



Second Sunday of Lent
March 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 28th	4pm	Joe Swartzter, Sr+
Sun 1st	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 3rd	6:30pm	Fr. Andrew Hanzel+
Wed 4th	8:30am	Jerry Peterson+
Thur 5th	8:30am	Weldon Burchill Jr.
Fri 6th	8:30am	Special Intention
Sat 7th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 8th	8:30am	Brad & Carol Theisen+

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 28th	George & Sue (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Mar 1st	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
Mar 7th	Depas (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Mar 8th	Stephanie C (L), Kate T (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:

Understanding is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The dictionary defines understanding as *“a mental grasp or comprehension”* Catholic Answers says understanding is *“is penetrating insight into the very heart of things, especially those higher truths that are necessary for our eternal salvation—in effect, the ability to “see” God (I/I.12.5; I/II.69.2; II/II.8.1–3).”* So understanding is that we are able (with the help of the Holy Spirit) to intellectually grasp or comprehend Truth.

St Thomas draws clarity between various gifts of the Holy Spirit that help us in various aspects of the faith: understanding is that they are penetrated or grasped by the intellect, wisdom is that they are judged rightly and adhered to, and knowledge is certitude of judgment (I know I am right) in regards to human and created things especially related to aspects (works) of the faith. St. Thomas says that the natural level of our understanding cannot penetrate into deeper things (beyond the natural) and that we need the gift of understanding (the supernatural light or enlightenment) from the Holy Spirit in order to do this. The gift of understanding means that it is the Holy Spirit who is enlightening the intellect to grasp the end of its deliberation, and again this end might not get to the essence of the object of deliberation but grasp some aspects of it. St Thomas says that we can understand things either perfectly (we come to know the essence of a thing) or imperfectly (we know the outward appearances and believe what they indicate about the internal and deeper aspects of the object of faith but we do not know its essence). So we can have imperfect understanding (with the gift of the Holy Spirit) and this imperfect understanding is greater than a natural understanding (without the Holy Spirit).

The Bible talks about how the Holy Spirit (the Lord) helps us to understand especially things of our faith. In Job 32:8: *“But there is a spirit in human beings, the breath of the Almighty, that gives them understanding.”* Proverbs 3:5-6 says: *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths.”* In Proverbs 2:6: *“For the LORD gives wisdom, from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”* We hear how Jesus understands and teaches various aspects of the Jewish faith with those who were with him in the temple when he was twelve years old *“and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.”*(Luke 2:47) Jesus helps us (in the power of the Holy Spirit) to understand aspects of the faith just as he did with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus: *“Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.”*(Luke 24:45)

Jesus tells us that we must listen to his word, take it to heart, understand it, and then live it so that we bear fruit. *“But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”*(Matthew 13:23) St James also echoes this in saying: *“Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show his works by a good life in the humility that comes from wisdom”*(James 3:13)

When we have the gift of understanding, it will protect us and strengthen us. St Paul says: *“Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”*(Philippians 4:7)

We are called to pray for the gift of understanding, that it would increase in us so that we can grow in our faith and better defend it. St Paul says: *“Therefore, from the day we heard this, we do not cease praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding”*(Colossians 1:9)

We ask the Holy Spirit to come and help us grow in the gift of understanding, to come to a deeper comprehension of many things, especially aspects of our faith, Truth. God bless you.

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).

Subs and second adorers are needed for Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration—if you are interested in being a sub to fill in for our regular Adorers who may be ill or travelling, please contact Sue Broll at 763-213-7923. We are also in need of second Adorer for the noon hour and 4pm.

Condolences—the parish wishes to extend condolences to parishioner Suzanne Mykleby and her family on the death of her father Dale Thiele.

Thank You—I want to thank Kay Gabreckik for her great work over the years in keeping our church clean. Kay has stepped down from this role. Currently, we have volunteers doing various cleaning jobs in the church. Thank you so much Kay. - Fr. Kubista

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
2/22/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,565.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$962.55
Masses	\$62.00
Collection Total for 2/22/26:	\$3,589.55
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$112,710.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 2/22/26)	\$151,466.80

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

Anderson Family Medical Relief Fund Benefit on March 1st

Friends of the Tracy Anderson family have organized a fundraising benefit on Sunday, March 1st, 12pm—5pm at the New Germany City Hall. The event includes spaghetti dinner, live music by Paul Diethelm and Slip Twister, silent auction and bake sale. Event details can be found on the bulletin board and the St Mary Facebook page. If you are unable to access the event website via the QR code on the poster, check out the event website at <https://bidpartner.net/tracyandersonbenefit/ticket-list/> Tickets can be purchased for \$20 on the day of the event.

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!



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Parish Events

- Mar 1st after Mass—Donut Sunday
- Mar 3rd at 7:15pm—Class on Mary
- Mar 4th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Mar 6th—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confession, and Benediction
- Mar 7th at 3:25pm—First Saturday devotions
- Mar 8th at 8:30am—Confirmation Rite of Sending
- Mar 14th at 10am—Confirmation at the Cathedral

Stations of the Cross follow weekend Masses during Lent—it will take about 15 minutes

Tuesday evening Lent Classes—the Class on Mary will continue through Lent 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.

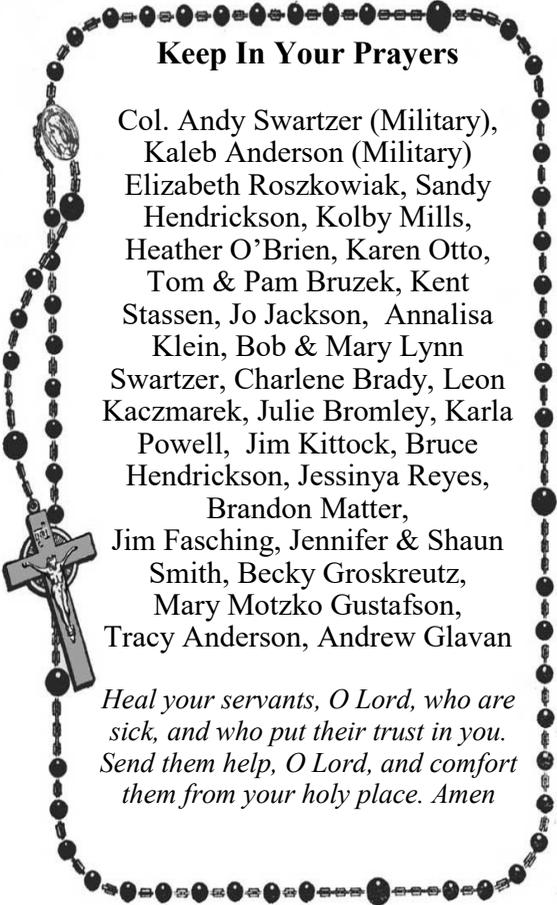
Book Giveaway for Lent—*Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah*. One per household please. Feel free to take an extra copy to give as a gift to a friend or family member.

Thank You—thank you to our church decorators for setting up the Lenten décor.

Family Support group—Fr. Kubista is trying to get a family support group going for those who have younger children. If you are interested, please call or email him. Thank you.

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), 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, Jim Kittock, Bruce Hendrickson, Jessinya Reyes, Brandon Matter, Jim Fasching, Jennifer & Shaun Smith, Becky Groskreutz, Mary Motzko Gustafson, Tracy Anderson, Andrew Glavan

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

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Mar 8th—for living and deceased members of St Mary of Czestochowa Catholic Church, Delano, MN

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