

Stewardship Committee Meeting

May 5, 2026

Egg Harbor Site

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

Our Vision: *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.*

Attendees: Bernie Freeman, Mark Loper, Tom Polacek, Larry Leporte, Jody Weitman, Jim Perry, John Talley, Laura Paider **Additional Guest:** Mike Hoida

Absent: all present

Call to Order: Bernie opened the meeting at 3:45pm

Opening Prayer: Bernie

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 20, 2026, meeting were approved by consensus.

Review 2026 Service and Sharing Drive (SSD) Checklist

- The Service and Sharing Drive Checklist was reviewed and modified for items in April through July.
- Stewardship Presentation
 - Committee members were assigned to specific sites for the June 13/14 stewardship presentation.
 - Committee member speakers will share their scripts with the other members as they are completed.
- Time and Talent Forms
 - Men's Group was added to form
 - Copies of forms will be run off; a copy will be inserted in the June 13/14 bulletin
- Ministry Opportunities Directory
 - Men's Group added
 - Copies of the Directory will be run off; available at churches June 13/14
- Witness Speakers for June 20/21 Masses
 - Bernie has not heard back from Commission leaders regarding names of volunteers to speak.
 - Tom will contact Commission leaders to work on finding speakers for Egg Harbor, Sister Bay, and Jacksonport. Bernie will work to secure a speaker for Washington Island. Mike Hoida will speak at Baileys Harbor. Jim Perry will speak at Fish Creek.

- Tom will locate the script for witness speakers.
- See the 2026 Service and Sharing Drive Checklist for additional details.

“Spotlight on Parish Ministries” Bulletin Articles

- Bernie reported a very positive response to the articles.
- Article ministries are covered through June 20/21 Masses.
- Bernie provided committee members with the list of those ministries that are covered and do not need writers: Communion to Homebound & Nursing Home, Prayer Vine, Sacristan, Usher/Green, Men’s Group, Food Pantry, Prayer Shawl, Respect Life, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Beautifying the Parish Grounds, and Knights of Columbus. Writers are needed for the remaining ministries.
- Committee members were encouraged to look for people within the remaining ministries to approach regarding writing an article.
- An additional “Why Volunteer?” article will be written by Tom Polacek and Jim Perry and placed in the June 13/14 bulletin.

Other Items

- **Parish Leadership Conference**
 - May 20, 4:00-7:15pm
 - Goal: To strengthen the connections among parish leaders and with Father.
 - Bernie will be representing the Stewardship Committee. Tom will represent the Pastoral Committee, and Mark the Endowment Committee.
- **First Aid-AED Training**
 - John suggested having a training on AEDs and first aid for the ushers and any other minister who might be interested.
 - The YMCA offers these classes.
 - John will report to Larry when the Y is holding another training.
 - Another suggestion is to have a laminated sheet on site for the ushers that outlines what to do in emergencies.
 - Points of Egress: Larry will forward a request to the Building & Grounds committee.
- **Tutorial on MSP Program**
 - Larry will check if there are tutorial videos on the MSP website. He will email ministers if there is.

2026 Meeting Dates

All meetings will be held at 3:30pm at the Egg Harbor site, unless otherwise noted.

- August 18 (9:00 Volunteer Event Planning Meeting/10:00 Regular Meeting)
- October 13

Closing Prayer: Bernie

Meeting adjourned: 4:55pm

Respectfully submitted, Jody Weitman