

June 1, 2025



# STELLA MARIS

## PARISH

### DEAR PARISHIONERS,

With joy and enthusiasm, we are thrilled to share that this weekend marks the official establishment of Stella Maris Parish! It is truly a remarkable moment for us to come together as a new parish and look forward to the future of growing in faith, deepening our community, and serving together as one body in Christ.

Below is Bishop Hying's cover letter for the Decree of Canonical Merger. Copies of the full decree are available to read in the back of church; we kindly ask that these not be removed. An electronic version can also be found at [madisondiocese.org/vg](http://madisondiocese.org/vg).

Fr. Eric Sternberg will be installed as Pastor on July 13, 2025 at the 10:30am Mass.

We thank God for uniting us as Stella Maris Parish!

*Fr. Chad M. Droessler*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With this letter, I am attaching the decree that merges Christ the King Parish in McFarland, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Monona, and Saint Patrick Parish in Cottage Grove into a brand-new parish, Stella Maris.

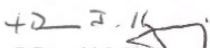
This moment comes for your new parish following years of consultation and preparation with our Into the Deep Strategic Plan, begun back in the spring of 2022. It brings me great joy that your new parish is dedicated to Mary under the title Stella Maris, Star of the Sea, and that it becomes a reality on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is a guiding light that leads all of us to her Son, Jesus, especially during difficult or trying moments. She also inspires us to bring the presence of Christ to others in the world just as she brought the infant Jesus in her womb into the home of her cousin Elizabeth. Being led to the Lord ourselves and helping other people to meet, know, and love Jesus is at the heart of the Church's mission. As your new parish is created, my prayer is that you can all become faithful evangelists spreading the Good News of God's love. Making Christ known and loved by all people is at the root of why we undertook Into the Deep in the first place – it was so we could more effectively “make disciples” of Jesus Christ. This has been one of the most important parts of my episcopal ministry in the Diocese of Madison, and I pray that your new parish will truly serve as a center of holiness and missionary zeal leading people to Christ and His Church.

I am appointing Rev. Chad Droessler as parochial administrator of your new parish until Rev. Eric Sternberg is appointed as pastor beginning July 1. I want to thank Fr. Chad for all of his dedicated service and ministry to Stella Maris Pastorate, especially bringing the parish to the point of merger. While I know there is sadness in losing a beloved priest, I am grateful to Fr. Chad for his willingness to take on a new ministry. I know that you will welcome Fr. Eric as he moves into his new role as your pastor beginning in July.

I am also appointing Rev. Mark Foley and Rev. William Van Wagner as parochial vicars of your new parish. While Fr. Bill also will be moving into new ministry in St. John Paul II Pastorate, Rev. Matthew Pearson will be assigned as a new parochial vicar beginning July 1. Deacon Jeffrey Bond is assigned to the new parish as a permanent deacon.

Please know of my prayers for all of you, and I will look forward to celebrating this milestone when I come to install Rev. Sternberg as your pastor on July 13. May Mary, Star of the Sea, inspire us to continually seek Jesus and follow Him more closely!

In Christ,

  
✠ Donald J. Hying  
Bishop of Madison

### DAILY HOLY MASS TIMES

#### Monday

7:30 am St. Patrick

#### Tuesday & Thursday

7:30 am Christ the King

8:30 am Immaculate Heart of Mary

#### Wednesday & Friday

7:30 am St. Patrick

8:30 am Immaculate Heart of Mary

#### Saturday

9:00 am Immaculate Heart of Mary

### WEEKEND HOLY MASS TIMES

#### Saturday (Vigil)

4:00 pm St. Patrick

5:00 pm Christ the King

#### Sunday

7:30 am Immaculate Heart of Mary

9:00 am Christ the King

9:00 am St. Patrick

10:30 am Immaculate Heart of Mary

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Weekday - 30 mins prior to Mass

Weekend - 40 mins prior to Mass

\*subject to change, check  
[stellamarisparish.org/parish-calendar](http://stellamarisparish.org/parish-calendar)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon - Fri 6am-8pm \*closed 12-2pm on Thurs.

Mary Morning Star Chapel

4905 Schofield St., Monona

608-224-0251

[marymorningstar chapelwi.com](http://marymorningstar chapelwi.com)

### PRIESTS & DEACON

Fr. Chad Droessler

Parochial Administrator

Fr. Mark Foley

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Bill Van Wagner

Parochial Vicar

Deacon Jeff Bond

Permanent Deacon

[STELLAMARISPARISH.ORG](http://STELLAMARISPARISH.ORG)

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday June 2

7:30am-SP: Intentions of the Cherek Family

### Tuesday June 3

7:30am-CTK: † Garrett Kunz

8:30am-IHM: † Scott Anderson

### Wednesday June 4

7:30am-SP: Intention designated by celebrant

8:30am-IHM: † Charlie Powers

### Thursday June 5

7:30am-CTK: Intentions of Agatha Quiambao

8:30am-IHM: † Wayne Davies

### Friday June 6

7:30am-SP: Intentions of Adam Jace

8:30am-IHM: Increase in religious vocations

### Saturday June 7

9am-IHM: † Stanley and Patricia Feeney

4pm-SP: † James Ambrecht &

†Julie Ambrecht Lara

5pm-CTK: Stella Maris Parish

### Sunday June 8

7:30am-IHM: † Dolores Nichols

9am-CTK: † Art & Pat Wensing

9am-SP: † Jadwiga Barc

10:30am-IHM: † John Stauffacher



### Contact Us

608-838-9797

info@stellamarisparish.org

### Christ the King

5306 Main Street | McFarland

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm,

Fri: 9am-12pm

### St. Patrick

434 N Main Street | Cottage Grove

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Church & Shrine

5101 Schofield Street | Monona

Office Hours: Fri 9am - 12pm

### Immaculate Heart of Mary School

4913 Schofield Street | Monona

608-222-8831

### Offertory through April 30, 2025

	Year-to-Date	Last YTD
St. Patrick	\$202,866.50	\$197,117.42
Christ the King	\$345,360.66	\$290,031.49
Immaculate Heart of Mary	\$705,152.28	\$808,021.40
Total Stella Maris	\$1,253,379.44	\$1,295,170.31
Budgeted YTD Offertory	\$1,394,166.60	

### Our Prayers & Sympathy

to the family and friends of:

† Kelly Wurtzler

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

### Parish Trustee Election

The election of civil parish trustees is this weekend. All parishioners are encouraged to vote online for two parish trustees at [stellamarisparish.org/trustee-election](http://stellamarisparish.org/trustee-election) or by using the paper ballots available in the back of church.

### Pentecost Bonfire & Tailgate

*This event will also be the time to say farewell to Father Chad & Father Bill.*

As the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in tongues of flame, we will celebrate the Vigil of Pentecost on June 7 at 5pm at CTK followed by a Fiery Tongues Bonfire and potluck. The fire will be large and last into the evening, please bring lawn chairs, yard games, musical instruments, and other fun things! Bring your own food & drinks, tailgate cooking is welcome. Email Ben with questions at [ben@benconrad.net](mailto:ben@benconrad.net) and pray for beautiful weather!

### SVdP Bundle Sunday Clothing Drive

The SVdP spring clothing drive is scheduled for the weekend of June 7/8. Donation bags will be handed out after all Masses at IHM, SP and CTK on May 31 and June 1. Bags with your donations (clothing, shoes, accessories and linens) can be brought back the following weekend, June 7/8. Volunteers will be available in the parking lots of each church to accept your donations. Clean out your closets before summer!

### Mary Morning Star Chapel

Read the June Adoration newsletter at [tinyurl.com/SMMSJune](http://tinyurl.com/SMMSJune)

### Summer Adoration and Vespers

Beginning on Wednesday, May 28 and continuing through July there will be Adoration and Vespers at IHM every Wednesday from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Exposition will take place at 6:30pm with Vespers beginning at 7:00pm.

### Rosary Walk Between Shrines

A peaceful Rosary Walk will take place on Saturday, June 14, connecting two Jubilee Year of Hope pilgrimage shrines. It begins with 9am Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (5101 Schofield St., Monona), followed by a 4-mile walk to the Schoenstatt Founder Shrine (5901 Cottage Grove Rd., Madison). All are welcome to join this prayerful journey of faith and fellowship. Details: [stellamarisparish.org/events](http://stellamarisparish.org/events)

### Rosary Leaders Needed at IHM

If you are interested and available to lead the

Rosary before any of the 8:30 Masses on Tuesday - Friday, please contact Julie at [julieallington@gmail.com](mailto:julieallington@gmail.com) or 715-862-2523. Rosaries and prayer guides are available.

### Volunteers Needed-Seven Sisters Apostolate

Stella Maris' Seven Sisters Apostolate is looking for a few more women to volunteer to pray for our pastorate's priests. This would be a commitment to dedicate one hour a week on a designated day to pray for one of our priests for a period of one year beginning July 1.

Visit [sevensistersapostolate.org](http://sevensistersapostolate.org) for additional information. If interested or have questions, please reach out to Anne P. ([acpecard@gmail.com](mailto:acpecard@gmail.com)) or Carrie J. ([carriejarmusz@gmail.com](mailto:carriejarmusz@gmail.com))

### Cottage Grove Firemen's Parade UPDATE

St. Patrick Church will NOT be participating in the parade this year on June 14.

Parishioners are welcome to gather in front of the church to watch the parade as a parish community. The parade starts at noon; please note that Main Street will close prior to the start time.

### Filiae Mariae Picnic-CANCELED

The Filiae Mariae picnic scheduled for June 1 is canceled due to low numbers.

Questions: Elizabeth Hartung: [hartungej@gmail.com](mailto:hartungej@gmail.com)

### Prayer Shawl Meeting

The St. Patrick Prayer Shawl Ministry monthly meeting will be June 4 at 9am in the parish center. Questions, contact Gail at 608.219.2072. The CTK prayer shawl meeting is June 11 at 1:30pm.

### VBS Registration

Vaction Bible School is at IHM

Monday-Friday June 23-27, 9am-noon

Monday-Thursday, and 9am-1:30pm on

Friday! Holy Mass at 9am on Friday with a

picnic party from 12:15-1:30pm! Register

children 4K-6th grade this fall:

[forms.gle/3Zvu2L7mXsxZCnhZ6](https://forms.gle/3Zvu2L7mXsxZCnhZ6)

After June 1, the cost increases to: \$80/child

or \$200 max per family for three or more

children. Contact Marnie Harrington with

questions at [mharrington@pastorate26.com](mailto:mharrington@pastorate26.com),

608-440-9441. Kid's prize donations are

also needed! Drop off in the IHM ushers

room.

### Family Retreat Day

All families in the Diocese of Madison, with children of all ages, are invited to a day of prayer, formation, and fun, focused on building a life of prayer as a family! June 21 at St. Maria Goretti Church. Details at [stellamarisparish.org/events](http://stellamarisparish.org/events)

