

Stella Maris Catholic Parish Washington Island

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 at 1:00 p.m.

✝ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✝

Mass - Fr. Don Thimm

Trinity Lutheran Church

"I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." Psalm 23 ~

In the first reading a “feast of rich food and choice wines” awaits all peoples on the mountain of the Lord. In the gospel a wedding feast awaits the invited guests. Yet we can say no to the feast, we can refuse to come and eat (*gospel*). We can refuse salvation. Psalm 23 reminds us that when we do, God will shepherd us and chide us back onto the right path. God has prepared the messianic banquet for us and will not stop inviting us to the feast until we have come home to the house where we belong (*psalm refrain*).

~ Kathleen Harmon

 **WASHINGTON ISLAND MASS SCHEDULE!** 

Fall is here, the boat schedule will be changing, and our new Mass Schedule will begin soon!

Sunday, October 11, 1:00 p.m. (This is Fr. Don's last weekend with us before he heads back to the Grafton area for the winter)

Sunday, October 18, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 25, 2:00 p.m. (We will stay at 2:00 on Sundays through December 6)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: *Father is available before or after Sunday 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.*

Rosary Mondays: Join us for the Rosary 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.

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.

BOOK STUDY: We would like to pick up the small group study called **“The SEARCH”** which we started a while back but never finished. You are welcome to come and go as you wish or are able. **Starting date to be determined. Let us know of you interest.**

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.

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.

Harvest Weekend! Just a reminder that the Harvest Dinner will be held on **Saturday, October 10** at Trinity Lutheran Church. There is a sign up sheet in the church if you can help out in any way, or simple to sign up and enjoy a wonderful home cooked turkey dinner!

October: Month of the Rosary and Respect for Life Month! 🙏

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:*

Sabrina** (Margie O'Connor's niece), **Lou Small, Joy Matthies, Norene Murphy, Mike Gieringer, Janel Gieringer, Adah Grace Gall, Steve Schlosser, Ron Schlosser, Bob Graves, Lance Ferris, Isabel O'Connor, Emilie O'Connor, Helene Valentincic, 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 due to natural disasters, 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. I ask prayers for the repose of the soul of my Godson, **David Gawel**, who passed away this evening. (Oct. 7)*

 *We pray for all those that we hold privately in our hearts in a special way for specific intentions. We ask for prayers for all students and teachers this school year. 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.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: I will be updating my contact list. If you would like to continue to receive our weekly emails, please reply to this email and include the email address that you would like me to use. Thank you!

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](https://relevantradio.com/signup.formed.org)

"Most welcoming God, you greet and anoint me with your love, and invite me to share in your great feast as an honored guest. Unleash in our sung prayer the joy in saying yes to your great invitation to be your family at your tremendous banquet of love and home. Amen." ~ Kathleen Harmon

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

Have a wonderful and safe Harvest Day Weekend!

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Official Announcement



Bishop David L. Ricken appoints

**Fr. Francis “Rocky”
Hoffman**

as

**President & Rector of
The National Shrine
of Our Lady of
Champion**

Diocese of Green Bay

12h •

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 22, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to share with you some wonderfully exciting news about The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Fr. Francis Hoffman as President and Rector of The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion. In this new role, and in coordination with the Bishop and The Shrine's Board of Directors, Fr. Hoffman will be responsible for The Shrine's strategic planning, including its spiritual and temporal needs, as well as serving to spread the message of Our Lady of Champion throughout North America and the world.

Fr. Rocky, as he is more commonly known, has deep roots throughout our Diocese and across the nation, and has long been a devoted champion of The Shrine. With more than 16 years of executive experience as a faith leader, he will draw many more people to Jesus Christ through His Blessed Mother.

Fr. Hoffman will continue to serve as the CEO and Chairman of the Board of Relevant Radio as his service with the Diocese of Green Bay begins this fall. Born and raised in suburban Chicago (Mundelein), Fr. Hoffman was ordained in 1992 and is a member of Opus Dei.

For more than 30 years, Fr. Hoffman has ministered to youth, serving in education since 1996. Prior to joining Relevant Radio, Fr. Hoffman served as Chaplain of Northridge Preparatory School in Niles, Illinois, a college prep school for boys in grades 6-12. During the summers of 1994-2009, he worked with the rural poor in the mountain regions of central Mexico.

I also want to express my deep gratitude to Fr. Tony Stephens, who has generously agreed to continue serving in a new capacity as Director of Sacramental Life and Pastoral Care of Souls at The Shrine. He and his fellow Fathers of Mercy will continue to provide for the sacramental needs of The Shrine, celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, and guiding the liturgies.

Please join me in thanking God for this blessing in the next chapter of The Shrine.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay

Respect Life Month Statement

October 2026



Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

With great confidence, we enter into October as *Respect Life Month* with the theme of *Mary, Mother of Life*. Our Blessed Mother is our model for upholding the sanctity of all human life in every stage and circumstance. We entrust all our efforts to protect mothers and babies to her motherly care, which we greatly need at this time.

Today, with easier access to abortion pills, the abortion rate is tragically climbing, along with increased health risks. The Food and Drug Administration has enabled a nationwide mail-order abortion industry by allowing the abortion pill to be prescribed in telehealth appointments, sold both at neighborhood pharmacies and online, and often shipped in the mail, circumventing state laws that protect life in the womb. This means that more women, many of whom have been misinformed about the nature and risks of the abortion pill, will have an abortion alone at home, without any medical supervision. It also sets up additional opportunities for exploitation by violent partners or human traffickers. These affronts to human dignity demand our response.

In August, the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities began inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of the abortion pill. In addition to invoking the intercession of *St. Joseph, Defender of Life* ([English](#) | [en español](#)),

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participants can learn about the danger of the abortion pill and can send messages to pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies that are involved. I thank the many thousands of Catholics across the country who have embraced the [nationwide invitation to prayer and action on abortion pills](#), and I ask that we continue our prayers and advocacy throughout the month of October. Please join us at [Respect Life Prayer and Action](#).

Knowing that every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to the mother, we must also continue our efforts to assist mothers facing challenging pregnancies through [Walking with Moms in Need](#), and to help women and men seeking forgiveness and healing after participation in a past abortion through [Project Rachel Ministry](#).

May *Mary, Mother of Life*, and *Saint Joseph, Defender of Life*, pray for us!

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