



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26th, 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 25th	4pm	Judy Odenthal+
Sun 26th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 28th	6:30pm	Jane & Clifford Jennissen+
Wed 29th	11am	Funeral Mass
Thur 30th	8:30am	Frank Muchinhern+
Fri 1st	8:30am	RoseAnn Motzko+
Sat 2nd	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 3rd	8:30am	Joe Swartzter, Sr+

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 25th	Huns V & Sue J (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Apr 26th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
May 2nd	Tracy A (L), Sue J (S), Jim & George (U)
May 3rd	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)

The April issue of *The Catholic Servant* is now available on the back tables.

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

We can be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession. What are some reasons why?

We can be afraid to look at ourselves and acknowledge the sins that we have committed. Sometimes it can be hard to see the bad things that we do to ourselves, others, or God. A good Examination of Conscience can help us identify sins, including those that we may not see. Sometimes we are afraid to admit sins and this denial is a symptom of pride, where we do not want to admit who we really are. As we admit more to our failures (sins), it helps us to realize our brokenness and our need for healing, it opens us more to the healing power of God. Many times in Jesus' encounters with those who were sick, he wanted them to acknowledge their own sickness so that they could be healed. These encounters have a symbolic meaning of the necessity of spiritual healing. We have to acknowledge our need for healing in order to be healed. Confession helps us to practice this and get better at doing it. It is so important to go regularly because the consistent looking at ourselves helps us to get more comfortable (or not so comfortable) with ourselves and can be a powerful way that we are encouraged to change to the good with God's grace.

We can be afraid to tell our sins to another person (the priest). We are too embarrassed or ashamed by what we have done. We might feel that we do not want to tell a priest (we worry about what he will think of us) and so we might use the excuse that we can tell our sins directly to God. Since Jesus (God) instituted (on the night of his Resurrection) the Sacrament of Confession in which we are to tell our sins to the priest, there must be aspects in doing it that way (that we do not realize) that will help us for God knows best. If we are afraid, we can ask God to help us to be open and honest. This can help us grow in humility and what do we have to lose? If we do not go to Confession, we have a lot to lose (we can lose eternal life). The priest (in the person of Christ) is not there to condemn but to forgive. The priest is to be like Jesus who said to the women caught in the very act of adultery, that he did not condemn her and told her to sin no more. (Jn 8:11) Although going to Confession is uncomfortable, we do it, we go and tell our sins, and then experience the peace and calm that God gives to us. The priest is under the Seal of Confession so he cannot tell anyone the sins revealed in Confession.

We are afraid that the priest or God will get upset at us. We will be made to feel bad and criticized for our sins. The priest should not criticize us but rather help us and guide us, which includes suggestions that we can do to overcome or avoid the sin(s) in the future. His advice might come across as criticism, so we are not to take it that way, rather as encouragement and support to avoid sin in the future. Jesus did not criticize people for asking for mercy rather for not asking for it as he tells us in the parable of the self-righteous Pharisee and the repentant Tax Collector. (Lk 18:9-14) Confession can help us to take "criticism" in general, allowing these moments to help us experience God moving us to be a better (more humble) person.

We are afraid to confess the same sin(s) over and over again but this is typical, so not to worry, go anyway. We might be afraid because we are not as familiar as to how to go to Confession, so we should make sure we have a good guide to help us and the priest will help us.

If we are afraid to go to Confession, we should pray to God to help us and give us the courage to go. Then go and allow God's healing mercy to bring us peace. God bless you.

Funeral for Maryann Hafften will be on Wednesday, April 29th at 11am at St. Mary's. There will be a visitation the night before from 4 - 8pm at Iten Funeral in Delano with a prayer service at 7:45pm. There will be a visitation at St. Mary's from 10 - 11am, with a 9:45am rosary. Following the funeral mass, there will be a luncheon in St Mary's Church basement and then, after lunch, the burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Delano. Eternal rest grant onto her O Lord and may she rest in peace.

There will NOT be Eucharistic Adoration on Wed., April 29th due to the funeral.

Pastoral Council Update: Thank you to Kathleen Motzko and Katelyn Roiland for serving on the Pastoral Council. I want to welcome Jason Motzko and Amy Stein who are will be taking Kathleen's and Katelyn's place on the Pastoral Council. Thank you for serving our Parish in this way. Fr. Kubista

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.

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 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	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Budgeted weekly collection income	\$3,315.00
4/19/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,315.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,027.00
Utilities	\$210.00
Easter Env/plate	\$100.00
Masses	\$100.00
Weekly Collection Total for 4/19/26:	\$3,752.00
Holy Land/Good Friday*	\$20.00
YTD Budgeted Weekly Collection Income**	\$139,230.00
YTD Actual Weekly Collection (4/19/26)	\$184,438.45

* 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 last weekend! May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with joy and guide them in their journey of faith.

Parish Events

- **Apr 25th/26th—Second Collection Catholic Home Missions Appeal**
- **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**

Second Collection this Weekend— **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** to support mission territories (including some in MN) who are unable to fund essential pastoral activities in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build faith communities in the US.

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—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.

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

May 3rd—for Pope Leo—Iten Funeral
Home, Watertown and Delano