

Prayer Service



Sister Stella Marie Karls
September 16, 1930—December 9, 2024

Nazareth Center Chapel
December 20, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Song: *All I Ask of You vv. 1 & 2* (see insert)

Leader: Most loving and compassionate God, Sister Stella is gone now from this earthly dwelling. We give You thanks as we celebrate her life, hold her memory with gratitude, and live in the hope of the eternal kingdom where you will bring us together again.

All: Amen

Psalm: *Psalm 139*

Antiphon: ^{ALL} **O God, how great is your wisdom, so far beyond my understanding.**

- 1 O my Beloved, You have searched me and know me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You discern my innermost thoughts.
- 2 You find me on the journey and guide my steps:
You know my strength and my weaknesses.
You encompass me with love wherever I go,
and your strength is my shield.
- 1 If I ascend into heaven, You are there!
If I make my bed in darkness, You are there!
If I soar on the wings of morning or
dwell in the deepest part of the sea,
Even there your hand will lead me
and your love will embrace me.

- 2 You have formed my inward being
You knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise You for You are to be revered and adored.
Your mysteries fill me with wonder.
- 1 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance;
In your records were written every one of them
How precious to me are your creations, O Blessed One!
How vast is the sum of them.
- 2 I yearn to come to you in love,
to learn of your mercy and wisdom!
Search me, O my Beloved, and know my heart!
Try me and discern my thoughts!
Help me to face the darkness within me;
Enlighten me that I might radiate Your love and light.

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beyond my understanding.**

Reading: *Micah* 6:8

Response: *Companions on the Journey* **BB #606, vv. 2—4**

Sharing

Prayer to St. Agnes:

Behold, what I long coveted, I already see; what I hoped for I
now hold safe. To God alone I am associated in Heaven, whom
on earth I loved with all devotedness.

Leader: Pray for us, St. Agnes.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Almighty and eternal God, who choose the weak of the world to confound the strong, mercifully grant that we, who are placed under the patronage of your virgin and martyr, Agnes, may feel the benefit of her intercession with you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Song: *All I Ask of You*—v. 5 (see insert)



“Those who instruct others
will shine like stars
for all eternity”
Daniel 12:3