Vision Statement: We invite all to journey as disciples. By sharing the Gospel, responding to Jesus' love and the gifts God has given us we welcome all to grow in faith and in our parish life.

Ministries Directory

As a multi-site parish, Stella Maris Parish "works" because the people who make up this church community come from a wide range of backgrounds, have diverse interests and talents, and enjoy sharing their God-given gifts for the good of the parish.

This directory of Ministry Opportunities gives brief descriptions of most of the volunteer activities at Stella Maris Parish. If you would like to participate in one or more of these ministries, or would like more information about any of them, please contact the Parish Office and the appropriate person will get in touch with you.

Stella Maris Parish office: 920-868-3241

Parish website: stellamarisparish.com

WORSHIP

Altar Linens Care....launder and press liturgical items needed for Mass.

Altar Server...trained youth or adult assists Priest at Mass.

Art & Environment...arrange, care for plants & flowers and help decorate a church site with seasonal, liturgical symbols

Communion to Homebound and Nursing Homes...trained Eucharistic Ministers who distribute the Eucharist to homebound, in nursing homes, and in hospital.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion...trained parishioners who assist in distributing the Holy Eucharist at Mass

Music...musicians, cantors, and singers who inspire song participation at liturgical celebrations throughout the year

Prayer Vine...accept and pass on prayer intentions via email. Pray for the intentions.

Reader...trained readers who proclaim the Word of God, Psalm, Universal Prayer and announcements at Mass

Sacristan...prepares for celebration of Mass: open & lock church, light the candles, prepare and clean the sacred vessels, prepare the wine, hosts, sacred linens, and liturgical books; also ensures liturgical roles are filled.

Usher/Greeter...welcome people to Mass at church entry, select the Gift Bearers, seat and assist people, pass collection baskets, distribute information, coordinate communion lines, assist anyone who becomes ill.

Worship Committee...plan, prepare and evaluate liturgical celebrations for the year's church cycle

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation Committee...focuses on planning a variety of opportunities for adults to grow in their faith.

Advent Small Group Leader...moderate a small group discussion and reflection on readings pertaining to the Advent season

Bible Study Groups...offer opportunities for bible study and conversation in informal, relaxed settings.

Book Club...meets monthly to discuss thought provoking books

Faith Formation (continued)

Discipleship/Entrust Team...help others deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and foster a culture of intentional discipleship.

Faith Formation – Adult...provide a variety of opportunities for parishioners to connect in growing their relationship with God.

Faith Formation – Youth...share faith with children grades 1-11; prepare children for Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

Lenten Small Group Leader...moderate a small group discussion and reflection on readings pertaining to the Lenten season.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)...share in the process for adults on their journey to becoming Catholic.

Prayer Group Facilitator...facilitate various prayer or scripture study activities during the year such as an Advent or Lenten study.

LIVING JUSTICE

Christian Service & Responsibility (CSR)...besides oversight of charitable giving, facilitates works of mercy and social justice activity in the parish.

Food Pantry Committee...supports, maintains, and stocks a 24-hour/7 day a week food pantry at the parish Fish Creek site.

Loaves and Fishes...plan and serve meals to community attendees once a month at the parish Sister Bay site.

Respect Life...seek to transform society where every human is valued and protected from conception until natural death.

St. Vincent DePaul Society...the Stella Maris Conference of this International organization seeks to help those in need through personal visits, providing a caring presence, and offering financial assistance.

PARISH LIFE

Altar Sodality (at BH and JP)...maintain the altar, linens and flowers at these sites as well as fundraise for special projects around the church and grounds.

Beautifying the Parish Grounds...singly or with a group, tend the parish site gardens and landscaping under direction of parish maintenance.

Parish Life (continued)

Cemetery Care...oversee the fiscal management and maintenance of parish cemeteries including maps and burial records.

Christ Child Society...dedicated to providing material resources like baby layettes to ensure childrens' basic security and comfort.

Council of Catholic Women (CCW)...invites women to leadership, fundraising, hospitality, prayer, spirituality, community, education and service.

Funeral Lunch and/or Parish Gathering Helpers...bring a dessert, salad, baked goods for a funeral lunch or parish gathering and/or help serve and clean up afterwards.

Knights of Columbus...fraternal benefit society for adult men espousing the core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Prayer Shawl...crochet or knit prayer shawls or lapghans to be blessed and offered to parishioners in times of sorrow or joy.

Stewardship Committee...promotes the recognition and sharing of God's gifts of time, talent and treasures by everyone through an annual Service & Sharing appeal and celebrates all volunteers at an annual Appreciation Event.

PARISH OPERATIONS

Building and Grounds Committee...identify long and short-range facility planning including landscaping, snow plowing and cleaning needs.

Collection Courier...secures offertory collections in bank bag and deposits in local bank after weekend Mass.

Collection Money Counting...count donations from weekend offertory at the bank on Mondays in Egg Harbor or Sister Bay.

Endowment Advisory Team...identifies, solicits, and acknowledges donors who support the Stella Maris "Star of the Sea" Endowment Fund which provides income for the Worship, Liturgy and Music areas of the Parish.

Finance Council...oversee the Parish's fiscal planning, reporting, investments and internal controls, property management and cemeteries.

Pastoral Council...advise the Pastor on current and future parish matters and recommend plans to fulfill the parish mission.

Safety & Security Committee...to ensure that our church sites are safe and secure so that all can worship free of concerns.