



Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
April 12th, 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 11th	4pm	Joe Swartzter Sr+
Sun 12th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 14th	6:30pm	Dan Gabrelcik+
Wed 15th	8:30am	Mike Leuthner+
Thur 16th	8:30am	Daniel Lee
Fri 17th	8:30am	Michael & Zita Wally & sons+
Sat 18th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 19th	8:30am	Betsy Elsen+

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	
Apr 11th	Dickhausens (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Apr 12th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)
Apr 18th	George & Sue (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Apr 19th	Katelyn (L), Deb (S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

In the Sacrament of Confession (also called Penance or Reconciliation) we judge ourselves (expose the times we have disobeyed God) and then ask to be forgiven, to *“approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.”* (Heb 4:16) Confession gives us an opportunity to examine our lives (to assess our soul) and think about those actions (which include consented to thoughts) in which we have sinned and try to become more converted into Christ. *“Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away,”* (Acts 3:19)

Some might argue that we can just go directly to God and ask for forgiveness of our sins. When we sin, we should immediately ask God for mercy, and then go to the “preferred” way which Jesus instructed us (to go to a priest) otherwise why would he have given this authority to them (the first bishops/priests) the night of the Resurrection. *“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”* (Jn 20:21-23) Jesus had showed them many times (during his public ministry) that this was important and so they were to continue to do his work.

We confess to a priest in part because a sin is not just between God and ourselves, it has hurt our relationship with others. We have deprived others of the “total” gift we should have been to them and in part, the priest represents others. When we confess our sins to another human person (in the priest) it helps us on a human level as it allows us to “get it off our chest”. The priest is bound under the Seal of Confession, so it is kept secret

When we go to the priest (who sits in the person of Christ), we know that our sins are forgiven as long as we have contrition (true sorrow for our sins and desire not to do them again), tell our sins to him, receive absolution, and do the penance. Contrition does not mean that we will not commit a sin again, so we should not get frustrated with ourselves when we sin again rather we are to continue to go to Confession. We should try to tell all our sins and if we forget some, they are forgiven. If we forget a mortal sin (usually we do not forget these) then the next time we go to Confession we are to mention that we forgot it.

The priest forgives us our sins through the words of absolution. *“If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.”* (1 John 1:9) Absolution erases them from the mind of God. *“It is I, I, who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses; your sins I remember no more.”* (Isaiah 43:25) We typically do not forget them (especially if they are bad) and remembering them can help us to have a strategy to avoid them in the future. We are given a penance (like saying prayers or doing acts of charity) in order to make reparation (atonement) for our sins and it also can help us avoid sin in the future.

Catholics are obliged to go to Confession at least once a year; this is one of the laws of the Church. If we have any mortal sin on our soul, we are to go to Confession before receiving Holy Communion. The conditions for a mortal sin are: serious matter, know that it is seriously wrong, and freely choose to do it. A mortal sin severs the life of God from us so that we are no longer in communion with Him and Confession brings us back into communion with Him.

We are thankful for the Sacrament of Confession by which our sins are absolved, we are healed from our spiritual wounds, and strengthened to go and become more like Christ. Confession is a great way for us to grow in the love of God, ourselves, and our neighbor. God bless you.

Donut Sunday and Confirmation Reception

April 12th! Join us this Sunday after Mass for a reception for our new Confimands and to enjoy coffee, treats and fellowship.



Easter thanks and blessings—Easter is such a great celebration for indeed Jesus has risen. We have so much to be thankful for. I am grateful for Jesus and all that he has given us. I am grateful for my Staff, Trustees, Council Members, Volunteers, Parishioners, and those who come to our Church. Thank you and I wish all of you a very Blessed and Happy Easter. God bless you all. Fr. Kubista

Disposal of old palms and other blessed objects

—there is a box in the back of the church where you can put old palms for proper disposal. Remember that blessed palms, as with other blessed objects, are considered holy objects in the Catholic Church. Therefore, they should be treated with respect and disposed of properly. This would include burying (in a respectful location such as a garden) or burning (in a dignified manner) and then burying the ashes. Please do not throw them in the garbage or burn them in a trash heap. Be mindful of disposing of objects in a dignified manner and if you are unable to do so, drop them off at the church.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday, April 12th at 3pm

Confessions 2:30pm



We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet after Mass on April 11th/12th.

We can celebrate this "Mercy Sunday" by going to Confession (preferably before that Sunday) and by receiving Communion on that day. We can honor the mercy of the Lord by venerating the Image of The Divine Mercy, and by our prayers and works of mercy.

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 26, 2026, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and

respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the USCCB website. www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/world-day-prayer-vocations



Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Budgeted weekly collection income	\$3,315.00
4/5/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$905.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$500.00
Masses	\$35.00
Easter Env/plate	\$4,988.00
Easter Flowers	\$10.00
Weekly Collection Total for 4/5/26:	\$6,438.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$691.00
YTD Budgeted Weekly Collection Income**	\$132,600.00
YTD Actual Weekly Collection (4/5/26)	\$176,619.65

- Not included in Collection Total

Parish Events

- **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—all are welcome and encouraged to attend**
- **Apr 15th at 7pm—First Communion meeting**
- **Apr 19th at 8:30am—First Communions**

New families and families with young children are welcome and encouraged to stay for Donut Sunday this weekend and then have a short meeting with Fr. Kubista about ways to support each other.

Congratulations to Anthony Peterson who, at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, received Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We welcome him to the Catholic Church. May Anthony always remain close to God and may God bless him. He will be present at the reception (which takes place after mass on Sunday April 12th) for those confirmed. Fr. Kubista

The Catholic Order of Foresters Court 1560 quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18th at 10:00 am at 310 Pacific Ave, Waverly, MN. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please call 763-658-4009 for information or directions.

Thank you to our classroom partition setup/takedown team who have been so helpful these past few months during Faith Formation.

Also a big Thank You to our Faith Formation Team (directors, teachers, volunteers), parents and students. We finished up this spring with a Rosary and pizza party this past week.

Thank you sponsors! If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Kathleen at kmotzko@stmarydelano.org

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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

Apr 12th—for and end to abortion and a
greater respect for human life— KC
Council # 4174, St. Michael

Apr 19th—for our military troops—St.
Timothy's CCW, Maple Lake