



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
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Growing together in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, leading others to Him; striving to become saints.

Welcome! If interested in becoming a member or becoming a Catholic, contact Fr. Kubista.

Baptism: Contact Fr. Kubista at least 3 months before the birth to attend a class and set a date.

Faith Formation for grades K-Confirmation Wednesday evenings from Sept 11th-April

First Confession & Holy Eucharist: Register for 2nd grade Faith Formation classes.

Confirmation: Register for 9th & 10th grade Faith Formation classes.

Marriage: Contact Fr. Kubista at least six months before the planned

wedding date.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: If you move to a nursing home or care facility and would like a priest to visit, or if unable to attend mass and would like communion at home, contact Fr. Kubista.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Fr. Kubista when seriously ill or near death.

Funerals: Contact Fr. Kubista

Eucharistic Adoration - First Friday of every month 9-10am (including Confessions, Benediction) and Wednesdays 9am-6pm.

First Saturday devotions start 35

minutes prior to 4pm Mass.

Mass Intention Requests may be placed in the collection plate. Please enclose them in an envelope along with instructions (i.e., desired dates, number of masses, etc). Or contact Sue Roskowiak at 612-414-4705.

Bulletin Items by Thurs noon: kmotzko@stmarydelano.org

Hall Rental: Contact Mary Kay Swartzter.

Safe Environment Coordinator: Kathleen Motzko kmotzko@stmarydelano.org

Formed.org sign in under St. Boniface.

MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 13th	4pm	Walter Swartzter+
Sun 14th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 16th	6:30pm	Joe Swartzter, Sr+
Wed 17th	8:30am	Allen Henry+
Thur 18th	8:30am	Kathleen Cass Barbour+
Fri 19th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 20th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 21st	8:30am	James Motzko, Sr+

Reconciliation Times: One-half hour before each Mass or by appointment.

Rosary Times: starts 16 min before each weekday Mass and 20 min before Sat & Sun Masses

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Liturgy of the Hours after each weekday Mass (the iBreviary app may be used for the LOH)

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Sept 13th	Dickhausens (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Sept 14th	Huns V (L), Kate T (S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)
Sept 20th	Tracy A (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Sept 21st	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)

For The Sake of His Sorrowful Passion, Have Mercy on Us and On The Whole World

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

It is important for us to learn obedience. We are called to first and foremost, obey all that God has commanded of us which is good for us. God does not need us to obey, we need to obey in order that we be as happy as we can be on this earth and ultimately happy with God forever in Heaven, where God our Father calls us to be. Jesus said: *“If you love me, you will keep my commandments”* (Jn 14:15) and *“rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”* (Lk 11:28) We are to follow and be obedience to what Jesus has commanded of us which ultimately is what the Father commands of us.

We are to obey those who have proper authority over us: bishops, pastors, parents, teachers, civil authorities, and anyone else who has been granted by God the authority to make laws, guidelines, or disciplines for us. Those in these positions ultimately are to guide people in the ways of the Lord. They are to be an example of God the Father in our lives, helping us to follow His will in our lives, helping us to be obedient to Him. When we are young, our parents have an important responsibility to train us in the ways of obedience. They teach us how to obey by obeying them which then extends to our obedience of God. Rather than just tell a child to obey, a parent can explain why to obey (that ultimately it is for the good of that child). When a child is told to work (including doing homework), to stop playing a game, to be home at a certain time, and whatever is asked, these things are to benefit that child. (It certainly can benefit others.) That is the way it is with God. God does not need us to be obedient to Him. All the things that God asks of us are for our good. Parents have an important role to teach their children this important aspect.

We might wonder why God has commanded us to do certain things. In asking this question, it can help us come to a better understanding of the significance and importance of doing that which has been commanded. This helps us to come to a greater knowledge and understanding of whom we are and the deficiencies in our knowledge and understanding. St Peter tells us: *“Like obedient children, do not act in compliance with the desires of your former ignorance but, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct.”* (1 Pt 1:14-15) Having a better understanding helps us grow in our faith and can be a catalysis that helps us share our faith with others.

Obedience helps us to train our will to follow what we have been instructed to do. Rather than have our own desires (which can be good or bad) we submit to a higher authority who has been graced by God to guide us to that which is good. Hebrews tells us: *“Obey your leaders and defer to them, for they keep watch over you and will have to give an account, that they may fulfill their task with joy and not with sorrow, for that would be of no advantage to you.”* (Hb 13:17) Ultimately, God is that higher authority, the Supreme Being who knows exactly what is for our good and demands of us to follow in order that we prosper and be the person we are called to be, to flourish and be happy, to realize the good that we are called. *“Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and who walk in his ways”* (Ps 128:1) and *“who greatly delights in his commands.”* (Ps 112:1)

We pray that God would help us to be obedient to those who have been set over us to help us and guide us to the Truth, to that which is good for us. “We pray that we be open and receive the instruction and guidance that God has for us, follow all that He has commanded of us (to love Him) so that we indeed may merit eternal life. God bless you.

Thank you to Wade Epple of Epple Exteriors for donating the replacement of two shingles on the church roof and cleaning out the church gutters. Very much appreciated!

Thank you to all those who take care of the grass around the Parish grounds. Your dedication is greatly appreciated!

Coffee and Conversation fall session meeting weekly on Thursday mornings after Mass—.



Together we share the ways God has blessed us, learn from a teaching provided by Fr. Kubista, and offer intercessions for friends, family and community. The teaching this fall is on prayer. Coffee and Conversation offers ways to grow closer to Jesus together. Stay tuned for more information on the Monday night small group.

The Mary statue is back and repairs completed. Thank you to the St Patrick’s Guild for doing such a wonderful restoration.

Thank you to our dedicated Adorers and subs who are participating in our Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration. If you are interested in joining as a regular Adorer or occasional substitute, please contact Sue Broll at 763-213-7923



Prayers for Those Affected by Annunciation Shootings

We pray for all those impacted by the recent shootings especially those who have died, who have been injured, and traumatized by the incidents. We pray that God would console them and help them in this difficult time. We pray for those considering violence, that they may turn away from evil, know that they are loved, and that God calls them to respect their lives and the lives of all people. We pray that there would be a greater respect for all human life, a great gift from God. Each one of us is created in God's image. Life is so sacred and precious, each and every one of us. For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Jesus I trust in you. Our Lady of Czestochowa, pray for us. - Fr. Kubista

Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation’s leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the “culture of death.” Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Our Sacrificial Giving

We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
9/7/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$3,176.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,097.00
Religious Education	\$75.00
Votive candles	\$396.95
Collection Total for 9/7/25:	\$4,744.95
Festival*	\$50.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$33,150.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 9/7/25)	\$38,020.13

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

Parish Events

- Sept 16th at 7:15pm—Class on God
- Sept. 17th at 6:30—Faith Formation
- Sept 25th after Mass—Coffee & Conversation small group
- Oct. 5th—Donut Sunday after Mass

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration 9am-6pm.

Contact Sue Broll at 763-213-7923 for more information, to sign up for a time, or feel free to stop in anytime.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

was observed in Rome before the end of the seventh century. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been placed on Mount Calvary by St. Helena and preserved in Jerusalem, but then had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the



Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius in 629. This day is also called the Triumph of the Cross, Elevation of the Cross, Holy Cross Day, Holy Rood Day, or Roodmas. The liturgy of the Cross is a triumphant

liturgy. When Moses lifted up the bronze serpent over the people, it was a foreshadowing of the salvation through Jesus when He was lifted up on the Cross. Our Mother Church sings of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross. - excerpt from catholicculture.org

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*Heal your servants, O Lord, who
are sick, and who put their trust
in you. Send them help, O Lord,
and comfort them from your holy
place. Amen*

Radio Rosary 11:00 am Sundays

KRWC - 1360 AM Buffalo

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