

Stella Maris Catholic Parish Washington Island

SUNDAY, JULY 26 at 1:00 p.m.

✠ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

Mass - Rev. Francis Hoffman - "Fr. Rocky"

Trinity Lutheran Church

"Lord, I love your commands." ~ Psalm 119 ~

Finding the kingdom of heaven is worth any price (*gospel*). Like the persons in these gospel parables, we do not know when or where we will find this greatest of all treasures. But Psalm 119 reveals we do have a roadmap to guide our steps forward: the law of God. The law of God gives us wisdom and understanding (*first reading*). The law of God helps us discern what is good and true. The law of God is itself a treasure of great price, yielding rich reward, and worthy of all our love (*psalm*) ~ Kathleen Harmon

MASS SCHEDULE!

Mass during the summer and fall on Washington Island is held weekly on Sundays at 1:00. Are you heading off the Island? Here is the Stella Maris summer/fall Mass schedule for all of our sites.

Stella Maris Summer/Fall Mass Schedule through October 18:

Saturdays: 4 pm-Fish Creek: 6 pm-Egg Harbor

Sundays: 8 am-Baileys Harbor: 10 am-Jacksonport:

10 am-Sister Bay: **1 pm-Washington Island**

Weekday Mass Schedule: **Monday**-8 am-Fish Creek;

Tuesday-8 am-Jacksonport; **Wednesday**-8 am-Egg Harbor;

Thursday-8 am-Sister Bay; **Friday**-8 am-Baileys Harbor;

First Saturday of each month in Baileys Harbor-Rosary at 7:30 am followed by HolyMass at 8:00 am; **Third Thursday** of each month in Sister Bay-Holy Hour/Adoration at 5:00 pm followed by Holy Mass at 6:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS CANCELLED

THURSDAY, JULY 23: *MASS at 12:00 NOON is cancelled due to a funeral that Fr. Rocky needs to attend.*

Rosary Mondays: Margie O'Connor is leading a Rosary ministry. We are meeting on **Monday afternoons** at **3:00** on the front porch of our home, 1840 Detroit Harbor Rd. All are welcome and invited to spend this short time of prayer for peace and whatever prayers and petitions that you would like to offer.

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. A stipend of \$20 is requested. **Email:** churchofficesmdc@gmail.com

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: *Father is usually available before or after Mass if you would like to go to confession. The sacrament of reconciliation is a beautiful way to draw closer to our Lord. Just let Father know when you come to Mass that you would like to meet with him. The library in the Fellowship Hall is private and available to us for confessions.*

PRAYERS

 *We pray for all those in our community who have been diagnosed with cancer or other health issues, or have upcoming surgeries and have asked for prayer:*

Pat Clarke, Norene Murphy, Mike Gieringer, Adah Grace Gall, Kodi Calkins, Steve Schlosser, Ron & Lois Schlosser, Bob Graves, Joe Wollner, Lance Ferris, Isabel O'Connor, Emilie O'Connor, Helene Valentincic, Dave Hanlin, Jerry Mann.

 *We pray for them and for all those battling cancer, heart issues, diabetes, Parkinson's disease. 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, those seeking employment, all those dealing with weather related issues especially those affected by the wildfires in Canada, Minnesota and other parts of the US, and on this 250th year of the birth of our country, for peace here and in the world. We continue to pray for families and friends that have lost loved ones this 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 also lift up our prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving; our praise reports! *

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?** Our Stella Maris website is being redone and has a new look! Check it out! Click on our parish link below to read about all the great things happening in our parish and to read many great articles! *If you go to the Parish Info tab and click on history, you will find an extensive and interesting history of the Island and how our Catholic faith community evolved over the years!* 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.

Have you checked out the "**Relevant Radio**", "**Formed**", "**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/>

signup.formed.org

"God of heaven and earth, in the midst of every turn of life, you always provide a path for me. May I always surrender to the beauty of your commands. Amen."

~ Kathleen Harmon

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

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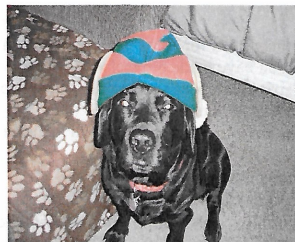
My fellow Disciples,

I want to take this opportunity to first thank you for the warm welcome you gave me on my first weekend at the parish. You have made me feel welcome in this land flowing not only with wine and cherries, but most importantly a people of great faith journeying together as Jesus' disciples on the way.

Secondly, I would like to share some information about me, which includes the following:

- I am originally from West Bend, Wisconsin where I grew up.
- I attended Holy Angels parish, where I went to grade school.
- I attended Saint Lawrence Seminary for high school. It is a private Catholic boarding school run by the Franciscan Capuchins.
- I attended St. Norbert College, where I experience the Nor Bertines.
- After graduating from St. Norberts, I entered the seminary and studied at Mundelein Seminary.
- I was ordained to the priesthood on May 23, 1998, by Bishop Robert Banks.
- My first assignment as an associate pastor was at St. Bernard parish in Green Bay with Fr. Dave Plier. I was there for 4 years.
- My second assignment was as pastor of St. Mary of the Lake parish in Lakewood, where I also had chapels in Silver Cliff and Crooked Lake. I was there for 3 years.
- My third assignment was at St. Aloysious parish in Kaukauna. After the first year I was asked by the Diocese to link the parishes of St. Aloysious and St. Mary in Kaukauna and St. Francis in Hollandtown. After the second year the parishes merged to become St. Katherine Drexel parish. I was in Kaukauna for a total of 12 years. I would have stayed there longer, but as they say, too much of a good thing.
- My next assignment was at Most Blessed Sacrament parish in Oshkosh. I was there for 9 years. If you add up the years, I have been ordained a priest for 28 years.
- I have 2 brothers, Louis and Francis, who are both married, and a sister Maureen, who died while I was in Oshkosh.
- Both my parents, James and Marion, are both deceased. My mom also died when I was in Oshkosh.
- As you already know, I have a black lab named Rose Bud Lite. She is 7 going on 8. She is an English lab with short legs and snout. The way to her

Fr. Jerry's bulletin insert from July 12



heart as you will find out is through her stomach. I got her while I was at Most Blessed Sacrament, and I shared her with Lyn Zahorik, her nanny, who would take care of her over the weekends, because I was always busy with Masses on the weekend. I will be sharing joint custody with her. She will have her for 2 weeks and then I will have her for 2 weeks. (Elf that ate Santa's cookies)

- I love to eat and how should I put this, dislike cooking. I find this an opportunity to support my local economy and to meet new people. BP across the street from the rectory in Bailey's Harbor has become my Hardee's. While I was in Oshkosh, there was a Hardee's across the street. I considered it my second kitchen.
- I love to follow sports professional and high school, such as the Packers, Badgers, Marquette, Bucks, Brewers, tennis, and golf.
- I love to support the parishes I have been at generously. How can I ask others to give if in fact I am not giving? It is said that God loves a generous giver.
- I love to help at various parish events. How can I ask people to serve in the parish if I am not willing to do so? You will probably see me walking around the parish cleaning up in some way. I am always inspired when people take the initiative and don't need to be asked.
- Most importantly I love Jesus and bringing Jesus to others through the celebration of the Sacraments, in which I get to witness the deep faith of others who are on the same journey.

Fr. Jerry Pastors