



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21st, 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

Cemetery questions: Don Gabrelcik at 952-955-2563

MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 20th	4pm	Joe Swartzter Sr+
Sun 21st	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 23rd	6:30pm	Betsy Elsen+
Wed 24th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Thur 25th	8:30am	Walter Swartzter+
Fri 26th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 27th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 28th	8:30am	John Dolst+

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	
Dec 20th	Dickhausens (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Dec 21st	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
Dec 24th	Depas (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Dec 25th	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Joe N (U)
Dec 27th	Huns V (L), Susan J (S), Jim & George (U)
Dec 28th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe M (U)

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Mary and Joseph were married. It is fitting that Jesus was raised in a family with a mother and a father. If the ideal plan of God is that all children be raised with the father and a mother, then God the Father certainly would want His son to be raised in this situation.

There would have been no controversies with the Holy Family as viewed from the outside so Mary and Joseph would have been in a “normal” relationship to have a child. When Jesus comes back to Nazareth during his public ministry and is in the synagogue, he is thought to be the Son of Mary and Joseph and there is nothing indicating that he was not raised in a “normal” family situation.

The majority of Jewish women were married when they were thirteen years old, so Mary most likely was this age when she is married to Joseph. There is debate as to how old Joseph was but he probably was around thirty. The process for a Jewish marriage was the couple was contractually married (betrothed) where they did not live together, then after a maximum of one year they would move in together, and then there would be a wedding feast.

If we look at scripture, we can see how this is validated. When the Angel Gabriel appears to Mary and asks her to be the mother of God.(Lk 1:31-33) Mary wonders how this will happen since she has “*no relations with a man*”.(Lk 1:34) So Mary has not moved in with Joseph at this time. Mary is assured by the angel that she will maintain her virginity in the conception of Jesus (Lk 1:35) and Mary says: “*May it be done to me according to your word*”. (Lk 1:38)

In Matthew’s gospel, Mary and Joseph’s marital status is pretty clear. “*When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph [they are married], but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit.*”(Mt 1:18) Matthew wants to make it clear that the child was not from Joseph. “*Joseph her husband [they are married], since he was a righteous man [he did what was right and good], yet unwilling to expose her to shame [since the child is not from him it and it would be considered adultery], decided to divorce [which means there is a contracted marriage] her quietly.*”(Mt 1:19) Joseph does not follow through with his intention because the angel of the Lord appears to him in a dream and tells him: “*Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife [they are married] into your home.* [They are living apart at this time and the next step is that Mary is to move in with Joseph.] *For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.*”(Mt 1:20) Matthew elaborates that the conception of Jesus took place to fulfill Isaiah’s prophecy: “*Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,*” which means “*God is with us.*”(Mt 1:23) A virgin bearing a son means that it was a miraculous conception through the power of the Holy Spirit. “*When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife [they are married] into his home.*”(Mt 1:24) So Joseph goes ahead with the next step to take Mary into his home. “*He had no relations with her until she bore a son [this does not imply relations after Jesus’ birth], and he named him Jesus.*”(Mt 1:25)

We hear in Luke’s gospel, how Joseph goes from Galilee to Bethlehem “*to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.*”(Lk 2:5) So if Mary and Joseph moved in together, why does Luke still state they are betrothed? A good explanation is that Luke is trying to accent the fact that Mary and Joseph, although they lived together, never had relations with each other. Luke (on behalf of Mary) wants to make sure that is very clear.

We are grateful that Mary and Joseph (who were married) cooperated with God’s plan to bring our Savior, Jesus Christ, into the world. God bless you.

Christmas Greeting - We have so much to be thankful for especially the great gift of Jesus coming to earth as man (born in humble circumstances) to redeem us and show us how to merit eternal life in the power of the Holy Spirit as children of the Father. I pray that you have a very Merry Christmas. May God bless you and your family. In Christ, Fr. Kubista

January 1st celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and is a Holy Day of Obligation so one can go to the 6:30pm mass on Wednesday night (Dec 31) or 8:30am Mass Thursday morning (Jan 1st) to fulfill this obligation.



Kings House Retreats for 2026

Check out the bulletin board for information on upcoming retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo. The retreats will be focusing on Jesus' teaching of the Beatitudes at his Sermon on the Mount and how to embrace this challenging vision.

Email Scam Alert

Once again the scammers are doing their thing with phishing emails impersonating Fr. Kubista. The message will typically say something like this: I hope you are well. I am writing to ask if you might have a moment to assist me with a matter that requires discretion. At present I am engaged in a prayer session and am unable to take calls, so I would be grateful if you could reply to this request by email at your earliest convenience.

Please remember to double check the email address of the sender and if a email seems suspicious, feel free to call Fr. Kubista. He would never make this sort of request in an email and he certainly would not tell them to not call him.

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
12/14/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$3,017.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,102.00
Masses	\$60.00
Catholic Mutual ins.—elevator	\$2,656.62
Christmas Flowers env.	\$50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$195.00
Funeral	\$250.00
Stole Fee	\$250.00
Collection Total for 12/14/25:	\$7,580.62
2nd collection for Retired Religious*	\$707.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$79,560.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 12/14/25)	\$103,150.32

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

*Have a Merry
Christmas
and
Blessed New Year!*



Parish Events

- Dec 23rd at 7:15pm—Class on Mary
- Dec. 24th at 4pm—Christmas Eve Mass, Rosary at 3:20pm followed by carols
- Dec 25th at 8:30am—Christmas Day Mass, Rosary at 7:50am followed by carols
- Dec 31st at 6:30pm Mass—Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Jan 1st at 8:30am—Mass—Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Jan 2nd—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Benediction
- Jan 3rd at 3:25pm—First Saturday devotions
- Jan 13th at 7:15pm—Festival Meeting
- Jan 17th—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast 9-11am

Please check the Advent Schedule for details on Mass times and extended confession times. Note that the Rosary will start 20 minutes earlier for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and will be followed by Christmas carols.

Class on Mary—Fr. Kubista is teaching a class on Mary on Tuesdays during Advent from 7:15pm to 8:30pm. He is covering various aspects of Mary including Mary being the Co-Redemptrix and Mediatrix of graces. Come to as many of the sessions as you can as it will be a great way to more learn about Mary.

There will be no Faith Formation or Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration on December 24th and 31st. We will resume on January 7th.

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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

Dec 21st—for the living and deceased
members of St. Timothy's Parish—St.
Timothy CCW, Maple Lake

Dec 28th—for our country—St Michael's
CCW, St Michael