



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3rd, 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
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Cemetery questions: Don Gabrelcik at 952-955-2563

MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 2nd	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 3rd	8:30am	Joe Swartzter, Sr+
Tues 5th	6:30pm	Timothy Coles
Wed 6th	8:30am	Betty Roszkowiak—Birthday
Thur 7th	8:30am	John R Dols+
Fri 8th	8:30am	Janet & Clifford Jennissen+
Sat 9th	4pm	Judy Odenthal+
Sun 10th	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 2nd	Tracy A (L), Sue J (S), Jim & George (U)
May 3rd	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)
May 9th	Dickhausens (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
May 10th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

The Sacrament of Confession is a great way that we are healed. What are some of the ways that it heals us?

Our sins are forgiven, which is part of the healing our soul. We can view sin as a deformity of our soul, where we become more disposed to sin, especially to those sins we have committed. Through God's healing power (His grace) our will is strengthened (to some degree, which might be very small) to resist giving into temptations in the future. Our intellect is enlightened so that we can become more aware of the conditions leading into our sins and ways that we can avoid falling into them in the future. Sin can also be viewed as a deficiency in our soul. When God created Adam and Eve, they were created with His life (the Holy Spirit) within them. When they sinned, they lost His presence (the Holy Spirit) in their persons. So their souls were "weakened" (deformed) but also they had lost God's presence since they had committed a mortal sin. When a mortal sin is forgiven, the void in our soul is filled by the Holy Spirit, who enters our temple, making us holy again. In the case of a venial sin, there is an increase in grace which is added to what is already there. So in having our sins forgiven, we open ourselves more to God's healing power. We allow the Holy Spirit to sanctify us and help us grow in holiness.

When we identify our sins, it exposes them so that in that particular area in our lives, we can be healed and the help we need, given to us. Any sins that we forget are forgiven, but the healing effect can be more substantial if we identify what needs healing. That is why it is important to tell all the sins that we can remember. Many times Jesus asks the persons who he physically heals, what they want healed. Although he already knows, he wants them to identify what is to be healed. Jesus wants us to do that with our sins so that he can heal them. We allow the healer (Jesus) to heal us (in a greater way) by expressing to him (in the person of the priest) the parts of us that need healing. It is like going to a doctor to tell him what is wrong and allowing him to give us some recommendations and medications to help us heal. Similarly in Confession, we can take the recommendations (medications) given by the priest or those given to us directly by God, and with the help of God's grace, try to implement them in our lives in order to avoid sins in the future. Maybe we do more prayer, fasting, works of mercy, or some other work that helps us to be healed from our sins and be given the grace from God to accomplish these things prescribed for our healing. We want our soul to be healed so that we are less apt to sin in general, but also in the specific ways that we have identified.

Our relationship with God is healed and we are more disposed to heal our relationship with others. We are reconciled with God and others. There are various degrees of healing in our relationship with God and others. God is always merciful to us and always accepts our "apology". He allows us to move forward, although there still can be effects from our sins. With other people, the relationship may never get back to what it was before we sinned against that person. Although others are to be merciful like God, that may not happen. Confession can help us be more disposed to apologize and to try to make amends in our relationship with that other person. We can also be healed in our relationship with ourselves so that we love ourselves as we ought (as God sees us).

Confession is a great way that we are healed. We pray that we would come often so that we allow Jesus (the master healer) to heal us through the priest. God bless you.

Funeral Mass for Maryann Hafften was celebrated on Wednesday, April 29th. Eternal rest grant onto her O Lord and may she rest in peace.

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

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

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.

May 17th—6th Annual Blessing of the Bikes at Immaculate Conception Church, Watertown. Details on bulletin board.

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.

Due to Mary's vocation as the Mother of God, she has been given a special place of honor in Heaven and, as many saints have attested, Her requests are never refused. This is most advantageous for the faithful because from the cross Our Lord gave His Mother to us as our own. Mary has a maternal love for us and as our Mother, She is concerned with our well-being and spiritual progress. We are filled with humble gratitude to Jesus for giving us His Mother and to Mary for Her loving solicitude.



Serra Meeting May 8th—They welcome Fr. Joe Zabinski to the May Serran meeting and look forward to him sharing his spiritual journey. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO** join them at the **new location, day and time.**

Friday, May 8 – St. Albert's Parish Center, 10 a.m. At 11:15 they will transition to the church for the Rosary, then Fr. Joe will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at noon. Opportunity for Reconciliation follows immediately after Mass. *The Serran mission is to encourage, support, and affirm existing and future vocations to the priesthood and religious life.* **ALL ARE WELCOME TO** share in this ministry. Please call Carol Freeman at 612-719-2766 for additional information.

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Budgeted weekly collection income	\$3,315.00
4/26/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$1,760.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$795.00
Utilities	\$10.00
Weekly Collection Total for 4/26/26:	\$2,565.00
Second Collection—Home Missions*	\$527.65
YTD Budgeted Weekly Collection Income**	\$142,545.00
YTD Actual Weekly Collection (4/26/26)	\$187,003.45

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

Parish Events

- May 3rd—May Crowning
- May 3rd after Mass—Donut Sunday and Festival Update Meeting
- May 5th at 7:15—class on Mary

First Communicants are invited to participate in May Crowning on May 3rd by processing forward at the beginning of Mass and placing flowers on the head of the statue of Mary. We do this to honor Mary as Queen of Heaven and Mother of God.

Donut Sunday and Festival Meeting on May 3rd—please join us for donuts, coffee and fellowship this Sunday morning after Mass and Fr. Kubista will have a festival update afterwards.



If you wish to donate to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal that was held last weekend, there is still time. Please leave your donations in the collection basket with a note and they will be forwarded to the Archdiocese. This special collection supports 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.

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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

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

May 10th—for living and deceased
members of St. Mary of Czestochowa
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