



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1st, 2026

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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 31st	4pm	Dan Gabrelcik+
Sun 1st	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 3rd	6:30pm	Judy Odenthal+
Wed 4th	8:30am	Janet & Clifford Jennison+
Thur 5th	8:30am	Fr. Michael Creagan
Fri 6th	8:30am	Carol & Brad Theisen+
Sat 7th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 8th	8:30am	Frank Muchinhern+

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 31st	George & Sue (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Feb 1st	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
Feb 7th	George & Sue (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Feb 8th	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

(Continued next week...) One might think one can defend oneself by disengaging the weapon that is being used. Maybe for certain weapons (like a club) this can be true but not for others. Some movies show how someone shoots an attacker who drops the gun after it or their arm is hit by a bullet. Yes, if one can do this with confidence and assuredly, that would be great, but in reality it is much more difficult to do. Police officers are trained to use deadly force rather than try to disarm or wound the individual in such a fashion. David Klinger, professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri-St. Louis said that *"when there is a threat to life right now, or serious bodily injury, deadly force is the appropriate response."* If the defender cannot stop the weapon that is being used from doing its work, then they have the justified option to kill the attacker who is wielding that weapon because if they do not, that weapon could kill them. If a lethal approach is taken, it has a higher probability that the threat actually will be neutralized. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) #2264 says that *"someone who defends his life is not guilty of murder even if he is forced to deal his aggressor a lethal blow"* and is not bound to use an act of moderate defense to save the life of the attacker, if the defender's life is threatened *"since one is bound to take more care of one's own life than of another's."*

Some think that you should wait until the threat to one's life is obvious. This is not correct as that might be too late. From the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center it says: *"The reality is that waiting to be fired upon, or waiting for the suspect to point the gun, ... or even waiting to see the gun may be too late for the officer. The Graham analysis allows police officers to react to the threat of violence, not violence itself."* That is one reason that if one is in a situation where deadly force is a possibility (like in a law enforcement action) one should follow what one is asked to do, respect the legitimate authority, and realize that if one does not, there is a risk of escalation that might not be good and even deadly, especially if one is carrying a gun.

The U.S. Department of Justice indicates that one can use deadly force that is "reasonable". *"As the Supreme Court stated in Graham: The decision to use force "requires careful attention to the facts and circumstances of each particular case, including the severity of the crime at issue, whether the suspect poses an immediate threat to the safety of the officer or others, and whether [the suspect] is actively resisting arrest or attempting to evade arrest by flight." Id at 396. "The calculus of reasonableness must embody allowance for the fact that police officers are often forced to make split-second judgments—in circumstances that are tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving—about the amount of force that is necessary in a particular situation." Id at 396-97. In addition, "[t]he 'reasonableness' of a particular use of force must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight." Id at 397. "[T]he question is whether the officers' actions are 'objectively reasonable' in light of the facts and circumstances confronting them."*

The CCC #2265 says that *"legitimate defense can be not only a right but a grave duty for someone responsible for another's life. Preserving the common good requires rendering the unjust aggressor unable to inflict harm. To this end, those holding legitimate authority have the right to repel by armed force aggressors against the civil community entrusted to their charge."*

We are to realize that there may be times when lethal force is deemed necessary in legitimate self defense in order to protect our life and the lives of others. Any death in a self defense situation is a tragedy so we certainly want to pray for anyone involved in a deadly self defense incident. God bless you.

Festival Update - We had the first meeting on Tuesday, January 13th, to kick off our 2026 Festival which will be on Sunday July 19th from 11am to 4pm. We will be doing pretty much everything that we did last year. The meal will be beef/pork, baby red potatoes, cole slaw, corn on the cob, a bun, poppy kuchen (& extra desert?) and a drink (milk, water, or coffee) and the plan is to charge \$15. We will be asking parishioners to sell raffle tickets which will be priced at \$10 per ticket with many prizes to be won. The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 14th at 7:15pm and anyone is welcome to come. If you have any questions or comments, please contact myself or Mary Kay. We pray that it will be a successful fundraiser for our Parish. St. Mary of Czestochowa, pray for us. Thank you. Fr. Kubista

Precinct Caucuses on Feb 3rd at 7pm—be a voice for life and dignity and help pick candidates and shape party platforms. Visit MNcatholic.org/caucus for information on how to participate and bring a Catholic voice to the process.

The Catholic Order of Foresters Court 1560 quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 10:00 am at 310 Pacific Ave, Waverly, MN. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please call 763-658-4009 for information or directions.

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
1/25/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,272.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$812.15
Masses	\$156.00
Building	\$20.00
Stole Fee	\$197.80
Collection Total for 1/25/26:	\$3,457.95
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$99,450.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 1/25/26)	\$134,688.75

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

Blessing of Throats

In honor of the Feast of St Blaise (Feb 3rd), Fr. Kubista will be blessing throats after masses on Jan 31st, Feb 1st and Feb 3rd.

Blessing of Candles on Feb. 3rd

Get your candles ready! The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (aka Candlemas) is on Monday Feb 2nd. It is customary to have candles blessed on Candlemas, but since we do not have Mass on that day, Fr. Kubista will bless candles at the Tuesday evening Mass on Feb. 3rd.



Franciscan Jubilee Year

To commemorate the 800th anniversary of St. Francis's death, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed that from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, Catholics will celebrate a Franciscan Jubilee Year – a Special Year of St. Francis of Assisi! The faithful have been granted the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence, provided that all conditions are met. - www.catholic-link.org

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Be sure to check out the bulletin board for flyers and announcements of area events, parish financial reports, and other items of interest.

## Parish Events

- Feb 1st—Donut Sunday after Mass
- Feb 4th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Feb 6th—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Benediction
- Feb 7th—First Saturday devotions start 3:25pm
- Feb 14th after Mass—Family Fun Night and Bingo
- Feb 15—9-11am—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast for St Mary Faith Formation
- Feb 17th at 7:15pm—Class on Mary
- Feb 18th—Ash Wednesday

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration 9am-6pm.

Family Fun Night and Free Bingo is Saturday, Feb 14th following Mass. We are in need of prizes for adults and children. Feel free to leave them on the basement counter (with a note).

Thank you to our volunteers who help to clear the snow this winter. Your attention and dedication is greatly appreciated!

Tuesday evening Lent Classes—the Class on Mary will continue into Lent. First class will be Feb 24th and all are welcome to attend even if you have not attended any previous classes. The topic will be titles of Mary including mediatrix and coredemptrix.

Upcoming—Book Giveaway for Lent—Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah.

Thank you sponsors! If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Kathleen at [kmotzko@stmarydelano.org](mailto:kmotzko@stmarydelano.org)

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## Keep In Your Prayers

Col. Andy Swartzter (Military),  
Kaleb Anderson (Military)  
Elizabeth Roszkowiak, Sandy  
Hendrickson, Kolby Mills,  
Heather O'Brien, Karen Otto,  
Tom & Pam Bruzek, Kent  
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Swartzter, Charlene Brady, Leon  
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Powell, Jim Kittock, Helen Jude,  
Bruce Hendrickson, Jessinya  
Reyes, Brandon Matter,  
Jim Fasching, Jennifer & Shaun  
Smith, Becky Groskreutz,  
Mary Motzko Gustafson,  
Tracy Anderson, Brayden  
Peterson

*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

**Feb 1st**—for living and deceased  
members of St Francis Xavier  
Catholic Church, Buffalo, MN

**Feb 8th**—for the passing of just laws  
in our country—Wright Hennepin KC  
Council 4174, St Michael



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