



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5th, 2025

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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 4th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 5th	8:30am	Walter Swartzter+
Tues 7th	6:30pm	Deloris Schaust+
Wed 8th	8:30am	John R Dols+
Thur 9th	8:30am	Dan Gabrelcik+
Fri 10th	11am	Funeral Mass - Richard Florek
Sat 11th	4pm	Joe Swartzter, Sr+
Sun 12th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased

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	
Oct 4th	Depas (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Oct 5th	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)
Oct 11th	Tracy A (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Oct 12th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

(Continued from last week...) In discussing remedies against the violation of the Fifth Commandment, the Roman Catechism of Trent says: *“The murderer is the worst enemy of his species, and consequently of nature. To the utmost of his power he destroys the universal work of God by the destruction of man, since God declares that He created all things for man's sake. Nay, as it is forbidden in Genesis to take human life, because God created man to his own image and likeness, he who makes away with God's image offers great injury to God, and almost seems to lay violent hands on God Himself!”*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) in number 2266 continues the tradition of the Catholic Church. It says that to protect the common good, legitimate public authorities in order *“to contain the spread of behaviors injurious to human rights and the fundamental rules of civil coexistence”* have *“the right and duty to inflict penalties commensurate [proportionate] with the gravity of the crime.”*(CCC 2266) This agrees with what St Thomas says that men, in proper authority, can justly execute the divine providence of God. If someone kills an innocent person (including a person in the womb) it is considered murder, justice is to be done, and there are consequences to this action (some form of punishment) which (depending on the seriousness of the sin) could be imprisonment or even death. Since God (who is all good) gives punishment, then we also should give it to those who have violated the natural order. If God had commanded Noah and Moses in the Old Testament to kill those who had murdered, then there should be circumstances which warrant it in our time, although to a lesser degree as it would have been harder for those in earlier times to hold violent criminals. Today it still takes a lot of resources to hold violent criminals, resources which some might not have.

Some people might want to get revenge on someone who has committed a murder. We are not to take revenge. The person who has committed the murder is to make retribution, determined by those in proper authority, for their crime. Retribution gets in to the idea of addressing the disorder in the individual as well as the disorder caused to society from the sin. The CCC addresses this when it says that *“the primary scope of the penalty is to redress the disorder caused by the offense.”*CCC 2266) The Catholic Dictionary defines retribution as *“A penalty or reward that a person deserves for moral conduct. Its basis is the divine justice that repays each person according to his or her works.”* Another source says that it *“involves the rightful use of that penalty to restore the balance and thereby to promote the common good. Murder should be stigmatized as the crime of crimes.”* Another source says that *“properly speaking, retribution is a restoration of the order of justice that was disturbed by the criminal's behavior. In just punishment, the criminal is deprived of a good because he is no longer worthy of it.”*

One of the important results of being punished is that the person is given the opportunity to repent of their sin and be converted to Christ, ultimately to be saved. The CCC tells us: *“When his punishment is voluntarily accepted by the offender, it takes on the value of expiation. Moreover, punishment, in addition to preserving public order and the safety of persons, has a medicinal scope: as far as possible it should contribute to the correction of the offender.”*(CCC 2266) Imprisonment or the death penalty can either help or hinder the person in this regard. If one is imprisoned, it can be a time that they repent and are healed or it can be a time that they fall further away from God; they could even murder another prisoner. The death penalty (having the realization that one is going to be killed for their crime) can move an individual to repentance so they can receive God's mercy or they might not repent, they could despair, and keep away from God which would lead them to eternal death, to hell. We are to pray that any criminal (like the Good Thief) turns to God. (Continued next week...)

Thank you to all of our Faith Formation teachers and classroom helpers!

If you are interested in helping out, we are always in need of classroom helpers (required for the Archdiocese for safe environment). Please check with Rachel or Heather if you'd like to help us even on an occasional basis.

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. Stay tuned for more information on the Monday night small group.

Oct. 7th—Feast Our Lady of the Rosary

The Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. On this day, we celebrate the defeat of the Ottoman Empire in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. Even though the Turkish forces were very powerful, the Christians won due to the intercession of Mary and the prayer of the Most Holy Rosary. - EWTN



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.

There will be an update at the Donut Sunday on Oct. 5th. 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.

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
9/28/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,313.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$636.00
Religious Education	\$25.00
Votives	\$102.50
Masses	\$10.00
Collection Total for 9/28/25:	\$3,086.50
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$43,095.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 9/28/25)	\$49,016.90

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

*With
Deepest
Sympathy*

There will be a funeral Mass for Richard Florek on Friday October 10th at 11am with a visitation from 10 - 11am, and a wake from 5 to 8pm on Thursday, Oct 9th at St Mary (Rosary at 4:45pm and wake service at 8pm). Inurnment will be at St. Mary and a luncheon will be served.

Parish Events

- **Oct. 5th—Donut Sunday after Mass— including festival update by Fr Kubista**
- **Oct 7th after Mass— Class on God**
- **Oct 8th at 6:30 - Faith Formation**
- **Oct 9th after Mass- Coffee & Conversation small group**
- **Oct 18th/19th—World Mission Sunday**
- **Oct. 21st at 7:10pm—Parish Councils meet**

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

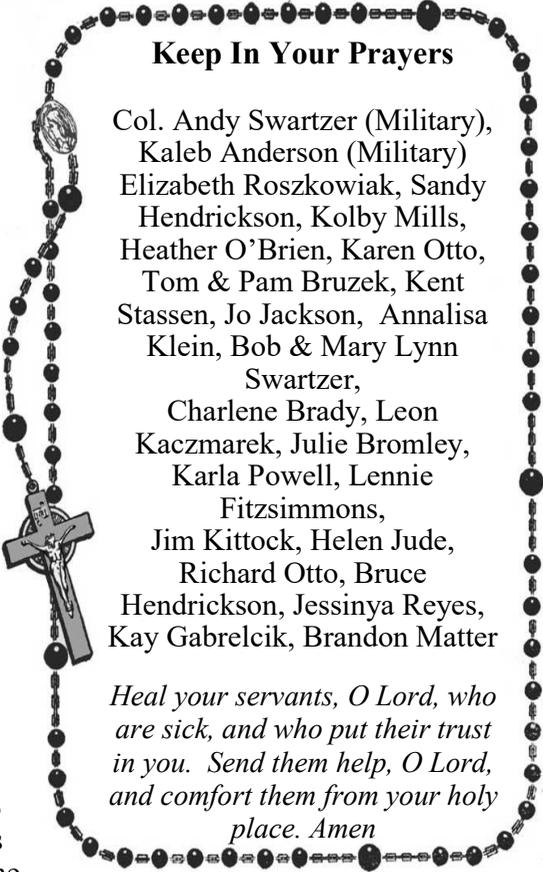
Respect Life Sunday October 5th—Today is Respect Life Sunday, which kicks off Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

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.

Archdiocesan history books are still available. If you are interested, please check with Mary Kay after Mass or fill out one of the order forms that are on the table next to the elevator and drop in the collection plate.

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Keep In Your Prayers



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Kaleb Anderson (Military)
Elizabeth Roszkowiak, Sandy
Hendrickson, Kolby Mills,
Heather O'Brien, Karen Otto,
Tom & Pam Bruzek, Kent
Stassen, Jo Jackson, Annalisa
Klein, Bob & Mary Lynn
Swartzter,
Charlene Brady, Leon
Kaczmarek, Julie Bromley,
Karla Powell, Lennie
Fitzsimmons,
Jim Kittock, Helen Jude,
Richard Otto, Bruce
Hendrickson, Jessinya Reyes,
Kay Gabrelcik, Brandon Matter

*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 5th—for living and deceased
members of St Francis Xavier Catholic
Church, Buffalo

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

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