



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8th, 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 7th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 8th	8:30am	Frank Muchinhern+
Tues 10th	6:30pm	NO MASS
Wed 11th	8:30am	NO MASS
Thur 12th	8:30am	NO MASS
Fri 13th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 14th	4pm	Martha Malecek+
Sun 15th	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	
Feb 7th	George & Sue (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Feb 8th	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)
Feb 14th	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Feb 15th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

One of the seven capital sins is greed. The Catholic Dictionary defines greed (also called avarice or cupidity) as a controlling passion (inordinate desire) for wealth or possessions. Catholic Answers says that “*greed is the disordered love of riches.*” So greed is a disordered love for things which gets in the way of loving God above all and our neighbor as ourself.

The key term in the definition of greed is disordered or inordinate desire. The desire is not ordered to our good as we want more money and riches than is good for us. The intellect tells us that money and riches are good things, that we need them to buy and do many things with them, which is true. It is then in the will that we desire riches and want them in a disordered (immoderate) way, we want more although what we have is enough to satisfy our needs. The Book of Sirach tells us: “*The greedy see their share as not enough; greedy injustice dries up the soul.*”(Sirach 14:9) The desire is such that it gets in the way of us being reasonable and distracts our focus on things that are more important especially God. We lose sight of the important things like our relationship with God and others, and put too much focus on attaining the riches that we think will make us happy.

Some might think that if one gets more money, then they will be happy. Dr. David Myers a psychologist who wrote *The Pursuit of Happiness* says that “*once beyond poverty, further economic growth does not appreciably improve human morale. Making more money—that aim of so many graduates and other American dreamers . . . does not breed bliss.*” This is echoed in the Book of Ecclesiastes which says: “*The covetous are never satisfied with money, nor lovers of wealth with their gain; so this too is vanity.*”(Ecclesiastes 5:9) So although one will gain money and wealth, it does not satisfy and they will desire more if they do not keep the desire in check. Greed can get one in a death spiral where the more one gains, the more one desires and is driven to obtain more, which is a trap one can fall into. St Paul says that “*those who want to be rich are falling into temptation and into a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all evils, and some people in their desire for it have strayed from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains.*”(1 Timothy 6:9-10)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says that “*the tenth commandment forbids greed and the desire to amass earthly goods without limit. It forbids avarice arising from a passion for riches and their attendant power.*”(CCC 2536) St Thomas Aquinas touches on this when he says that a certain amount of things (external riches) are necessary for a man to live in keeping with his condition of life and that it would be a “*sin for him to exceed this measure, by wishing to acquire or keep them immoderately*” which is what is meant by the sin of “*covetousness, which is defined as “immoderate love of possessing”.*”

Greed might move us to work too much or do things which are not good for our soul, compromise values, get caught in various vices, or become more selfish and self centered. It might cause one to do other things which are immoral like killing, stealing, cheating, or lying. St Thomas says that greed (covetousness) gives rise to “*insensibility to mercy*” as “*a man’s heart is not softened by mercy to assist the needy with his riches*”, a man has excessive anxiety and care as he is not satisfied with money, and that a man might acquire others goods by force (violence), deceit through words (lies, falsehoods), deceit through deeds (fraud), or through persons (treachery like blackmail). Proverbs says that “*this is the way of everyone greedy for loot: it takes away their lives.*”(Proverbs 1:19) So greed can have a negative ripple effect in one’s life. (Continued next week...)

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.

Serra Club of Wright County— no meeting in February. Meetings will resume March 12th at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo. Qualifications to become a Serran:

- Be a Catholic in good standing
- Attend club events • Participate in club events
- Have a special place in your heart for religious vocation

St. Maximilian Kolbe Academy Vision Dinner
 If you are passionate about Catholic Education and would be interested in supporting the good things happening at St. Maximilian Kolbe Academy, please join us for the Vision Dinner! Saturday April 11th at 6:30 pm. Contact Ryan and Rose Rausch or the school office for details and registration (Ryan 763-567-8188 / Rose 612-414-6033) Thank you!

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

Lenten Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday (Feb 18th) and Good Friday (April 3rd) are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. As canon law states, Catholics over the age of 14 are expected to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays throughout the Lenten Season (Canon 1250 -1253).

Catholic Services Appeal 2026

The 2026 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is under way. If you didn’t receive your packet in the mail there are extra brochures on the back tables. For more information you can go to www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal. Please discern how God is calling you to give in this way. Thank you for your generosity!



The January issue of *The Catholic Servant* is now available on the back tables.

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
2/1/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$3,085.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$918.00
Votives	\$217.00
Donut Sunday	\$73.00
Stole Fee	\$75.00
Collection Total for 2/1/26:	\$4,368.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$102,765.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 2/1/26)	\$139,056.75

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

Parish Events

- Feb 11th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Feb 14th after Mass—Family Fun Night and Bingo
- Feb 15—9-11am—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast for benefit of St Mary Faith Formation
- Feb 17th at 7:15pm—Class on Mary
- Feb 18th—Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:30am and 6:30pm

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration 9am-6pm.

No weekday Masses Feb 10th-13th or Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, Feb. 11th

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).

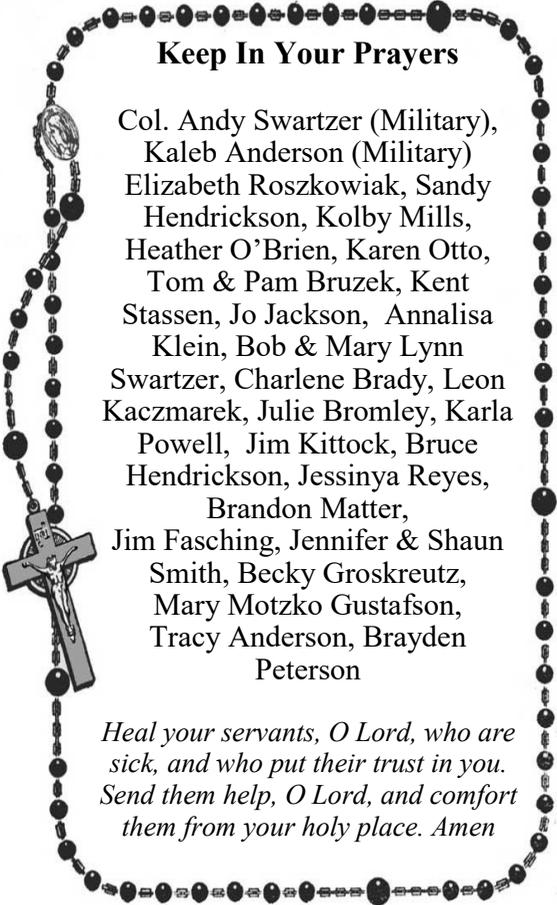
Waffle Breakfast update—proceeds of \$900 from the January breakfast were donated to Cornerstone Options for Women. Thank your for your generosity!

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.

Next weekend—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

Keep In Your Prayers



Col. Andy Swartzter (Military),
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Heather O'Brien, Karen Otto,
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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

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

Feb 15th—for the President and political
leaders—St Timothy's CCW, Maple Lake

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