

Stella Maris Catholic Parish Washington Island

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 at 1:00 p.m.

✠ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

Mass - Fr. Jerry Pastors

Trinity Lutheran Church

"The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel." Psalm 80 ~

God rightfully expected the vineyard of the “house of Israel” (*psalm refrain*) to bring forth good fruit (*first reading*). God rightfully expected those in charge of the vineyard to hand over its produce (*gospel*). But the vineyard turned sour, and its caretakers became malicious. God had no choice but to start over. In Psalm 80 this is exactly what we beg God to do for us. Start over. Bring us back. Give us another chance, and we will never forsake you again. Do you feel God’s frustration? Do you feel the people’s contrition? Do you doubt God’s response? ~ Kathleen Harmon



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.

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!*

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, David Gawel, 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.

 *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.*

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!

Exciting news!: *Bishop David Ricken appointed **Fr. Francis "Rocky" Hoffman** as President and Rector of The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion! Read his letter below.*

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

"O God who restores all to life, when all seems to turn foul in my life, you come to bring freshness and passion. Come now, once again, and hear my desire to cast aside my feelings, and to start anew, centered in your care, and committed to your will. Amen." ~ Kathleen Harmon

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.

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Official Announcement



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**Fr. Francis “Rocky”
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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