



STELLA MARIS PARISH

OUR LADY “STAR OF THE SEA”™

ANNUAL REPORT - FISCAL YEAR 2023
July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023

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Our Mission Statement

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

Our 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.

Our Values

Welcoming and Hospitality

Breaking the Silence

Sharing the Joy Prayer

Allowing the Holy Spirit to Guide and Work
Through Us

A Disciple's Prayer

Oh, Good Shepherd, Jesus
Help me to imitate You
And reflect your image to others
Especially those whom I guide and serve.

Help me to think with your mind,
To see and gaze with your eyes.
To hear with your ears
To speak with the words of your mouth.

Lord Jesus use me to carry forth your mission,
As your servant and disciple,
Help me to carry out this work with your hands,
To be a voice for You in all that I say and do.

Merciful Shepherd, Jesus,
Help me to live in your Person,
To share generously in the carrying of your cross,
So that many others may be saved.
By coming to know and love You
Through my simple faithful witness.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen**

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It's time once again for an update for the fiscal year of 2022-2023. Our first area of news is our One-by-One Campaign, which was a huge success due to the amazing generosity of our parishioners, seasonal members and visitors. The original goal set by the diocese was \$660,000 but because we wanted to grow our endowment from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 and also raise funds for capital improvements, we set a stretch goal of \$2,000,000. In the end, we raised \$1,982,618. After the portion that goes to the Diocese of Green Bay, over five years, we have \$991,829 to contribute to the Star of the Sea Endowment and \$495,171 for capital improvements. Once our endowment reaches \$2,000,000 we can take distributions of \$80,000 a year to support worship and music in our parish. We also exceeded our goal in the bishops appeal. Thank you to all who contributed to both campaigns.

Last year we began the entrust program helping us become better disciples and more prayerful and involved in parish life. We also started what we refer to as 'fellowship' after mass where people can congregate and share with one another while receiving refreshments at the entrances of our worship sites. Our stewardship committee has also been looking for volunteers to help with various ministries so if you can help in any parish role - please step forward we need you!

We continued to make capital improvements this year. Baileys Harbor had another portion of the retaining wall replaced, At Jacksonport, we completed the renovation project with the church including some clean-up on the lakefront. Egg Harbor saw a beautiful interior painting project. At Sister Bay we replaced a portion of the floor tile in the social hall and then stripped and refinished the entire floor.

I want to share with you the privilege to attend world youth day in Lisbon Portugal. About three years ago parishioners Jerry and Jean Krebs met with the parish staff and asked if they could promote and help assist with funding world youth day in Lisbon in 2023 for our youth. Their goal was to have at least 10 teens along with several chaperones see Pope Francis and experience interacting with teens from throughout the world who had the same Catholic faith in hope they would learn to evangelize. The morning of July 28th this year, Jean and Jerry, three other chaperones and I accompanied 14 teenagers to World Youth Day arriving home safely August 8th. We had the privilege of visiting Fatima where Our Lady appeared to three children asking them to pray and offer their sufferings for sinners as we are all called to do. We had Mass where Sr Lucia received her First Holy Communion from the Angel of Portugal in 1916, a year before Our Lady of Fatima appeared to them. We attended various talks by Bishop Robert Barron and attended Eucharistic Adoration. We prayed the rosary every day for those who could attend, including a candlelight vigil the night before the papal Mass. We had Mass at St Mary Magdeline where a replica of the Shroud of Turin was displayed - the cloth that covered Jesus when he was laid in the tomb.

We visited the church of St Dominic where the veil and rosary of St Jacinta was displayed. We saw church of St Anthony of Padua who is known as St Anthony of Lisbon in Portugal because he was baptized and lived in Lisbon the earlier years of his life. We visited the church of Our lady of Fatima in Lisbon which had relics of St. John Paul II and the rosary of blessed Georgio Frassati. We visited the Church of St. Mamede and had Mass with other American pilgrims and several Bishops including Bishop Ricken's predecessor in Wyoming, Bishop Stephen.

We saw the church of St Stephen known for the miracle of Santarem when a woman was taking a host to a sorcerous when the veil she had the host in filled with blood. She took it home and put it in a chest. When she and her husband saw the chest glow, they knelt in adoration all night, then sent for a priest who processed with it back to the church where it is now honored.

Opening Mass with several thousand priests was very memorable as was hearing confessions. One location had 150 confessionals built by inmates. Most memorable for me, however, is the privilege to see fourteen of our youth make this trip. Having had this experience, hopefully they will continue to grow in their faith. This experience is something they will never forget.

Thank you everyone for all you do for Stella Maris Parish and for making wonderful things happen in northern Door County.

God Bless you,

*Father Thomas J, Farrell
Pastor of Stella Maris Parish*

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Stella Maris Parish
Statement of Revenues and Expenses
Fiscal year Ending June 30

Operating Revenue and Expense:	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>
Revenue:			
Parish Support	605,610	685,815	759,549
Rental Income	200	1,000	1,800
Fees, Stipends, Bulletin, Other	15,939	45,036	32,835
Foregiveness of PPP Loan/ERC Credit	88,000	-	77,739
Unrestricted Donations	<u>81,169</u>	<u>105,853</u>	<u>56,439</u>
one by One Income for Capital Outlays	-	-	84,468
Restricted Contributions (Note 1)	<u>36,160</u>	<u>6,842</u>	<u>8,790</u>
Total Operating Revenue	<u>790,918</u>	<u>837,704</u>	<u>928,362</u>
Expenses:			
Compensation	365,736	355,232	398,416
Payroll Taxes, Health Insurance and Benefits	153,820	149,058	142,297
Utilities	38,115	44,273	55,593
Bldg. Supplies, Services and Rent	62,594	54,610	77,548
Major Projects (Note 2)	31,060	103,442	157,247
Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	3,140	3,371	2,765
Depreciation of Equipment	3,000	-	-
Insurance	23,380	24,125	25,434
Diocesan Assessments	28,159	28,999	30,037
Lit, Religious Ed., Faith Formation	23,521	44,147	60,546
Admin & General	44,629	52,696	61,411
Committees, Grants and Other	<u>19,121</u>	<u>16,134</u>	<u>25,439</u>
Total Operating Expense	<u>796,275</u>	<u>876,087</u>	<u>1,036,733</u>
Operating Income (Deficit)	<u>(5,357)</u>	<u>(38,383)</u>	<u>(108,371)</u>
Other Revenue and Expense:			
Investment Income (Loss)	107,499	14,023	19,302
Unrealized Investment Income(Loss)	82,407	(126,960)	56,893
Cemetery Revenue	38,840	31,685	39,375
Cemetery Investment Income (Loss)	7,298	(4,601)	4,183
Cemetery Expenses	19,753	23,731	23,037
Net Revenue (Combined)	<u>247,094</u>	<u>(141,125)</u>	<u>81,603</u>

Notes:

(1) Restricted Contributions Reclassified to Operating revenue from Other Revenue for 2021 2022 and 2023.

(2) Major Projects include retaining wall at Baileys Harbor, Jacksonport Renovations, Painting the Church interior Egg Harbor and flooring Sister Bay social hall.

Stella Maris Parish
Comparative Balance Sheets (as of June 30)

Assets:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash:			
Cash On Hand	100	99	70
Cash in Bank-Checking	9,723	33,671	103,697
Cash in Bank-Money Market Account	239,204	127,049	62,548
Cash in Bank-Service Org	15,991	13,405	10,401
Cash in Bank-Savings	<u>22,657</u>	<u>39,197</u>	<u>46,854</u>
Total Cash	<u>287,675</u>	<u>213,421</u>	<u>223,570</u>
Investments:			
Investments (Cemetery)	196,253	175,998	197,048
Investments (General Fund)	<u>881,671</u>	<u>765,205</u>	<u>838,786</u>
Total Investments	<u>1,077,924</u>	<u>941,203</u>	<u>1,035,834</u>
Total Cash & Investments	<u>1,365,599</u>	<u>1,154,624</u>	<u>1,259,404</u>
Other Current Assets:			
Prepays	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,609</u>
Fixed Assets:			
Land & Improvements	237,322	237,322	269,706
Bldgs. & Improvements	6,277,736	6,277,736	6,343,726
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	<u>551,175</u>	<u>551,175</u>	<u>556,243</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>7,066,233</u>	<u>7,066,233</u>	<u>7,169,675</u>
Other Assets			
Star of the Sea Endowment (Note 1)	1,105,763	1,104,346	1,296,935
one by One Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,774</u>
Total Assets	<u>9,537,595</u>	<u>9,325,203</u>	<u>9,754,397</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance:			
Current and Other Liabilities:			
Payables	25,961	2,277	5,648
Service Organization Funds	14,916	13,469	10,401
Funds held for Others	25,167	8,842	10,205
Deferred Revenue & Support	<u>54,945</u>	<u>34,217</u>	<u>35,313</u>
Total Current and Other Liabilities	<u>120,989</u>	<u>58,805</u>	<u>61,567</u>
Long Term Liabilities:			
one by One Funds	-	-	25,774
Perm Restricted Endowment	1,105,763	1,014,346	1,296,935
Perm Restricted Cemetery PC	<u>167,866</u>	<u>145,676</u>	<u>163,810</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>1,273,629</u>	<u>1,160,022</u>	<u>1,486,519</u>
Fund Balance	<u>8,142,977</u>	<u>8,106,376</u>	<u>8,206,311</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>9,537,595</u>	<u>9,325,203</u>	<u>9,754,397</u>

Notes:

- (1) The Star of the Sea Endowment is held at the Catholic Foundation, details transactions are shown on a separate report.
- (2) one by One funds was our capital campaign in conjunction with the diocese which funded our 5 year Capital improvements and our Star of the Sea Endowment.

Pastoral Council

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Council Members: Deacon Tony Abts, Sharon Brabson, Jean Krebs, Angela Packard, Tom Polacek, Jim Schorer, Chris Schmitz, Mike Trebotich, Kathy Wolf

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

The Pastoral Council exercises shared responsibility for the pastoral life of the parish under the leadership of the pastor. Responsibilities include researching the needs, ideas, hopes of the parish community, helping all to live our values in support of our mission and plan for the parish's future. The council works to create a culture of prayer, teamwork, and fellowship to work toward our goals to create a vibrant, active parish inviting to all.

Supporting the Parish Mission Plan: The Pastoral Council took on the goals of the Parish Mission Plan. The three top level goals are Discipleship Formation, Evangelization, and Community Engagement. Seven of nine members have completed Entrust Training and are now actively engaged in follow up meetings and sharing their stories of evangelization. The Council also works through commissions and committees to ensure their goals are aligned with the Mission Plan.

Accomplishments:

- The Council added three new members this past year. We reviewed operating guidelines provided a handbook to each new member and through discussions about key guidelines such as discernment, prayer and commissions helped orient them to the Council.
- Opened meetings through Zoom to other parishioners who could not attend in person.
- In addition to Business meetings enjoyed a social dinner at the holidays and share a prayer morning during Mass and Eucharistic Adoration followed by breakfast.
- Aligned our goals with the Parish Mission Planning Goals

Goals for next year:

- Provide support and training to our new members.
- All Council members will complete Entrust training.
- Through working with appropriate Committees, parishioners at large will be invited to a series of quarterly events led by Missionary Disciples that has Jesus Christ as its central message. Review goals and Parish involvement in Missionary Discipleship at each meeting.
- Through Council liaisons communicate and work with all parish organizations to help create Missionary Disciples and take this to the Parish at Large.

Our Story:

With the new fiscal year (FY24) the Council lost two members whose terms were up. With the work of our Nominating Committee, four new members have joined which will help fill out the additional roster and have more representation throughout the parish. As the parish continues to live its Mission through its values we are excited to work with all of our commissions and committees to become Missionary Disciples.

Finance Council

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Council or Commission Name: Finance Council

Council Members: Chuck Germain (Chair), Garey Bies, Terry McArdle (Trustee), Doug Wheaton, Rick Ripley

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

The Finance Council advises the pastor in financial matters relative to the parish and assists him in the wise stewardship of the material gifts entrusted by God to the parish in support of the mission of the parish and the broader Church. The Council is governed by policies and procedures of the Church as well as by civil law. Basic responsibilities of the Finance Council include overseeing the accounting system for the parish, maintaining financial records, review of financial reports, establishment and maintenance of internal controls, management of funds collected, monitoring of investments, property management and the planning, preparation and reporting of the parish budget.

The Finance Council oversees 1) the maintenance of and improvements to the parish's facilities through a Building and Grounds Committee 2) the operation of the parish's cemeteries through a separate Cemetery Committee and 3) the stewardship activities of the parish through the Stewardship Committee.

Accomplishments:

- Worked with parish leadership to successfully complete the one by One campaign, raising \$1,985,000 – with the parish's share being split 1/3 to facilities and 2/3 to the endowment.
- Increased weekly collections to \$756,000, a 10% increase over FY22. Offertory collections of \$188K remain below FY19 but have increased by \$15K in FY23.
- Continued maintenance of all parish facilities, enhancing the liturgical experience of parishioners and visitors with upgrades in Baileys Harbor and Egg Harbor.

Goals for next year:

- Team with the Building and Grounds Committee to develop a five year facility plan that matches the outlays to the proceeds from the one by One campaign.
- Work with the Pastoral Council to support the return to in-person worship. Year over year attendance is up and we are approaching our pre-pandemic levels.
- Work with the Pastoral Council to promote the Parish within the broader Door County community including the continued funding of CSR activities.

Our Story:

The parish successfully completed its aggressive one by One campaign – nearly reaching it's \$2.0 million target. This will allow the parish to achieve it's \$2.0 threshold in the Endowment Fund – the minimum target before funds are disbursed to the parish. Our capital improvement programs continued in FY23 with outlays being offset by the one-by-One Campaign funds and the one time Employee Retention Credit. Major projects including the rebuild of a portion of the Baileys Harbor retention wall (a safety issue) and the painting of the sanctuary in Egg Harbor.

Adult Faith Formation

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Commission or Committee Name: Adult Faith Formation

Commission / Committee Members: Sharon Brabson, Tony Gischia, Lee LeVoy, Jan Liss, Rhonda Trebotich

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

Our role is to provide a variety of opportunities to help adults grow in their relationship with Jesus as His disciples and to experience His loving presence in our lives. We partner with the Parish to make missionary disciples through keeping our vision and values alive and helping to implement Entrust training through follow up programs and inviting all to a relationship with Jesus Christ. Programs are offered in the day as well as evening. Days of Reflection, Small Groups, Scripture Studies, Book Club and Entrust training and follow up are just a few of the ongoing invitations for all parishioners.

Accomplishments:

- Three members participated in Entrust Retreat and reviewed the Mission Planning Goals to help form our committee goals for the year.
- Planned and led Entrust Follow up sessions quarterly to support each other as Missionary Disciples. Formed small groups of three or four to meet and continue sharing our stories and support each other.
- Continued with summer sessions to view the Chosen and led a discussion session following each episode. Completed Seasons 1 and 2.
- Hosted a Fall Women's' event with the Diocese at our Sister Bay site. The theme was 'Deepening Our Trust in Jesus'
- Coordinated Small Groups in Advent and Lent. Participation is growing and five new folks joined our Lenten groups. In Advent we had five groups with participants. Lent also had five groups and participation has grown to 57 participants.

Goals for next year:

- Continue to support and perhaps add small groups for Lent and Advent.
- Explore Revive and determine how to best use this resource in our parish.
- Host two Women's events; a late spring Morning of Reflection and a fall day long retreat
- Assist the parish in delivering, following up with Entrust Training to grow our Missionary Disciples
- Help revive and form a Men's Bible Study Group.
- Welcome two new members to our Faith Formation Team.

Our Story:

Our story is a continuation of the story in The Chosen. We are called to grow spiritually, help each other on this journey as disciples and bring the Good News to our parish. We will do this through training (Entrust, Revive) and offering programs and speakers to the entire parish.

Baileys Harbor Altar and Rosary Society

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Committee Name: Baileys Harbor Altar and Rosary Society

Commission / Committee Members: While our membership has decreased over the past years we continue with some original Baileys Harbor members, new ladies including parishioners and seasonal members. We continue to welcome all ladies of the parish to join us in serving our Baileys Harbor site.

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

We work to offer a prayerful and welcoming environment for all who join us. We greet all who enter our church and ensure their needs are met. We care for the altar linens as well as the seasonal decorations and fresh flowers and green plants in the sanctuary. We keep the Mary Garden on the south lawn planted and our seasonal entrance planters planted and cared for throughout the year in the sanctuary. We build community through prayer, social meetings and working together.

Please comment on how your committee supports the Parish Mission Plan:

- Partner with our CCW to provide support to participate in Lick Family Violence, collecting for shelter and counseling support for abused families.
- Share in a number of CCW activities throughout the year such as Christmas Party, Women's Tea, Bunco Party and attending Diocesan meetings.
- Leads the rosary each Tuesday in Baileys Harbor at noon either in Mary's garden or in the church
- Plan and serve funeral luncheons in Baileys Harbor
- Fund raising for the wider community, i.e. school lunch programs, infant clothing and the Christ Child Society.

Goals for next year:

- Continue to support our parish in the above ways
- Encourage participation in Entrust Training
- Invite others to join us through personal invitations

Bible Study

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Committee Name: Education Commission, Bible Study

Commission / Committee Members: Sylvia Kostiuk (Chair), Sharon Fitzgerald, LindaGischia, Marian Irman, Trisha Leithen, Mary Olson, Jean Reynolds, Dixie Von Vorous

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

Through scripture stories we can share our own stories and share the joy. We also pray together and strengthen our own faith

Please comment on how your committee supports the Parish Mission Plan:

As we study scripture, we relate our own experience and lives to the readings. With questions pertaining to the readings and time for our own reflection we support each other through our discussion.

Goals for next year:

- We will be using Scripture and the Rosary to aid our discussions.
- Deepen our understanding of events in the lives of Jesus and Mary
- Share our reflection and grow closer to each other through discussion.

Our Story:

As we continue our scripture study we find many new resources to aid in our reflections. Both Scripture and the Rosary as well as Scripture and The Eucharist are great aids. Old Testament meals provide a foundation for gospel meals with Jesus. We will be discussing Jesus Bread of Life which is an excellent resource for the Eucharistic revival

Book Club

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Council or Commission Name: Book Club

Commission / Committee Members: Jean and Jerry Krebs, John and Susan Brauer, Martha Newkirk, Jan Liss, Joe and Donna Cramer

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

Our role is catechesis through the reading of books that generally have a spiritual message.

Please comment on how your committee supports the Parish Mission Plan:

- We worked on Priority 3. We continued our relationship with the Shepard of the Bay book club by having them join us for a book club meeting at Stella Maris.

Goals for next year:

- Continue trying to increase the number of people who join our discussions.

Our Story:

We had deep discussions of 12 books and through that everyone's sense of community and faith has grown.

Buildings and Grounds

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Committee Name: Buildings and Grounds

Commission / Committee Members: Mark Bogenschutz (Chair), Garey Bies, David Gray, Paul Gray, David VanDyke, George Freeman, Les Kiehnau

Ex-officio: Fr. Tom Farrell, Deacon Tony Abts, Jim Charles, Duane Sitte

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

We **pray** at all of our meetings. We ask the **Holy Spirit** to guide us as we deliberate on our plans. “If the Lord does not build the house, in vain to the builders labor.” We have been blessed by generosity from parishioners, seasonal members, and visitors. Such blessings are a gift from the Spirit. This past year, our greatest blessing was the success of the “one by One” campaign which has enabled us to fund the capital improvement plan for the next five years. We are also blessed by donors who step forward for special projects, and volunteers who care for our buildings and grounds like they do for their own homes.

Our work enables our facilities to be places of **welcome and hospitality**. People feel comfortable, safe, and happy in our facilities.

Please comment on how your committee supports the Parish Mission Plan:

- The Buildings and Grounds Committee supports the parish mission by ensuring on-going site operation, safety, structural integrity, required maintenance, site upgrade, aesthetics, and comfort.
- The efforts for discipleship formation, evangelization and community impact all begin on our facilities. We provide, maintain, update, and improve the environment in which the parish mission plan can be lived.

Goals for next year:

- Complete the development of the five-year facility plan for all Stella Maris worship sites.
- Using the five-year plan, continue to achieve our purpose (mission) as a facility committee.

Our Story:

If you have not already done so, stop by the Stella Maris Jacksonport worship site and the Stella Maris Egg Harbor worship site and spend some time taking in the beauty. You will see the result of a well-designed plan to tap into the religious imagination of those who gather for worship. The renovation honors the past while pointing us to the future with renewed love for Catholic Worship.

CARE 24/7 Food Pantry

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Commission / Committee Members: Dave and Vonnie Callsen, Tony Gischia, Mary Gomoll, Grace Held, Tom Holland, Vonnie Jandrain, Wayne and Julie Kudick, Jan Liss, Mary Kate McCormick, Jan Malchow, Ryan Miller, Jerry Mudrock, Kristy Nelson, Tom and Honore Rentmeester, Don and Mary Wackwitz

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

The food pantry is our parish's response to help those who are struggling financially by providing food and hygiene items to those in need.

Please comment on how your committee supports the Parish Mission Plan:

- Discipleship- The pantry has recently begun attaching printed cards with parish information and mass times to bags pantry users can use, to make our pantry users more comfortable with the idea of approaching the parish with prayer needs, attending mass etc. Several donated crucifixes and a number of spiritual books have been placed in the pantry and are readily picked up by pantry users.
- Building Connections- Pantry volunteers are encouraged to engage with those using our pantry.

We strive to be welcoming to all those using the pantry by keeping the pantry well stocked and clean and tidy, and by displaying county resource information and brochures that may be of help.

By placing regular pantry wish list items in the bulletin, we hope to encourage parishioners to donate food and feel a part of the parish's pantry.

- Community Engagement- The pantry, as a member of the Door County Pantry Coalition, has been able to participate in efforts to help the food insecurity problem in the county. Area churches and scout and other groups regularly do food drives to benefit our pantry and others.

When we have excess of some food items, we share them with the Northern Door Children's Center.

We have worked with the parish St Vincent DePaul group to purchase grocery cards for some that they visit with.

Goals for next year:

- Continue networking with other pantries and county agencies through the DC Pantry Coalition, to provide food security
- Encourage parish-wide support of the pantry
- Through increased engagement with our pantry users, help them to become more aware of services and masses our parish has available to them.
- Continue to stock the pantry with a good variety of food items

Our Story:

Refreshing And inspiring to see...Most days we find a bag, or two or three of food and hygiene items dropped off at the pantry. Throughout the year churches, scouting troops and student group remember our pantry with the donation of a variety of items collected in their drives. This year the letter carrier union revived the collection of food items during a May mail route and our pantry benefitted from that generosity. The number of folks from outside our parish who donated financially. The generosity and goodness of both parishioners and non-parishioners alike who support our pantry is very much appreciated.

Conversation Partners

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Council or Commission Name: Conversation Partners (CP)

Commission / Committee Members: Becky Nash

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

The purpose of CP is to enhance the well-being and success of persons in the Door County community who are not native English speakers through improvement of their English language skills. It most strongly exemplifies our value of Welcome and Hospitality to immigrants who come to Door County looking to better their work situation. We demonstrate through CP how much they are appreciated and belong.

Please comment on how your committee supports the Parish Mission Plan:

- CP bests supports priority two and three of the Parish Mission Plan--building connections and community engagement and impact. CP teaching and learning partners are drawn from both the Stella Maris Parish as well as the community. In this way, people from many faiths are connecting with people in need of language help. Most of our learning partners are Hispanic and Catholic, so they feel more comfortable and welcome asking for help through Stella Maris. This ministry has a positive impact on the success of immigrants settling in Door County.

Goals for next year:

- Promote ministry to potential learners and teachers
- Ensure teachers have been found for each learner in need

Our Story:

Leviticus 19:34: "You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; have the same love for him as for yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt. I, the Lord, am your God." The CP ministry allows us to demonstrate that love and welcome to the immigrants among us through friendship and understanding.

Council of Catholic Women

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Council or Commission Name: Council of Catholic Women

Commission / Committee Members: Connie Brandt & Pat Daubner (CO-Chairman) Char Mueller, Mary Tall, Sharon Brabson

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

We support the Value of Welcome and Hospitality by inviting all women of the Parish whether full time, seasonal or visitors to join us at our events as well as becoming members.

Please comment on how your committee supports the Parish Mission Plan:

- **Priority One: Discipleship Formation-Parish prepares people to be missionary disciples.**
Two of members are trained on Entrust

One idea to increase our membership - we asked for a list of new members to the parish in the last 2 years. We will send a welcome letter inviting them to attend our social events and planning meetings. We also plan to follow up with a personal phone call inviting them to the next social to help them meet more women in the parish.

- **Priority Two: Building Connections with people through the love of Jesus**
There are many aspects to our group including opportunities for leadership, fundraising, hospitality, prayer, spirituality, community, education, service and friendship.

Some of our activities include serving in one or more parish ministries, making Baptismal gowns and saying prayers for babies or children baptized here at Stella Maris, sponsoring a mass for the deceased, and support our Youth ministry by donating money toward their attendance at The World Youth Day Conference.

We are about prayer. We invite all women of the parish to attend Vicariate meetings, Diocesan Annual Convention, Day of Enlightenment, and Marian Day. Marian Day was held at Our Lady of Champion where we participated in a Mass, listened to speakers, shared a meal and conversation.

- **Priority Three: Community Engagement and Impact**
We are about service by serving or providing food for funeral meals, preparing a lunch for Habitat workers, donating to Catholic Relief Services for Water for Life, donating to help our sponsored Unbound woman in El Salvador, collect Money for Lick Family Violence to support battered women in Door County, make and sell Christmas cookies, collect non-perishable food for the parish food pantry and support our annual pie sale.

We are about fun and friendship. Our events are always open to all women and visitors of the parish. This year at our Spring Tea Party we made our own special "Fascinator Tea Party Hat" while we enjoyed tea and conversation. Our admittance to the Fall Bunco Party was a food donation for the parish food pantry and finished with door prizes and

refreshments. The Holiday party we held a cookie exchange, sang Christmas carols, played a holiday game and sold plates of Christmas cookies and cranberry bread.

Our members also help other parish commissions by offering help to serve and make refreshments their events.

Goals for next year:

- Provide a welcoming experience for all women of the parish to come together in fellowship.
- Provide an opportunity for women in the parish to engage in missionary service to the parish while also enjoying fellowship with people of faith
- Provide a variety of fundraiser events for women to support parish projects and our sponsored Unbound woman in El Salvador.

Our Story:

Council of Catholic Women is a National organization which provides opportunities for Catholic women to come together socially, spiritually, and in service to our parish and our community. We come together quarterly to plan and attend meetings on the parish, vicariate, and diocesan level. Our parish meetings consist of prayer, planning of social and fundraising events, as well as special speaker events followed by refreshments and socializing.

Endowment Advisory Team

Fiscal year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Group Name: Star of the Sea Endowment Advisory Team

Council Members: Peg Berezewski, Bernie Freeman, Jim Frings, Chuck Germain, Mark Loper, Terry McArdle, Joe Miller, Tom Polacek, Shirley Raasch, Bob Ross, Deacon Tony Abts (Staff liaison)

Advisory Teams Role (Purpose):

The parish's Endowment provides a wonderful opportunity for people connected with this parish to make a legacy gift that assures the parish's worship, liturgy and music ministry is ongoing. Research has shown that there is a great deal of "Joy" in giving, we just have to ask.

Accomplishments:

- Successfully participated in the parish's One-by-One campaign.
- Ongoing contributions together with a contribution from the One-by-One campaign and investment earnings have increased the endowment fund balance to \$1,296,935.
- Each Endowment donor receives a timely "thank you" note with a token of appreciation on behalf of the parish.
- Prepared and sent an annual report to all endowment contributors.
- Presented messages in a dedicated space in the weekly parish bulletin.
- Declined taking an annual distribution for the 6th consecutive year.

Goals for next year:

- Updating and contacting our potential contact candidates.
- Updating our promotional materials and bulletin messages.
- Recruiting new Advisory Team members to bring in new perspectives.

Our Story:

Stella Maris Parish traces its history back nearly 150 years to when the first Catholic Church was built in Baileys Harbor in 1874. Throughout the history of our parish, numerous families have made sacrifices that have enabled Catholics who come to northern Door County to worship.

It's our turn now to do something today that will ensure that there will always be a Catholic presence in northern Door County to serve our residents and the many visitors who choose to spend time here

Knights of Columbus

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Council or Commission Name: Knights of Columbus

Commission / Committee Members: Grand Knight: Keff Kita; Secretary: Paul Gray; 58 men of the parish.

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

The Knights of Columbus was founded on the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity in 1882. Today Our Lady of the Bay Council at Stella Maris Parish shares these same principles.

We **pray** with all of our meetings. We ask the **Holy Spirit** to guide us as we deliberate on our plans. We have been blessed by generosity from parishioners, seasonal members, and visitors. Such blessings are a gift from the **Spirit**. We are also blessed by donors who step forward for special projects, and volunteers

Our events are opportunities for **welcome and hospitality**.

Please comment on how your committee supports the Parish Mission Plan:

Numerous fund raisers provide opportunities to work together, socialize, and raise funds for many charities at Stella Maris and throughout Door County.

- Tailgate Party for a Packers game – food for families.
- Pancake breakfasts after Mass.
- Tootsie Roll Drive
- Raffles
- Provided funds for the following: scholarships for Stella Maris high school seniors, Food Pantries including Feed My People and CARE 24/7, Sunshine House as well as others in need, religious vocations, education, Special Olympics, youth groups and March for Life.

Goals for next year:

- Continue to grow as missionary disciples
- Help with funeral lunches
- Support each other in any needs

Our Story:

Together we are empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. Charity is at the heart of our work and our faith. Our commitment to charitable service is just one of the ways that we express our Catholic faith. We are here to build a daily bridge back to what matters for our members and fellow Catholics. We invest our time, effort, and resources into our values of Charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Council or Commission Name: Stella Maris Prayer Shawl Ministry

Council Members: Dixie VanVorous (Chair) Jacqueline Aufrere-Sebetic, Abigail Ahrens, Georgia Beutler, Linda Burke, Peggy Bussalacchi, Kim Elkins, Bernie Freeman, Carol Franke, Connie Brandt, Joyce Charney, Dianna Moser, Sharon Fitzgerald, Patricia Fonk, Pat Daubner, Mary Heinrichs, Diane Kelnhofer, Nancy Krunnfusz, Sandra Laszkiewicz, Mettie Lautenbach, Julie Merlow, Elaine Mulligan, Michelle Mostardi, Mary Olson, Lorie Orthober, Maggie TerHorst, Lana Tencate, Dorothy Tevoert, Ann Wertz, and Mary Jo Young

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

The ministry's creates shawls and lapghans to provide ongoing love and comfort from the parish to anyone in our community that is a caretaker, ill, grieving, and new candidates for the RCIA program. There are many more uses for the prayer shawls, however this seems to be where we have recently focused the majority of our gifts.

In addition to our prayer shawls, in June 2023 the ministry created small crochet hearts with miraculous medals to attach for the youth from our parish to take as an exchange at World Youth Day.

The ministry meets on the first Monday of the month in Sister Bay at 1:00 p.m. and the third Monday of the month in Egg Harbor.

Our attendance at our meetings has been less this past year, however we have enjoyed the addition of a few new members to our ministry. Some of our previous active members have passed away or moved away to be closer to their families.

We offer **free** lessons to anyone who would like to learn to knit or crochet.

Accomplishments:

- As our ministry has continued and we were able to create and deliver 18 Shawls or lapghans (*223 Shawls have been made and delivered since starting of keeping a log in 2014*)

Expenses:

We were awarded \$300 from Stella Maris Parish for our ministry, which we are grateful for.

From these funds we were able to purchase yarn via the internet that the ladies used to create many of the shawls. We can reduce the cost of our yarn purchased due to an agreement with a company named Webs Yarn in Northampton, Massachusetts allowing purchases in quantity for 25% off and no sales tax because we are a non-profit Church ministry. In addition, we bought ongoing supply of gift bags, get well cards, and tissue paper for the delivery of the shawls and lapghans. We truly appreciated the funds so that our ministry may continue. The remainder of the supply items were donated from the ladies of the ministry.

Goals for next year:

- Our Main goal for this upcoming year is to find out quickly which parishioners or community members are ill or in need of a shawl. Many are being missed because we do not have this communication available to us. We do understand the need for privacy.
- We are working on making a visual display of a board and stitched items for our Community Outreach Mixer on Sunday, September 17 to promote this ministry and the donation of shawls and lapghans to people from our communities as well as promoting friendship and communication among our mass participants.
- We would like to make more items as time permits for the Christ Child Society.

Respect Life

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Committee Name: Respect Life

Commission / Committee Members: Deacon Tony Abts, Julie Kiehna, Jan Protz, Shirley Raasch and advisory members Carol Eaton, Beckie Hawker, Joyce Protz and Cheryl Bevins

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

As human persons created in the image and likeness of God, we understand life to be a fundamental right of inestimable worth; we invite all to embrace and defend respect for human dignity and the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death through prayer, awareness, education, and action.

How Respect Life supports the Parish Mission Plan:

- We “Break the Silence” by sharing educational pieces with parishioners and visitors via USCCB pro-life quotes in the weekly bulletin, monthly articles, and bulletin inserts.
- Local accessible pregnancy centers were contacted to learn what each offered and needed. Two centers which worked together stood out. The Alexandrina Pregnancy Resource Center (Green Bay) and the St. Gianna Clinic (DePere) which provide health care to all people. With the assistance of the Knights of Columbus, funds were raised and directed to the Alexandrina Pregnancy Resource Center.
- Inspired by the Knights of Columbus Sunday pre-Mass Rosary recitation at Baileys Harbor, Sister Bay followed by leading the Rosary at the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. Its been well received and participation has increased since its inception last October. Free Rosaries and brochures are constantly replenished.
- Every meeting is opened and closed with prayer and the Stella Maris parish mission and vision statements.

Goals for next year:

- Promote the provision of baby food for the food pantry.
- Continue providing pro-life insert for the bulletins.
- Continue with timely and pertinent monthly bulletin articles.
- Promote the Memorials to the Unborn during October, a Marian month, through All-Souls Day.
- Increase active membership in the ministry.
- Create Pregnancy Resource information cards and make them available in our churches and food pantry.
- Offer pro-life, family value and spiritual intentions prior to praying the Rosary.
- Ascertain the status of our request to include pregnancy support information on the parish website.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Council or Commission Name: Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Stella Maris Conference

Commission / Committee Members: Thomas Mulligan, President; Peter Passuntino, Treasurer; Sharon Brabson, Spiritual Director; Elaine Mulligan, Home Visit Coordinator; Greg Berezewski; Garey Bies; Jim Boatman; Joe Cramer; David and Beth Clark; Bruce DuMontier; Clare DuMontier; Mary Tall; Tammy Vanderlinden

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

Mission of the Society: "A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need."

Accomplishments:

- Through May, disbursed \$33,925 to 129 friends in need in Door County.
- Our second Friends of the Poor Walk raised \$14,190.
- We welcomed six new members into our Conference.
- Sadly, we lost two members – Lou Osadjian and Donna Cramer. We continue to remember them in our prayers.
- Through the winter, continued to meet virtually through zoom to continue our faith sharing, discuss how to be present to our neighbors in need during a pandemic and meet with them through personal calls. Resumed our in person meetings in May.

Goals for next year:

- Expand the scope of our Friends of the Poor Walk to encourage donations and increase community awareness.
- Continue our recruiting efforts to add new members to our Conference.
- Consider new approaches to assisting our friends in need.
- Strengthen our friendship and grow together in the spirit as we resume our in-person meetings.

Our Story:

Some sample stories from our home visits.

- A woman called St. Vincent de Paul Society in May requesting help with finding a warm place to stay. She was homeless and had been living in her car with her 15 year old son for the past 3 cold winter months. We offered to provide some nights at a hotel. Since the weather was getting warmer, she asked if they could have a tent instead, since it was about the same amount of funds. St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to provide them with a tent to live in, to tide them over until they could find a more permanent place to live.
- I got a call from a family that we've worked with before, down in southern Door. Mom and Dad, three great little boys. The folks both work, but like many families up here they're living paycheck to paycheck. An unexpected bill or an unplanned reduction in income can be a real problem. Mom had been feeling poorly. She went to the doctor,

had some tests, and discovered that she's severely anemic, caused by a liver problem. She'll need treatment, and it's very possible she may need a transplant. As a result, she lost time at work and the lost income was becoming a problem. We were able to help them out with food and a utility payment. Just as we were wrapping up our conversation, she said "Can I ask you for one more thing". I figured it was probably a repair bill or clothing, so I said sure, what can we do? And she said "Pray for me". Pray for me. This is what differentiates St Vincent de Paul from other charities like United Way or Make A Wish.

Social Justice Commission

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Council or Commission Name: Social Justice (Christian Service and Responsibility-CSR) Commission

Commission / Committee Members: Dave Callsen, Beckie Hawker, Jan Liss, Jan Malchow, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson, Jeanne Rabel, Tammy Vanderlinden

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

By motivating, facilitating, engaging, and educating parish members in works of charity and social justice we hope to weave Christ's message of love and compassion throughout our parish life through financial, material and personal support.

Please comment on how your committee supports the Parish Mission Plan:

- Discipleship- Opening each meeting with devotion and prayer keeps God at the center and often leads to faith sharing.

By reviewing Entrust and Parish Mission Planning activities at each meeting, the importance of welcoming, hospitality and sharing Jesus is kept at the forefront.

- Building connections- Through monthly bulletin articles and our annual Box of Joy and Toys for Kids collections we educate and motivate parishioners toward participation in sharing the love of Jesus with those in need.

Goals for next year:

- Add a collection drive for a local or area group to keep Stella Maris visible in the community.
- Procure needed funding for continued support for the poor and those in need.
- Continue to motivate parishioners to involvement within the parish and in the community

Our Story:

Wow, how heartwarming it is to see the end results from our annual collections for Box of Joy (benefitting children in need in third world countries) and Toys for Kids (benefitting children in need in Door County). The sheer number of boxes and toys collected always surprises us. Then, looking closer seeing the terrific variety of toys and box contents and the thought behind this is truly amazing to see. Thank you, Stella Maris, for your participation in our collections.

Stewardship Committee

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Council or Commission Name: Stewardship Committee

Commission / Committee Members: Tom Polacek, Chairperson, Bernie Freeman, Jody Weitman, Michael Smith, Mark Loper, Doug Van Vorous, (staff liaisons-Deacon Tony Abts and Laura Paider)

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

Several of the parish's values are evident when you observe the joy and sense of ownership on display when our witness speakers share their stories while serving as volunteers in our church.

Please comment on how your committee supports the Parish Mission Plan:

Stewardship involves the sharing of time, treasure and talent in helping our Church fulfill its mission. Stella Maris parish serves multiple communities and includes many seasonal members and guests.

Our committee is focused on supporting events and reminding our members and guests that they have been gifted by God with talents, treasure and time and God has asked them to use these gifts responsibly and to be generous. The Stewardship Committee spends a good deal of time each year through its annual Service and Sharing Campaign reinforcing this message. We also make a special effort to thank our volunteers, so they see that their contributions are recognized and appreciated.

Accomplishments:

- Planned and organized a well-attended volunteer celebration incorporating the parish's Annual meeting.
- Documented the sequence of steps associated with the annual Service and Sharing Drive to enable our team to better coordinate with the parish staff.
- Revised our Ministry Opportunities sign up form to better focus on four main ways for our parish members to participate.
- Revised the Annual Service and Sharing campaign to shorten the number of weeks and put a better follow-up plan in place.
- Conducted a successful social after Mass in June 2023.
- Recruited two new Stewardship Committee members.

Goals for next year:

- Evaluate our annual Stewardship Service and Sharing Drive results and make changes to improve the process.
- Welcome and involve our new members so they feel comfortable offering suggestions and bringing forth ideas that move our committee's work forward.
- Recruit new Stewardship Committee members to bring in new ideas and perspectives.
- Ensure the parish's endowment advisory team stays intact and makes improvements as we move forward.
- Look for opportunities for the Stewardship Committee to sponsor or promote activities that result in greater visibility in the communities we serve.

Our Story:

Stella Maris has reaped the fruits of the Holy Spirit leading people to contribute financially or through their service in the parish and community. Last year we had 340 of the parish's 600 households participating in some capacity in our parish ministries. Every year, we welcome and are blessed with new, talented parishioners who move to Door County and find a way to participate.

Worship Commission

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Council or Commission Name: Worship Commission

Commission / Committee Members: Fr. Tom Farrell, Deacon Tony Abts, Beth Screnock, Debi Anderson, Connie Brandt, Pat Daubner, Mary Gomoll, Marilyn Holland, Diane Kahlscheuer, Mickie Mostardi, Shirley Raasch, Kathy Wolff

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

The Worship Commission's purpose is closely related to Stella Maris' values of prayer, sharing the joy of the gospel, and welcome and hospitality. The liturgical ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters, Ushers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Musicians, Cantors, Choir members, and Ministers of the Environment - all participate in the liturgies that comprise the public prayer of our Catholic community. Commission members advise on decisions concerning liturgies offered, scheduling, music, enrichment for ministers, as well as changes in the church and sanctuary during the liturgical year. Knowing that all of us are the hands and face of Christ to others, liturgical ministers share the joy of the gospel by cheerfully extending a warm welcome to all who worship at Stella Maris. We seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in planning and discerning what actions and events of the liturgical year will lead our parishioners and visitors closer to Jesus.

Please comment on how your committee supports the Parish Mission Plan:

The work of the Worship Commission supports the second priority of the Parish Mission Plan: building connections with people through the love of Jesus. As one member of the commission recently put it, "because we love Jesus and seek to draw closer to Him, we want to help others follow in His footsteps." Many of the members of the Worship Commission have attended an Entrust retreat. We continue to deepen our connection with each other by praying and reflecting about living our faith at our meetings.

Among the ways that the Worship Commission endeavors to build connections with people through the love of Jesus is the way that greeters and ushers welcome all who attend our weekend masses. After mass, they thank people for coming and wish them a pleasant visit or good day/evening. Further, ushers and greeters endeavor to learn peoples' names—be they visitors from a different area or parishioners. Seasonal residents often serve as liturgical ministers in our churches when they are in town. Ushers and greeters also take the opportunity to connect with other parishioners and learn how they are doing. Because energetic singing has been a hallmark of Stella Maris, the Director of Worship and Music sought to deepen connections between parishioners by soliciting suggestions from all parishioners for the content of a new music supplement. Music choices at daily and weekday masses include familiar songs that encourage participation and heighten the unity we feel when we pray together.

Goals for next year:

- Familiarize all members of the Worship Commission with the Parish Mission Plan and changes made through the year.
- Encourage members of the commission and leaders of the ministry teams who have not yet attended Entrust to do so.

- Base decisions on the priorities of the Parish Mission Plan when possible.
- Consider offering Advent and/or Lenten prayer services focused on one of the Mission Plan's priorities.
- Continue to offer enrichment opportunities for ministries.
- Continue recruiting for cantors and sacristans.

Our Story:

We are fortunate that many visitors attend mass in our churches during the summer and fall. Visitors are part of our community, and we want them to sense that when they enter our churches. We are gratified when visitors thank or compliment us an aspect of liturgy. More importantly though, we realize that in the warmth of their greetings and their kind inquiries about priests or others who have served at Stella Maris, they reveal the face of Christ to us. We are blessed to serve in this ministry.

Youth Faith Formation

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

Council or Commission Name: Youth Faith Formation

Commission / Committee Members: Catechists for 2022-2023: Dianna Moser, Alan Moser, Mary Moran, Pat Daubner, Mary Grzelak, Angela Packard.

Faith Formation Coordinator: Abigail Ahrens

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

Faith Formation is a critical part of helping the youth of our Parish grow to know, love, and serve God. Our program allows catechists to share with the young people God's love and the teachings of the Catholic faith. It is discipleship, which is in alignment with our Parish's goals.

By holding weekly classes, our program worked to catechize children and help them grow in their relationship with Christ. Our program has been in decline, but steps are in the works to help encourage a growth mindset.

Every one of our students had the opportunity for reconciliation at least twice during the school year.

Our Confirmation students had a full day retreat where they were able to bond with one another, experience Jesus' love and mercy in Adoration and Reconciliation, and learn more about how to be disciples.

We began Game nights for the youth, as the previous Youth Ministry program was not continued. Youth nights included Adoration and prayer as well as games and snacks. We attracted up to 22 youth each week at these events.

Our eighth and ninth grade students completed their first year of preparation for Confirmation. Our tenth and eleventh graders completed their preparation for and attended WYD in Lisbon, Portugal from July 28-August 7.

Goals for next year:

- We are moving to a style of Family Faith Catechesis. By involving the whole family, our parish will grow in vigor and love for Christ.
- We will have two family Reconciliations times available for all of our families.
- We will celebrate one more Confirmation retreat for our eighth and ninth graders as well as the Sacrament of Confirmation this school year.
- We will have two retreats for our second graders to finish their preparation for First Reconciliation as well as First Holy Eucharist. These students will receive both of these Sacraments this school year.
- We will continue to grow our Youth Ministry program, using the spark that was started in the lives of our 14 youth who went to World Youth Day.
- We will continue to work to bring Bishop Ricken's "Five Alive" practices to our youth and families and make sure they learn about them and how to live them in their own lives.

Our Story:

The desire of our Faith Formation team is to encourage each person in our Parish to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. We walk together on this journey of faith. Our program is open to each family in our parish. We will have breakout sessions for the adults as well as children, having available a nursery as well as faith catechesis for children from pre-k ages through high school. All are welcome to walk with us, as we are all never done learning about Jesus!

Cemeteries Report

Fiscal Year 2023 (Year Ending June 30, 2023)

"If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him." (Rom 6:8)

Commission / Committee Members: Mike Orthober (Chairperson and Sexton), Lorie Orthober (Secretary), Pat Conlon, Shirley Raasch, John Sawyer, Mary Corriveau, Jim Charles, Deacon Tony Abts

Commission / Committee Role (Purpose):

"Because of our belief not only in the immortality of the soul, but also in the resurrection of the body, the Church professes hope in the face of death, and acts with charity in the funeral rites. The Church provides a number of prayers for the faithful to offer both to accompany the dying of a loved one and to strengthen our faith upon their death. Through private prayer and public funeral rites, we strengthen our faith and hope, comfort those who mourn, and bury the bodily remains of the deceased with care befitting what was the Temple of the Holy Spirit." (USCCB)

The Stella Maris Cemeteries Board advises the pastor in all matters pertaining to the provision a dignified resting place for the faithful departed in accordance with the *Diocesan Regulations and Guidelines*, *The Code of Canon Law* and the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

Stella Maris Cemeteries operates four sites:

- St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Egg Harbor, WI
- St. Mary of the Lake Cemetery, Baileys Harbor, WI
- St. Michael Cemetery, Jacksonport, WI
- St. Rosalia Cemetery, Sister Bay, WI

Accomplishments:

- Provided 22 burials.
- Sold 24 graves.
- Schedule and supervise all maintenance and grounds keeping of cemeteries with the help from the Parish office.
- Decided to end contract for Sister Bay maintenance with Jungwirth and have Jim Charles maintain this cemetery due to cost.
- Reviewed cemetery rules and procedures. Updated the number of plots in a family plot to 8 maximum.
- Full burial fee increased from \$900 to \$1,000 per burial.
- Took care of dead Ash trees at the Sister Bay cemetery.
- Approval to purchase storage sheds for JP and EH Cemeteries so we have a place to store tools.
- Recorded and maintained all sale of burial sites and updated maps.
- Eric Peil will be taking care of the digging of full burials at all of our cemeteries.

Goals for next year:

- Survey St. Rosalia Cemetery for soil depth and availability of adding grave sites for full burials and/or cremains.
- Finish surveying St. Mary of the Lake Cemetery (old part) for map accuracy.

- Widen entrance driveway at St. Rosalia Cemetery.
- Relocate back gate and build back driveway at St. Rosalia Cemetery.

Our Story:

Stella Maris Cemeteries function as part of the bereavement ministry of the parish in helping the parish to fulfil the final corporal work of mercy – to bury the dead. In so doing, we accompany families as they journey with a loved one to their final resting place on earth with prayers for eternal peace. We help to prayerfully unite them with the love of Jesus. Times of bereavement can also be a powerful time of evangelization and conversion.

Mass Attendance and Parish Census

Year	Census	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
2015	683	2084	1922	2172	3112	5005	5865	8786	8650	5529	4970	2925	3072	54092
2016	690	2104	2206	2483	2252	4876	5688	11078	6646	5561	5525	2139	2367	52925
2017	598	2152	1916	1910	3502	4493	5383	10816	7308	6107	4929	2173	3077	53766
2018	595	1591	1851	2144	2305	4065	5894	9365	7467	6127	4042	2034	3178	50063
2019	590	1841	1487	2161	2751	3904	6746	8022	7918	5404	4126	2570	2848	49778
2020	586	1821	2120	927	0	0	992	1768	2115	1892	1593	961	1199	15388
2021	540	974	851	953	1792	2788	3600	5318	4435	3264	3601	1661	1820	31057
2022	600	1506	1304	1297	2386	2420	3841	6870	4316	3716	3844	1860	2141	35501
2023	606	1730	1671	1356	2841	3357	4150	7868						22973
2024														0
2025														0

Contributions Analysis
Stella Maris Parish
6/30/2023

	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Parish Support	\$ 632,242	\$ 638,105	\$ 646,883	\$ 615,929	\$ 605,610	\$ 685,841	\$ 759,549
Year over Year Change \$	\$ 15,361	\$ 5,863	\$ 8,778	\$ (30,954)	\$ (10,319)	\$ 80,231	\$ 73,708
Year over Year Change %	2.43%	0.92%	1.36%	-5.03%	-1.70%	11.70%	9.70%

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7710 Hwy 42

Egg Harbor, WI 54209-0049

Date Range - 7/1/2022 through 6/30/2023

Contribution By Range

<u>Range</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>	<u>Num Contributors</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Registered Zero Contributors	\$0.00	0.00%	232	22.63%
Non Registered Contributions	\$168440.00	23.44%	418	40.78%
1-99	\$1168.71	0.16%	30	2.93%
100-200	\$5412.00	0.75%	36	3.51%
201-300	\$8905.00	1.24%	34	3.32%
301-400	\$4885.63	0.68%	14	1.37%
401-500	\$11106.00	1.55%	24	2.34%
501-750	\$20946.50	2.92%	34	3.32%
751-1000	\$33939.00	4.72%	38	3.71%
1001-1500	\$84651.95	11.78%	67	6.54%
1501-2500	\$94808.38	13.19%	47	4.59%
2501-5000	\$120722.70	16.80%	35	3.41%
5001-9999.99	\$78961.00	10.99%	12	1.17%
10000 & Above	\$84613.48	11.78%	4	0.39%
	\$718560.35		1025	

Sacraments and Funerals
Stella Maris Parish, Door County
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Baptisms 8	Hauert, Harper Jade Malewiski, Kira Marie Sawyer, Ronald Joseph Kristan. Daniella Louise Mueller, Baron Ward Fay, Jackson Schaefer Forrest, Marie Elizabeth Kita, Raelynn Marie
First Communions 5	Gunnlaugsson, Zac Hagen O'Connor, Stephen Clark, James Carlson, Christopher Warren Carlson. Lori
Confirmations 6	Torres, Diego Duran O'Connor, Stephen Clark, James Carlson, Christopher Warren Carlson, Lori Schmitz, Christopher
Marriages 2	Daubner, Wallace Joseph and Gureski, Patricia Cecelia Gabler, Dominic Hyacinth And Ahrens, Katherine Rosemary Hopwood (others were destination weddings)
Funerals 23	Sawasko, Leonard Alan Wasilewski, Fredrick John Brink, Loraine Margaret Mahute, Bryan William Smith, Theresa Carol Krueger, Carol Kay

Funerals (continued)

Kostiuk, Raymond
White, Murphy Baxter
Kaye, Mary Sue
Gagnon, Elizabeth Anne
Mulligan, Quinn Thomas
Freund, Cecelia (Katie) V
Mueller, Mary Jane
Ambrose, William J
Howell, Jonathan Brodie
Carlson, Mary (Joyce)
Hardin, Joshua M.
Hess, Elaine Marilyn
VanVorous, Douglas Lee
Wallschlaeger, Suzanne
Mahoney, Rosemary F.
Wilting, Patricia Ann
Zellner, Carolyn Jean

Minutes of the Stella Maris Parish Annual Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2022, 6PM

Sister Bay, WI

Present:

Fr. Tom Farrell, Deacon Tony and Diana Abts, Terry McArdle, Bernie and George Freeman, Kathy and Bill Wolff, Laura Paider, Mary Anderson, Angela Packard, Jody Weitman, Michael Smith, Paul and Jan Liss, Tony Anheuser, Ally McArdle, Kriss and Jim Schorr, Joe Miller, Larry and Diane Kahlscheuer, Sharon Fitzgerald, Meghan Ahrens, Jerry and Abigail Ahrens, Steve and Diane Smith, Joe Melendes, Jerry Mudrock, Lynda Pietryta, Rick and Cathy Ripley, Mary Tall, Lori and Mike Orthober, Doug Wheaton, Teri Madden, Betty Marie Gilley, Annette Heck, Mary Moran, John and Mary Talley, Karl and Shirley Raasch, Mike and Rhonda Trebotich, Fred and Debi Anderson, Tom O'Grady, Joe and Marylou Lienau, Doug and Dixie VanVorous, Jim and Cheryl Bevins, Dot and Rick Pask, Sharon and Dick Brabson, Virginia and Tom Maher, Jane Mastrangelo, Greg and Peg Berezewski, Nancy Sargent, Andrea Jauquet, Tom and Elaine Mulligan, Jan Malchow, Beth Screnoch, David Kowalski, Pat and Anita Conlon, June Nirschl, Dianna Moser

Introductions:

Bernie Freeman welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation dinner. Deacon Tony introduced the new Stella Maris staff: Laura Paider, Beth Screnoch, and Jan Malchow. Bernie thanked Deacon Tony's band for the incredible entertainment.

Opening Prayer:

Father Tom invited us to pray with A Disciple's Prayer, from page 3 of the Annual Report.

Parish Mission and Vision:

Treasurer Trustee Terry McArdle opened the meeting at 6:04 and reminded all present that the Annual Report is available in hard copy or digitally, that the parish is doing well financially, making ends meet and we need to keep doing what we are doing (see pages 11-12 FY2022 annual Report)

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were approved. Motion by Jim Schorer, second by Tony Anheuser.

One by One:

Terry informed us that the One-by-One Campaign is going very well, and we are only \$1500 shy of \$1.3 million. A parishioner volunteered to write a check on the spot to reach \$1.3 million. Everyone cheered! Terry asked if anyone had any questions about the campaign and nobody did.

Pastoral Council Report:

Sharon Brabson introduced the structure of the Annual Report and explained the work of the committees and commissions. She reminded us that we started the year with a genuine concern about the pandemic and that people are coming back to church little by little. The Pastoral

Council itself is moving forward with the Parish Mission Plan, and looking into what we need to do to be missionary disciples.(pg. 6 of the Annual Report). The parish attended an Entrust retreat at the Diocese, sending 10 delegates, and has sponsored another retreat which was attended by 33 parishioners of Stella Maris. This is a great process to show us how to move forward and we plan to host additional retreats in the coming year.

Sharon encouraged everyone to read the committee reports and see how they each are incorporating missionary discipleship, Entrust, and the Parish Mission Plan in all that they do.

Finance Council Report:

Terry McArdle assured us that the finances are in good condition. The Endowment Fund is included in the One-by-One Campaign, all parish bills are paid and we are doing well. Terry thanked the Finance Council for doing a fantastic job. The FY 2022 Financial Report was approved. Motion by Tony Anheuser, second by David Kowalski.

RCIA: Deacon Tony shared that eight people have signed up for RCIA, all stemming from Entrust and reminded us that WE are Stella Maris Parish, and that people are attracted to the church through US.

Pastor's Report:

Father Tom thanked the parish volunteers, and is very excited about the progress of the One by One Campaign and the Endowment Fund. (See pg.5). One addition to his written report is that Washington Island had just received four new vestments!

Closing Prayer:

Father Tom closed the meeting by leading us in a prayer for volunteers to continue growing as disciples and thanking everyone again for their help and continuing work for our parish.

Adjournment:

At 6:20 the meeting was adjourned. Motion by Kriss Schorer, second by Angela Packard

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Packard
Secretary Trustee, Pastoral Council



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