



Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22nd, 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 21st	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 22nd	8:30am	Geraldine Motzko+
Tues 24th	6:30pm	Fr Andrew Hanzel+
Wed 25th	8:30am	Mike Leuthner+
Thur 26th	8:30am	Brian Pysick+
Fri 27th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 28th	4pm	Marion & Maurice Hayes+
Sun 29th	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	
Mar 21st	George & Sue (L/S), Don & volunteer (U)
Mar 22nd	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)
Mar 28th	Depas (L,S), Tracy A (reader 2), Jim & George (U)
Mar 29th	Glavans (L/S), Linda D (reader 2), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

One of the aspects that can happen to a person is despair. We certainly will experience various challenges in our lives. We should never despair rather turn to the Lord and allow His hope to flood us.

What is despair? The dictionary says “*utter loss of hope*” or “*the feeling that there is no hope and that you can do nothing to improve a difficult or worrying situation*”. The Catholic Encyclopedia says that despair “*is the voluntary and complete abandonment of all hope of saving one's soul and of having the means required for that end*” (eternal life). The Catholic Dictionary says that it is “*the sin by which a person gives up all hope of salvation or of the means necessary to reach heaven. It is therefore not mere anxiety about the future or fear that one may be lost. It is rather a deliberate yielding to the idea that human nature cannot cooperate with God's grace, or that the despairing person is too wicked to be saved, or that God has cast one away. It is a grave crime against God's goodness. Experience also shows that a tendency to despair can seriously injure one's physical and mental health, and ironically can lead to all kinds of sinful indulgence.*” The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says that it is a sin against the first commandment. “*By despair, man ceases to hope for his personal salvation from God, for help in attaining it or for the forgiveness of his sins. Despair is contrary to God's goodness, to his justice - for the Lord is faithful to his promises - and to his mercy.*”(CCC 2901) In summary, despair is the deliberate choice not to hope in the goodness of God; to reject His offer to share in eternal life with Him.

There can be various causes of despair. It might be that someone close to us died, we had a serious spiritual or physical trauma, a disappointment, a failed expectation, or another event, all of which can turn us away from God and move us to reject His goodness and faithfulness. If we are feeling depressed and down, to go deeper into that emotion or disturbance in our soul. What is causing it? It is important for us to examine the deeper movements within so that we get at the root so that we can address them in a proper and “healthy” way. The cause might be that we have given up hope in life and ultimately given up hope in God.

An example would be the sudden and unexpected death of a person very close to us. The shock might first turn us inwardly as we feel alone and sad, frustrated and angry that this could have happened to us. We might blame God and think that He should have stopped it or saved the person. We might blame ourselves or others for not doing all that could have been done or that things could have been done differently. These ideas and movements can turn us against ourselves, others, and especially God. We can feel that life is bad, unfair, too hard, and not worth striving to get to heaven. We can give up on God and His goodness, thinking that He should have done something or that He really does not love us because He allowed it to happen. There can be all sorts of reactions and movements within. We have to wrestle with them, identify them, and then determine what we are going to do with them because ultimately we have a choice. We can either choose to grow closer to God in the situation or move away from Him. We can either have hope in God or not (to despair).

We should always choose hope in God, to ask for His help, to know that good and bad things happen to us in our lives, and that God always will give us the help we need to get through them. The Psalms tell us that “*God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress*”(Psalm 46:2) and “*Then call on me on the day of distress; I will rescue you, and you shall honor me.*”(Psalm 50:15) (Continued next week...)

Dear Parish Family,

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you. As many of you know, I suffered a cardiac arrest this past November, and at that time, my chances of survival did not look promising. I was blessed to receive the Anointing of the Sick, and through it all, I truly believe that the prayers from this parish carried me in ways I cannot fully put into words.

In Mid-December, as I struggled with asking “why me”, I turned to God for comfort and found myself thinking of the many prayers being lifted up on my behalf. In that moment, I experienced an overwhelming sense of peace – like a gentle hand resting on my shoulder. A deep calm came over me, and I knew I was exactly where I needed to be. I was reminded that I am not in control – God is, and He always has been.

Thank you for your prayers, your cards, your support, and your generosity. Your kindness both spiritual and financial has meant more to me and my family than we can ever express.

With Sincere Gratitude,
Tracy Anderson and family

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
3/15/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,835.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$920.00
Masses	\$70.00
Easter Flowers	\$50.00
Stole Fee	\$50.00
Collection Total for 3/15/26:	\$2,750.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$122,655.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 3/15/26)	\$160,626.30

* 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.

Join us on April 12th after Mass for a reception to welcome and congratulate them.



Veiling of Statues

In the Catholic Church, we have a period called Passiontide. This is a practice traditionally observed starting from the fifth Sunday of Lent up until the Triduum, which is Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. During Passiontide, some churches cover the crucifixes, statues, and holy images throughout the church — except the Stations of the Cross — with plain violet cloths as a stark visual reminder of the most spiritually intense, solemn, and mournful two weeks of the liturgical calendar. The Stations of the Cross are left uncovered because they lead the faithful through the story of the Passion.—*excerpted from BustedHalo.com*

Parish Events

- Mar 25th—No Faith Formation—Delano spring break
- Mar 31 at 7:15pm—Class on Mary
- 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
- Apr 14th at 7:15pm—Festival meeting
- Apr 19th at 8:30am—First Communion
- Apr 21st at 7:15—Parish councils meet

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



Donut Sunday reception—Any family new to the parish or who has younger children, is welcome to stay after mass on April 12th for Donut Sunday and to welcome our Confirmandi and then stay for a gathering to see what would be the best way to get to know each other better and ways that would be helpful to support each other. I will lead the gathering. If you can't make it and would like to be involved, let me know. Thank you. Fr. Kubista

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

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