



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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

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| MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions | | |
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| Sat 11th | 4pm | Joe Swartzter, Sr+ |
| Sun 12th | 8:30am | St Mary's Living & Deceased |
| Tues 14th | 6:30pm | Ed Knutson+ |
| Wed 15th | 8:30am | Thanksgiving |
| Thur 16th | 8:30am | Marjorie Robertson+ |
| Fri 17th | 8:30am | Lori Elsen+ |
| Sat 18th | 4pm | St Mary's Living & Deceased |
| Sun 19th | 8:30am | Bruce Bogenrief+ |

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 | |
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| Oct 11th | Tracy A (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U) |
| Oct 12th | Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U) |
| Oct 18th | Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U) |
| Oct 19th | Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U) |

2026 Calendars are in and are available on the back tables.

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

(Continued from last week...) The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) has changed the teaching on the death penalty. The CCC (in the first edition released in 1994) acknowledged in #2266 that it was important to render the aggressive unable to do harm, that Catholic tradition has allowed legitimate public authority to punish grave crimes, *“in case of extreme gravity, the death penalty”* in order to primarily *“redress the disorder caused by the offense”*, for expiation, for preserving public order and safety, and to correct the offender. In #2267, it says that public authority should limit itself to bloodless means if these are sufficient as they better correspond to the common good and the dignity of the human person.

The second edition of the CCC (released in 1997) changed both #2266 and #2267. The CCC said that for the common good, the state is to curb behavior harmful to people and society and as such *“legitimate public authority has the right and duty to inflict punishment proportionate to the gravity of the offense”* in order to redress the disorder caused by the offense, expiation of offender if willingly accepted, defend public order and protect people, and help correct the offender. If the guilty party is found guilty, the traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude use of the death penalty if this is the *“only possible way of effectively defending human lives”* against the aggressor, but if non lethal means are sufficient then these should be used as they better respect the common good and the dignity of the human person, and since the modern state does have non lethal effective measures *“the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity “are very rare, if not practically nonexistent.”*

The third edition of the CCC (released in 2018) slightly changed #2266 and substantially changed #2267. The changes to 2266 are word choices so the meaning of the content is the same. Number 2267 was changed substantially. It acknowledges that death penalty has long been considered an appropriate response to grave crimes and a means to safeguard society. It continues saying that the dignity of the human person is not lost if they commit a serious crime and implies that the Church taught that it was lost (which it did not). The CCC continues saying that we now have a new understanding of penal sanctions imposed by the state, but is not clear as to what these are. It continues that more effective detention systems have been created which protect society and do not definitely deprive the possibility of redemption; but this does not mean that one should be detained nor does the death penalty “definitely deprive” their possibility of redemption (the Good Thief was redeemed).

The last line of the CCC is the most controversial. *“Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that “the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person”, and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide.”* (CCC 2267 2018) Where does the Gospel deny the death penalty? Actually in Sacred Scripture, God commands the death penalty and Jesus does not condemn it. Saying that it is “inadmissible” means that the death penalty should not be allowed in any situation (it is objectively evil) which goes against the traditional teaching of the Church (who said that the death penalty was admissible) and God the Father (who commanded it). The death penalty can be viewed as upholding human dignity because life is so sacred that whoever murders another commits a crime so horrible that they forfeit their own life. Rather than seeking to abolish it (which undermines the Church since she supported it in the past), it should strongly be discouraged as there still could be certain conditions today that warrant its use.

In a letter from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) to the Bishops, it tries to justify the change in the CCC on the death penalty in part asserting that Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI would approve of the change (both sought to eliminate it but not outlaw it) and that it is considered a development of doctrine (it is a change in doctrine not a development). Fr Gerald Murray (Cannon Lawyer) says that the death penalty is legitimate from the start and that if it is immoral, then God the Father is immoral. It would be good to get more clarity on this issue from the Church.

We pray that the death penalty would be used less and that those imprisoned or sentenced to be killed, may turn to the Lord and ask for mercy. God bless you.

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 intersessions for friends, family and community. The teaching this fall is a continuation of the study on prayer. Coffee and Conversation offers ways to grow closer to Jesus together. The Monday night small group plans to resume on the first Monday in Advent (Dec . 1st)

October is Respect Life Month. Join Catholics nationwide praying a special novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death October 22-30. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org/celebrate!

A Prayer for Hope

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own.

Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world.

Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying.

Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Festival Update

I am so grateful for all the generous people (including volunteers) who made the festival this year a success. It was a great way for us to work together, bring people together, and to make some money for the our Church. We made \$25,963.41. We now have copies of the final festival financial results available on the back tables or you can view them on the bulletin board.

We had a festival wrap up meeting on the third Tuesday in August. For the most part, the festival went well. One comment was that the meal cost too much so we probably will reduce its price next year. We will start planning for the festival in 2026 in January. If you would like to be involved in the planning, be sure to come to that meeting.

If you have any feedback that you would like to share, please let me know. Thank you. Fr. Kubista

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

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| Average weekly collection income need | \$3,315.00 |
| 10/5/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking | \$2,968.00 |
| Weekly Plate collection | \$840.00 |
| Hospitality Sunday | \$60.00 |
| Building Fund | \$180.00 |
| Masses | \$32.00 |
| Collection Total for 10/5/25: | \$4,080.00 |
| Budgeted Collection Income YTD** | \$46,410.00 |
| YTD Weekly Collection (as of 10/5/25) | \$53,096.90 |

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

*With
Deepest
Sympathy*

The parish wishes to extend condolences to the family of Richard Florek whose funeral mass was celebrated on Friday October 10th. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Parish Events

- Oct 14th after Mass— Class on God
- Oct 15th - No Faith Formation—MEA week
- Oct 16th after Mass- Coffee & Conversation small group
- Oct 18th/19th—World Mission Sunday
- Oct. 21st at 7:10pm—Parish Councils meet
- Nov 2nd—Donut Sunday
- Nov. 2nd—Daylight Saving Time ends

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.

World Mission Sunday Oct 18th/19th—we join Catholics around the world to pray and offer support for the missionary life of the church. It also gives us the opportunity to renew our own missionary call according to our own state in life. Funds collected will go toward supporting the pastoral, catechetical, charitable and evangelizing work of the Church in over 1,100 mission dioceses in over 100 countries.

Global Invitation to Prayer: As the Church prepares to honor the Holy Rosary during October, Pope Leo XIV is calling the faithful to turn to Mary in a special way for the gift of peace. Speaking at his Wednesday General Audience, the Holy Father urged Catholics around the world to unite in daily prayer. “I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community,” Pope Leo said, according to Vatican News.

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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

Oct 12th—for an end to abortions and a
greater respect for human life—Knights of
Columbus #4174, St Michael

Oct 19th—for priests and religious—St
Timothy's CCW, Maple Lake