



**Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**  
March 15th, 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 14th	4pm	Rodney Walters+
Sun 15th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 17th	6:30pm	Judy Odenthal+
Wed 18th	8:30am	Janet & Clifford Jennissen+
Thur 19th	8:30am	Clarence Nalewaya+
Fri 20th	8:30am	Betsy Elsen+
Sat 21st	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 22nd	8:30am	Geraldine Motzko+

**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	
Mar 14th	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Mar 15th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)
Mar 21st	George & Sue (L/S), Don & volunteer (U)
Mar 22nd	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)

**The Feb/March issue of *The Catholic Servant* is now available on the back tables.**

## A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Examining our conscience is very important and is something that we should do often. Our conscience is that intellectual disposition (that “little voice”) in our soul that tells us whether something is right, wrong, or indifferent. It is our moral compass.

When we examine our conscience, we scrutinize the state of our knowledge (which includes our ability to judge good and evil) and determine whether our actions were consistent in following God’s ways. When we experience a person, event, or situation (circumstance), it can trigger a thought in the intellect (mind) of our soul. The intellect is that part of our soul which thinks, imagines, and comes up with ideas. The experience can move us to look at aspects of the encounter and examine how our actions conformed to our conscience and ultimately to God. Was the encounter and our reaction to it, consistent with that intellectual disposition of our soul (conscience)?

Trying to understand our conscience helps us to address any disturbances we encounter. We can examine that disturbance and try to come to a conclusion as to how it came about, what led into it, what were some of the factors influenced it or moved it to a certain direction? Did someone get hurt, did someone say something that was surprising or unexpected, did something go wrong, or was there any kind of disturbance in the disposition of our soul. In the disturbance, what moved our emotions and how do we feel about it? Was there something that was done that caused the unexpected reaction? Was there something (either inside or outside our person) in the experience that we felt good or bad about? Do we have a sense of uneasiness or of peace about it and what does that mean? If we are confused, traumatized, or anxious, how is God moving us in that? Are there any emotions that we experienced and what do they tell us about how we are being affected? Are there things which are right, wrong, or indifferent and what do we need to do about it? We can try to come up with a resolution and an action that we can take or maybe we realize there is nothing more that we can do. What are the things we have learned and what changes do we need to make? When we reflect on things, we might have things which we are uncomfortable with and not know what they are, what is the cause, the deeper aspects in our soul. In these situations, we can ask God to help us to understand the situation, what is God trying to show us in them, how is He loving us and guiding us to learn more about ourselves and others so that we can be more compassionate, empathetic, and forgiving.

Our conscience should be well formed so that we know the things that are right and wrong. There are things which are should be obviously wrong these are often associated with things of the natural law (the order God established). There are the Ten Commandments, the Laws of the Church, and other things which we should be aware of in order to trigger us to look at aspects in our life. It is good to find a good examination of conscience as it can help us (with God’s grace) to see sins which we missed or inspire a new insight into others.

The more that we examine our conscience, the more it becomes a habit and we do not necessarily have to think about it as much, we can just do it, whether in the moment, later on in the day, or when we prepare for the Sacrament of Confession. Going through a good examine can help us to see different aspects of a sin and maybe gain a new insight into it in our lives which can help us to not fall into sin as much.

We pray that God would help us to examine our conscience on a regular basis (every day is a good target) so that we can learn how God is moving and guiding us in our lives to grow in holiness, to love God in a greater way. God bless you.

## Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, March 19th

In the West, the oldest reference to the cult of Saint Joseph (*Ioseph sponsus Mariae*) connected with 19 March appears around the year 800 in the north of France. Thereafter, reference to Joseph, the spouse of Mary, becomes more and more frequent from the 9th to the 14th centuries. In the 12th century, the crusaders built a church in his honor at Nazareth. But it was in the 15th century that the cult of Saint Joseph spread due to the influence of Saint Bernadine of Siena, and especially of Jean Gerson (+ 1420), Chancellor of Notre Dame in Paris, who promoted the cause that a feast to Saint Joseph be officially established. There were already some celebrations in Milan in Augustinian circles, and in many places in Germany. It was in 1480, with Pope Sixtus IV's approval that the feast began to be celebrated on 19 March. It then became obligatory with Pope Gregory XV in 1621. In 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church, and Pope Saint John XXIII inserted his name into the Roman Canon of Holy Mass in 1962. More recently, Pope Francis approved seven new invocations in the Litany to Saint Joseph: Guardian of the Redeemer, Servant of Christ, Minister of Salvation, Support in difficulties, Patron of exiles, Patron of the afflicted, and Patron of the poor.

- Excerpted from Vaticannews.va

### Laetare Sunday

Today is the halfway mark of the Sundays of Lent; Easter is enticingly near. This Sunday is known as **Laetare Sunday** for the first word of the Introit or Entrance Antiphon, *Laetare* (rejoice); it is a Sunday of joy, our foretaste of Easter joy. The celebrant has the option to wear rose-colored vestments. This is also the Second Scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil. This Sunday has a place apart amongst the Sundays of Lent. As in Advent we had *Gaudete* Sunday, so in Lent we have a Sunday commonly called *Laetare* Sunday.

### Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
<b>3/8/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking</b>	\$1,795.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,243.75
Breakfast	\$14.25
Easter Flowers	\$310.00
<b>Collection Total for 3/8/26:</b>	<b>\$3,363.00</b>
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$119,340.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 3/8/26)	\$157,876.30

\* Not included in Collection Total

\*\* Does not include income from festival

### Congratulations Confirmandi!

Congratulations to our Confirmands who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 14th, at the Cathedral of St Paul: Gus Becker, Rosie Cappelleri, Thomas Depa, Melvin First, Jake Forliti, Drew Hadesh, Taylor Hansen, Brayden Merz, Mason Murphy, Zeke Schwer, and Claire Taylor.

We pray for them that they would be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and allow Him to guide, help, and strengthen them in their journey of faith. They are to know that God is always going to be there for them and so on their part, to always stay close to God no matter what comes in life.



—Fernand Cabrol, OSB, *The Year's Liturgy: Vol I: The Seasons*



Congratulations to Austin and Paige on the baptism of Timothy David Harwood on Sunday March 8th. We welcome him into the Church.

## Parish Events

- Mar 17th at 7:15pm—Class on Mary
- Mar 18th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Mar 29th—Palm Sunday
- Apr 2nd at 7pm—Holy Thursday Mass
- Apr 3rd at 7pm—Good Friday Service
- Apr 4th at 8pm—Holy Saturday Mass
- Apr 5th at 8:30am—Easter Mass
- Apr 12th—Divine Mercy Sunday—Holy Hour at 3pm, Confessions at 2:30pm
- Apr 12th after Mass—Donut Sunday and reception for Confirmands

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

**Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration 9am-6pm.**

**Check out the Lent/Easter schedule for extended times for Confession and Eucharistic Adoration.**

**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.

**Apologies** I want to apologize for spelling Kay' Gabrelcik's last name wrong in the last two bulletins. I did not look at the spelling as carefully as I should and hit the letter k instead of the letter l, which are adjacent on the keyboard. Again, I want to thank Kay Gabrelcik 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

**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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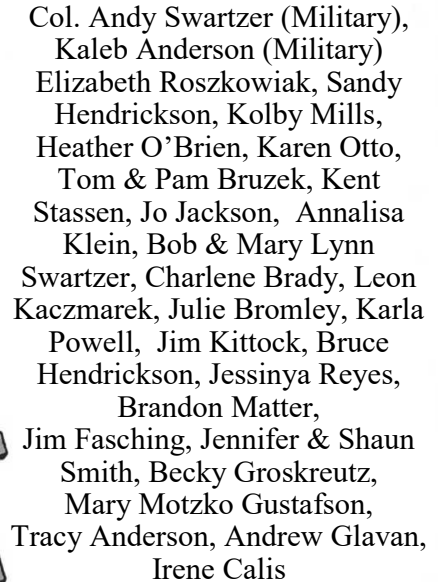
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Mary Motzko Gustafson,  
Tracy Anderson, Andrew Glavan,  
Irene Calis

*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**

**Mar 15th**—for living and deceased members of Catholic United Financial Council 31, St Michael

**Mar 22nd**—for living and Deceased members of Catholic Order of Foresters Council 1560, Delano