



The Baptism of the Lord
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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
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Cemetery questions: Don Gabrelcik at 952-955-2563

MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 10th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 11th	8:30am	Mike Leuthner+
Tues 13th	6:30pm	Special Intention
Wed 14th	8:30am	Paul Gatzka+
Thur 15th	8:30am	Fr. Philip Conklin
Fri 16th	8:30am	Bob & ML Swartzter family (health)
Sat 17th	4pm	Alex & Gladys Socher+
Sun 18th	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	
Jan 10th	George & Sue (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Jan 11th	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)
Jan 17th	Linda D (L), Sue R (S), George & Jim (U)
Jan 18th	Deb D (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)

Thank you to all of those who volunteer to be Lectors, Sacristans, and Ushers at our masses. Your dedication is much appreciated!

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

One of the seven capital sins is pride. It is important for us to better understand what it is and how we can avoid it.

What is pride? From the Catholic Dictionary: *“An inordinate esteem of oneself. It is inordinate because it is contrary to the truth. It is essentially an act or disposition of the will desiring to be considered better than a person really is.”* From the Catholic Encyclopedia: *“Pride is the excessive love of one's own excellence”* St Thomas *“understands it to be that frame of mind in which a man, through the love of his own worth, aims to withdraw himself from subjection to Almighty God, and sets at naught the commands of superiors. It is a species of contempt of God and of those who bear his commission.”* Pride is that we have an inflated (untruthful) view of our person and thus we act in a way not proper to ourselves, others, and even God; we are not humble.

There are various aspects to the sin of pride. Pope St. Gregory the Great posits four types of pride: *“(a) thinking that you are the source of your own excellence; (b) thinking that your gifts come from God but are a result of your efforts; (c) presuming a self-importance that is unwarranted; (d) despising other people while at the same time claiming that your gifts belong to you alone.”* It is important for us to realize that God is the source of all good in us and He has blessed us with many gifts that we use (with His help) for our good and the good of others. St. Thomas says: *“Pride is said to be “the beginning of all sin,” not as though every sin originated from pride, but because any kind of sin is naturally liable to arise from pride.”* In other words *“pride habituates the heart to an aversion to God, inclining it to sin further.”* Since one of the aspects of pride is that we deny God’s authority (His commands) and since all sin (in some way) is a rejection of His commands, then having a mindset that we know better than God, will lead us into more sin. In pride, we think that there is nothing wrong in continuing to sin in various ways, and our will (or heart) is hardened to resist God’s guidance and Grace which could help us to avoid sin.

The Book of Sirach tells us of the roots of the sin of pride. *“The beginning of pride is stubbornness in withdrawing the heart from one’s Maker.”*(Sirach 10:12) The stubbornness is a turning away from God and His commands where one does not love God as Jesus says: *“if you love me, you will keep my commandments.”*(John 14:15) If we fall into the sin of pride, it will lead to our destruction if we do not turn away from it. The Book of Proverbs says that *“pride goes before disaster, and a haughty spirit before a fall. It is better to be humble with the poor than to share plunder with the proud.”*(Proverbs 6:18-19) We fall because of the false reality that we perceive; we live in a lie to ourselves. St Paul talks about being inflated with pride (1 Cor 4:18–19; 5:2; 13:4; Col 2:18) including when he says that they should not start teaching “new” things *“so that none of you will be inflated with pride in favor of one person over against another”*(1 Cor 4:6) and that *“knowledge inflates with pride, but love builds up”*(1 Cor 8:1) for one can think they know a certain aspect (of the faith) when they do not. If we are proud, God will humble us. *“God overturns the thrones of the proud and enthrones the lowly in their place. God plucks up the roots of the proud, and plants the lowly in their place.”*(Sirach 10:14-15) The Book of Proverbs encourages humility when it says that *“when pride comes, disgrace comes; but with the humble is wisdom.”*(Proverbs 11:2)

(Continued next week...)

Epiphany Blessing of Homes: Many families will celebrate Epiphany with an opportunity to bless their homes in the New Year by taking the first two numbers of the year, adding the letters CMB (to honor the three Wise Men), and then adding the last two numbers of the year and displaying this sign over the top of the door of their home.

The letters stand for the Latin phrase, "Christus mansionem benedicat," or, "Christ, bless this house." (20+C+M+B+25). There will be blessed chalk and instructions available on the back tables.



Congratulations to William and Kari whose daughter Harper Jo Markham, was baptized on Sunday January 4th. We welcome her into the Church.



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**. This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.

The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called *Theophany* because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world."

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

—Excerpted from Msgr.
Rudolph G. Bandas at

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
1/4/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,100.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,995.00
Stole Fee	\$200.00
Funeral	\$250.00
Soleminty of Mary env.	\$744.00
Solemnity of Mary plate	\$310.78
Masses	\$100.00
Christmas env.	\$45.00
Hospitality Sunday	\$65.00
Building Fund	\$80.00
Collection Total for 1/4/26:	\$5,889.78
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$89,505.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 1/4/26)	\$124,092.10

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

Parish Events

- Jan 13th at 7:15pm—Festival Meeting
- Jan 14th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Jan 18th—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast 9-11am
- Jan 20th at 7:15pm—Parish Councils meet
- Jan 27th at 7:15pm—Class on Mary resumes

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration 9am-6pm.

Save the Dates for our Waffle/French Toast Breakfast on January 18th and February 15th from 9-11am. Proceeds from the January breakfast will be for Cornerstone/Options for Women Pregnancy Center in St Michael.



Festival Meeting Jan. 13th—this is the first of several planning meetings for our summer festival. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who decorated the church for Christmas and to all of those who donated toward the purchase of flowers. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Condolences—The parish wishes to extend condolences to the family of Lenore “Lennie” Fitzsimmons, whose funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, Jan 3rd, at St Mary. May the Lord grant her eternal rest.

Thank you to our musicians, especially Karen Otto, who provided us with music for the Christmas Season.



Thank you sponsors! If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Kathleen at kmotzko@stmarydelano.org

Keep In Your Prayers

Col. Andy Swartzer (Military),
Kaleb Anderson (Military)
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Heather O'Brien, Karen Otto,
Tom & Pam Bruzek, Kent
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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

Jan 11th—for living and deceased
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Jan 18th—for living and deceased
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