



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 March 29th, 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	Marion & Maurice Hayes+
Sun 29th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 31st	6:30pm	Allyson Lee
Wed 1st	8:30am	Carol & Brad Theisen+
Thur 2nd	7pm	Frank Muchinhern+
Fri 3rd	7pm	Good Friday Service
Sat 4th	8pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 5th	8:30am	Walter Swartzter+

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 28th	Depas (L/S), Tracy A (L2), Jim & George (U)
Mar 29th	Glavans (L/S), Linda D (L2), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
Apr 2nd	Glavans (L/S), no ushers
Apr 3rd	George (L1), Huns (L2), Sue (S), Dave L & Jim Otto (U)
Apr 4th	Dickhausens (L/S), Tracy A (L2), Jim & George (U)
Apr 5th	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

(Continued from last week...) God allows bad things to happen for various reasons. In part, it is so that He can show us (in a deeper way) how much we are loved, how much He really cares for us, and how much He wants us to be with Him for all eternity. The Psalm says: *"I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD, take courage; be stouthearted, wait for the LORD!"* (Psalm 27:13-14) Another aspect is so that we can be tested in order to show our love for Him and help us acknowledge (especially in difficult situations) how much we really need His help to get through them. The Prophet Isaiah says that the Lord is to be our strength every morning and our salvation in time of trouble. (Isaiah 33:2) A tough situation can help us grow in our love of self in part because we come to know how vulnerable we are. It can help us to grow in love of others as we can have a greater appreciation for them and not miss opportunities to love them.

We are always to turn to God when we are discouraged, down, or whatever is moving us away from the love He offers to us. *"Why are you downcast, my soul? Why do you groan within me? Wait for God, for I shall again praise him, my savior and my God."* (Psalm 43:5) We are to choose to love God in return, choose to love others, to choose what is best for the other. We are to be open to receive the love that is offered, especially from God, allow our wounded heart to be comforted and encouraged. The Prophet Jeremiah says: *"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope. When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me."* (Jeremiah 29:11-14)

We are mindful that our struggles help us to make reparation for our sins and the sins of others. St. Paul says that we take up in our bodies the sufferings that Christ lacked in his sufferings. St. Peter tells us: *"Beloved, do not be surprised that a trial by fire is occurring among you, as if something strange were happening to you. But rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly."* (1 Peter 4:12-13)

Rather than allowing a situation to become a moment that turns us away from God, we can allow it to be a moment when we turn more towards God. Although it is hard, we are to choose to do it, to make the effort, and to allow God's help guidance, and strength to persevere through it. The Psalms affirms this. *"The righteous cry out, the LORD hears and he rescues them from all their afflictions. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed. Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him from them all."* (Psalm 34:18-20) St. Paul encourages us that the surpassing power comes from God and *"we are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed"* manifesting the life of Jesus in our body. (2 Cor 4:7-10) St. Peter says *"so humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you."* (1 Peter 5:6-7)

We pray that if we experience temptations to despair, that we would always turn to the Lord and be open to receive His comfort and encouragement so we persevere in our faith, hope, and love. We are to know that despite the trials and struggles this life, the life with God which awaits us is beyond imagining, therefore we are to trust and hope in Him. God bless you.

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

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*

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
3/15/26: Envelopes/Autobanking—corrected	\$1,660.00
3/22/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,335.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,004.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Easter Flowers	\$75.00
Fuel	\$2,045.00
Collection Total for 3/22/26:	\$5,469.00
Festival prize*	\$1,000.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$125,970.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 3/22/26)	\$166,095.30

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

Parish Events

- Mar 31st at 7:15pm—Class on Mary
- Apr 1st at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Apr 2nd at 7pm—Holy Thursday Mass, Confessions before and after Mass
- Apr 3rd at 7pm—Good Friday Service, Confessions before and after the 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

Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 3pm, followed by Confessions 3:30-4:30pm. Additional confessions times before and after the 7pm Service.

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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*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

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Mar 29th—for living and deceased
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