



Third Sunday of Easter
April 19th, 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 18th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 19th	8:30am	Betsy Elsen+
Tues 21st	6:30pm	Andy McFarlane+
Wed 22nd	8:30am	Mary Coles
Thur 23rd	8:30am	John R Dohls+
Fri 24th	8:30am	George/Susan Swartzter fam.+
Sat 25th	4pm	Judy Odenthal+
Sun 26th	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	
Apr 18th	George & Sue (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Apr 19th	Katelyn (L), Deb (S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)
Apr 25th	Huns V & Sue J (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Apr 26th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

There are different names for the Sacrament of Confession. It is also called Penance, Reconciliation, Conversion, or Forgiveness.(see CCC 1423-1424) What is the significance of these names?

Confession indicates that we have to tell another what we have done, specifically the sins that we have committed. We have to name them and then tell them to the priest, who sits in the person of Christ. Confessing our sins helps us to express them so that we can identify them in a more concrete way. We can think about and know them in our mind, but when we actually have to tell them to someone, putting them into words can help us to think through the various aspects of them, including what caused them. It is important to identify what the sin actually is as sometimes something is expressed which is too generic, and the result could be that it is not a sin. Once it is named, the priest can ask about it and help the penitent better understand it. The sacrament is called Penance because part of the requirement for sins to be forgiven is that the penitent must do the penance given by the priest. The word penance implies some sort of "reparation". The Catholic Dictionary says that penance is "*the punishment by which one atones for sins committed, either by oneself or by others*" and Catholic Answers says that it is "*a work of satisfaction enjoined upon the recipient of the sacrament.*" If the penance is done, it does not mean that the guilt, shame, and other negative aspects of the sin, will go away. Sometimes the consequences of our sins might never go away until we die. The penance given might be prayers or to do something that makes us sacrifice (make reparation) for our sins and which can help us to overcome them. It is important that a penance is given that can be completed, so if we are ever given a penance which we will have a hard time to complete, we can tell the priest and he could give us a different penance. We should do the penance as soon as we can, in part because we do not want to forget it. If we somehow forget it or do not do the penance, the next time we go to the sacrament, we should mention this to the priest.

The sacrament is called Reconciliation because we are reconciled with God and others. The Oxford Dictionary defines reconciliation as "*the restoration of friendly relations*" and the Catholic Dictionary says it is "*the act or state of re-establishing friendship between God and a human being, or between two persons... It requires repentance on the part of the sinner and forgiveness on the part of God.*" To be reconciled means to come back together and thus be united again, which is one of the things that we must do if we have committed a mortal sin. A mortal sin severs our relationship with God (the Holy Spirit is no longer in us) so we have to be brought back into right relationship (communion) with God, to be reconciled with Him.

The sacrament is called Conversion because we are changed for the better. We are taken out of the state of sin, made clean, and given the opportunity to continue to be perfected. Conversion does not mean that we will stop sinning, but we are helped to overcome sins in the future, especially the ones confessed. It helps us identify any changes we need to make in our lives and gives us the grace to change, even in ways that we might not realize, transforming (converting) us more into Christ.

The sacrament is called Forgiveness because our sins are forgiven. There is nothing that God cannot forgive. Although He cannot forgive us unless we ask for forgiveness. We have such a merciful (loving) God so we should always turn to Him and ask for mercy, ask to be forgiven.

We thank God for the Sacrament of Confession, Penance, Reconciliation, Conversion, and Forgiveness. We should partake of this powerful sacrament often and allow God to show us His mercy and heal us. God bless you.

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.

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



Lord, Renew Your Church Capital Campaign

There is a letter available in the back of church which details the initial steps of the Lord Renew Your Church Capital Campaign. I will also read the letter after masses next weekend. I may need feedback from you (as described in the letter) by ***Friday May 1st***. Thank you. Fr. Kubista

Festival Update: We had a meeting on Tuesday April 14th. A few of the items discussed were the raffle prizes and the meal. The raffle prizes are \$1000, ¼ beef, ½ hog (x2), Yeti Cooler, \$100(x6), \$50(x7) and many other prizes. The meal will be a boneless pork chop, baby red potatoes, cole slaw, corn on the cob, a dinner roll, poppy kuchen and/or another desert, and milk, water, or coffee with a price of \$15. Our next meeting will be during Donut Sunday on May 3rd. Thank you. Fr. Kubista

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Budgeted weekly collection income	\$3,315.00
4/12/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,605.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$937.00
Utilities	\$120.00
Easter Env/plate	\$90.00
Stole Fee	\$197.80
Donut Sunday	\$117.00
Weekly Collection Total for 4/12/26:	\$4,066.80
Holy Land/Good Friday*	\$10.00
YTD Budgeted Weekly Collection Income**	\$135,915.00
YTD Actual Weekly Collection (4/12/26)	\$180,686.45

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

First Communions

Congratulations to First Communicants Brantley S, Harper G, Isla H, Judd H, Kinsley G, and Ruby R, as they receive their 1st Communions this weekend! May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with joy and guide them in their journey of faith.

Parish Events

- **Apr 19th at 8:30am—First Communions**
- **Apr 21st at 7:15—Parish councils meet**
- **Apr 28th at 7:15pm—Class on Mary resumes**
- **May 1st—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confession & Benediction**
- **May 2nd—First Saturday devotions before Mass**
- **May 3rd after Mass—Donut Sunday and Festival Update Meeting**

Thank You to our Faith Formation Team (directors, teachers, volunteers), and also to parents and students. We finished up this spring with a Rosary and pizza party this past week. Also, a big thank you to our classroom partition setup/takedown team who has been so helpful these past few months during Faith Formation.

Easter Thank You's—Thanks to all those who helped with the Triduum and Easter Liturgies (musicians, lectors, sacristans, ushers, etc.). And thank you to all those who donated for flowers and to those who helped decorate for Easter.

Annual Cemetery Cleanup—The cemetery will be cleaned to allow for lawn care and maintenance. Items that inhibit proper cemetery care will be removed after May 1st and placed near the garage and then eventually discarded if not claimed by May 15th. Thank you.

Coffee & Conversation Small Group is continuing to meet after Thursday Mass. Feel free to drop in for coffee, treats and discussion of Catholic topics. For more info check with Ginny Triplett at 952-807-2587.

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

Apr 26th—for and end to the Middle
East conflict—St Michael's CCW, St
Michael

