



**Ascension of the Lord** Father Paul Kubista, Pastor  
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**St Mary of Czestochowa**  
 CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Growing together in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, leading others to Him; striving to become saints.*

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**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 16th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 17th	8:30am	Frank Muchenhirn+
Tues 19th	6:30pm	David Murphy+
Wed 20th	8:30am	Carol & Brad Theisen+
Thur 21st	8:30am	John & Veronica Motzko Fam.+
Fri 22nd	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 23rd	4pm	John R Dohls+
Sun 24th	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	
May 16th	George & Sue (L/S), Jim & George (U)
May 17th	Glavans (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)
May 23rd	Huns V (L), Sue R (S), Don G & volunteer (U)
May 24th	Deb D (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)

Thank you to all of those who volunteer to be Lectors, Sacristans, and Ushers at our masses. Your dedication is much appreciated!

## **A Message from Fr. Kubista:**

The Sacrament of Conversion (Confession) has a number of effects. What are the effects that some people might not realize or that are not so obvious?

We can grow in the peace of Christ. We open ourselves up the healing power of God by laying everything out and expressing this to Him, which can bring us peace. We can expose the dark areas of our lives so that the Light (who is Christ) can come to us in a more profound way. We allow the peace of Christ to permeate us, a peace, in part, because we realize that we are healed and forgiven. We can have a greater sense that we are slowly conquering pride, knowing that we have faced our failures (sins) and acknowledged them before God.

We can gain a greater sense of joy. When we confess and are honest with God about ourselves (when we acknowledge who we really are, the good and the not so good) this helps us to accept ourselves, to take ourselves where we are at. Sometimes we can be too hard on ourselves. We are to challenge ourselves, to realize that we need God's helps to grow spiritually and to allow God to open our soul and accept the joy that comes from Him. We are His beloved son or daughter, so to realize this and to allow Him to help us, to be joy filled in what He has done for us and what He is doing. It is a joy to know that we have let go of our sin (the shackles of sin have loosened) and that we have put ourselves in God's hands so that He can help heal us.

Our sins are forgiven. It also means that God forgets them. It does not mean that we will forget them. It is important that we learn and positively grow from our sins. It can be a moment in which we (to a greater degree) look at ourselves and try to do better with the help of God's grace. We can look at it as a moment that God is refining us, helping us to understand our human condition and the condition of others in our lives. It helps us to be more forgiving, understanding, empathetic and compassionate with others and ourselves.

We can be more open to see things which are getting in the way of us loving God as we ought. As we become more aware of ourselves, we see more clearly who we really are. It becomes more apparent of our brokenness and our need of God. We then turn to God to rely more on Him than on ourselves. We certainly do our part but know that God is with us and will help us. So in this sense, we become more dependent on God, His mercy, and realize, to a greater degree, how much we really need Him. When we let go and open ourselves up to God's love, we are filled to a greater degree by His love, and so we love ourselves to a greater degree.

We can be helped to overcome our sins. We identify them and are given the guidance to overcome them. Although we still may have effects of our sins (one of which is the tendency to do it again) their effect is lessened. We are given graces and helps to temper our sins, make us less (even if it is very small) likely to commit them again. Although we still might sin in the same way again, there is the possibility of greater freedom, a realization that we have a chance to overcome sin, that we can beat it, and eventually overcome it. We can have a sense of hope, for we are on the right track. When we go to the Jesus, the ultimate healer, we can have confidence that he is working on us and healing us in ways that we might not realize or become aware of.

We ask that God would help us to realize the many ways that the Sacrament of Conversion changes us and its profound effects on us. God bless you.

**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. *Please pick up your raffle tickets.* If you need more to sell, please contact Mary Kay Swartzler. Next meeting is on June 9th.

**Silent Auction and Country Store preps**—please be thinking of crafts and items for the Country Store and Silent Auction. If you have any baskets or canning jars (pint, half pint) that you'd like to donate (for prepping items for the store) please leave them in the basement.

**Archdiocesan 175<sup>th</sup> church/history book**— Prices have been lowered to \$30 for the large colorful books which include a history of the Archdiocese and profiles of most of the churches and institutions in the Archdiocese. The smaller comic book history is being sold for \$5. Samples are on the table next to the elevator. You can put your name and money in an envelope and put it in the collection to buy the books or buy them after mass when they are being sold.

**Catholic school scholarship for St Mary parishioners**—St Mary will be giving a \$1000 scholarship to a parish family in order to financially support them to send their children to Catholic school. For anyone interested, please email Fr. Kubista by May 31st with the name of their child, their grade, and the school that they will be attending in the Fall. Thank you.

### Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Budgeted weekly collection income	\$3,315.00
<b>5/10/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking</b>	\$2,585.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,129.00
Building Fund	\$55.00
Masses	\$97.00
<b>Weekly Collection Total for 5/10/26:</b>	<b>\$3,866.00</b>
Cemetery Plots*	\$1,350.00
Raffle tix*	\$500.00
YTD Budgeted Weekly Collection Income**	\$149,175.00
YTD Actual Weekly Collection (5/10/26)	\$195,518.81

\* Not included in Collection Total

\*\* Does not include income from festival

### May is the Month of Mary

In Catholic tradition, May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God. May presents the opportunity to celebrate our love and reverence for the Blessed Mother through feasts, processions, and song.

O Mary, conceived without sin,  
pray for us who have recourse  
to you.



### Catechetical Institute Open House

**Tuesday, May 26th | 7:00-8:00pm, St. Francis Xavier Church — 300 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW, Buffalo, MN**

This fall, St. Francis Xavier in Buffalo, MN will be a satellite site, livestreaming the Catechetical Institute two-year Pillars Program on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. Taught by the best instructors in the Twin Cities, this program will help you make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and lay out the roadmap to heaven.

### May 17th—6th Annual Blessing of the Bikes

at Immaculate Conception Church, Watertown. Details on bulletin board.

## Parish Events

- **May 19th at 7:15**—Class on Mary
- **May 23rd/24th**—Baccalaureate Masses
- **June 7th**—Corpus Christi Procession after Mass (weather permitting)
- **June 7th**—Donut Sunday after Mass and Corpus Christi procession
- **June 9th at 7:15pm**—Festival meeting

### Help Needed for Summer Altar Flower Arranging

**starting in June**— this entails either picking garden flowers from their gardens or buying flowers and putting them in vases (the church has vases to use behind the altar), bringing them before the 4:00 PM Saturday night mass and picking them up after Sunday morning mass or some time after to retrieve the flowers by Monday so they do not make a mess on the alters. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Roskowiak at 763-238-5276

**2026 Graduating High School Seniors** of St. Mary and former Confirmation Students are invited to join us for our annual Baccalaureate Masses celebrated on the weekend of May 23rd/24th.

**Thank you again** for all those who gave flowers for the Easter Season (including those for the month of May for Mary) and those who decorated our church for the Easter Season.

**Also, a big thank you** to all those who helped plow/shovel snow over the winter months. Your help was greatly appreciated in keeping our parking lots safe and clear!



**Thank you sponsors!** If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Kathleen at [kmotzko@stmarydelano.org](mailto:kmotzko@stmarydelano.org)

## Keep In Your Prayers

Col. Andy Swartzter (Military),  
Kaleb Anderson (Military)  
Elizabeth Roszkowiak, Sandy  
Hendrickson, Kolby Mills,  
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, Marian Krumm,  
Jackie Wally

*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

**May 17th**—for living and deceased  
members of Catholic United Financial  
Council 31, St. Michael

**May 24th**—for living and deceased  
members of Catholic Order of Foresters  
council 1560, Delano

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