



**Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)**  
December 15th, 2024

**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  
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**Formed.org** sign in under St. Boniface.

MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 14th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 15th	8:30am	Geraldine & James Motzko Sr.+
Tues 17th	6:30pm	Special Intention
Wed 18th	8:30am	Nellie & Anthony Gallus+
Thur 19th	8:30am	Lorraine (Andres) Enos+
Fri 20th	8:30am	Larry Bury+
Sat 21st	4pm	Ed & Mary Schumacher+
Sun 22nd	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Dec 14th	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Dec 15th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe M (U)
Dec 21st	Depas (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Dec 22nd	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)

**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** after each weekday Mass

**2025 calendars are on order and are expected to arrive before Christmas.**

## A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Jesus became man (took on a human nature) which is called the Incarnation and thus he is like us in every way but sin. (see Hebrews 2:17, 4:15) So when did Jesus know that he was the Son of God? To better understand this, we can reflect on who we are as human persons, how we experience things in our own person, and then apply it to Jesus (the name Mary was told by the Angel Gabriel to give her child).

At a certain point in time, at the moment of conception, our body begins to form and God creates our soul. Our body and soul are “one”, the body being like a window into our soul. The intellect in our soul is primarily informed by bodily experiences which can trigger thoughts or actions in our soul. Our intellect is also informed from thoughts or ideas that come from ourselves, directly from God, or the devil. We have awareness in living which means that we are conscious of what is happening to us. Sometimes we are not aware, for example when we sleep or are drugged for surgery, our body and sensory mechanisms are shut down. So if we think back in our lives, there is a certain point that we can remember or when we became more aware of things that we experienced. Maybe we have vague memories of our first year of school or maybe even something before that. As we get older, we remember more things; we become more aware of ourselves, more aware of who we are, and where we came from.

Jesus would have had a similar situation. In his humanity, he had to grow and learn (become wise) as the Bible attests (see Luke 2:40, 52). He had experiences through which he came to know things and which triggered thoughts in his intellect or whereby his intellect was informed by Divinity. So when Jesus started to wonder about things, where he came from and what he was supposed to do, Mary and Joseph could have informed him in some areas, but in other areas it would have been informed by God the Father (Divinity).

Jesus shares with us the aforementioned aspects of his humanity. When Jesus was twelve years old, Mary and Joseph found him in the temple in Jerusalem “*sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.*” (Luke 2:46-47) In other words, in answering with great understanding Jesus received this information from his own intellect (his reasoning capacity which must have been very good) and also from his Divinity, ultimately from God his Father. Jesus knows his Father and at least some aspect of his mission as we hear when Mary and Joseph find him and he says to them: “*Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?*” (Luke 2:49) Jesus also affirms the connection to his Father in talking with his Apostles at the Last Supper when he says: “*I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.*” (John 15:15) Later on, when Jesus is praying to the Father, he says: “*Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.*” (John 17:7-8) So Jesus would have known (in his soul) who he was and who his real Father was when he was able to grasp or be aware of that. His Divinity would have informed him as much as possible when he had musings (wonderings) of the Truth (of what is). God the Father would have directed (guided) him so he could fulfill his Father’s will perfectly.

We thank God the Father for having his Son Jesus become man in part to show us how we are to respond to God Our Father. God bless you.

# WITH DEEPEST Sympathy

The parish would like to extend condolences to the family of Edward Burns, whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, December 5th.

Also, our sympathies are extended to the family of Eddie Malecek, whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, December 7th. Martha Malecek (Eddie's mother who passed away in 2022) was also included in the funeral Mass.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all of our Faith Formation families who donated gifts and essentials to Operation Christmas Child! We would also like to extend a thank you to JC Heavy Truck Service of Maple Plain for sponsoring the project fees and Becky Kittock for organizing this service project. Our religious education families were able to create over 28 shoe boxes for children in need this Christmas!

## Gaudete Sunday

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom.

The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. —*excerpt from catholicculture.org*



Third Sunday in Advent

December issues of *The Catholic Servant* are available on the back tables. Also check out the selection of free books, prayer cards, pamphlets, blessed candles, etc.

<b>Our Sacrificial Giving</b>	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
12/8/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$1,670.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$768.65
Christmas flowers	\$45.00
Christmas env	\$25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$225.00
Bulletin ads	\$50.00
<b>Collection Total for 12/8/24:</b>	<b>\$2,784.00</b>
Retirement Fund for Religious *	\$621.84
Funeral stipend *	\$350.00
Stole fee *	\$100.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$76,245.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 12/8/24)	\$88,227.80

- Not included in Collection Total

\*\* Does not include festival income

## Parish Events

- Dec 17th at 7:15pm—Class on God
- Dec 18th 5-6pm—Confessions
- Dec 18th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation Christmas program and party
- Dec 24th at 4pm—Christmas Eve Mass
- Dec 25th at 8:30am—Christmas Day Mass
- Dec 31st at 6:30pm and Jan 1st at 8:30am—Mass for Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Jan 4th—Epiphany party 6:30-8:30pm
- Jan 14th—Festival meeting 7:15pm
- Jan 21st at 7:10pm—Parish councils meet

**Stained Glass Window Update:** TerHaar has rescheduled the install for the rest of the stained glass windows for **Thurs. Dec 19th and Friday, Dec 20th**, just in time for Christmas. They ran out of time to do the two storms on the southeast side of the Church so they will wait until Spring to do these as they need it to be warm enough to calk them properly. Thank you to those who have donated for this cause.

**No Faith Formation classes or Eucharistic Adoration on Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st. We will resume on Jan. 8th.**

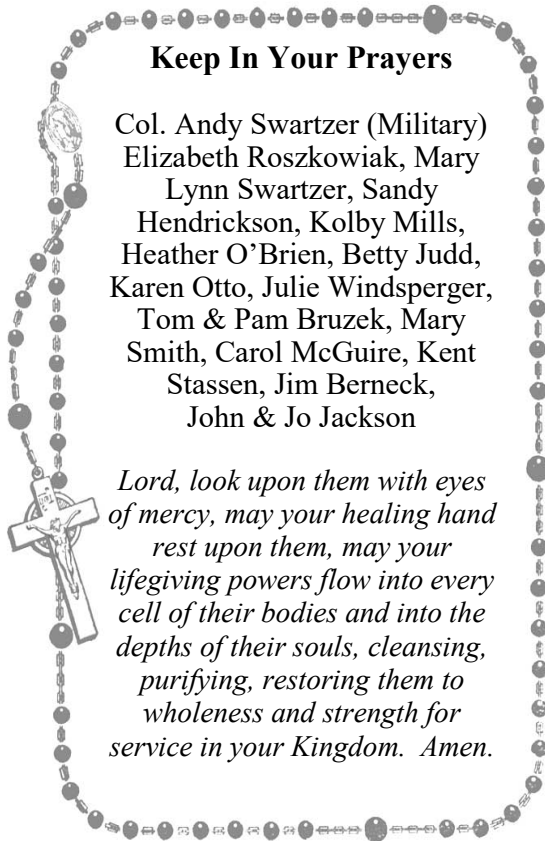
**The Epiphany party will be on Saturday, Jan 4th** from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Come to enjoy playing Bunco (dice game even for kids) and Euchre (card game). Instruction will be given as to how to play the games. These games will be tournament style and partners will be changed so it will be a good way to get to meet others. There will be drinks and snacks and for the winners, prizes. There will be no charge. Come and have some fun and celebrate the New Year and Epiphany.

**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)  
Elizabeth Roszkowiak, Mary  
Lynn Swartzter, Sandy  
Hendrickson, Kolby Mills,  
Heather O'Brien, Betty Judd,  
Karen Otto, Julie Windsperger,  
Tom & Pam Bruzek, Mary  
Smith, Carol McGuire, Kent  
Stassen, Jim Berneck,  
John & Jo Jackson

*Lord, look upon them with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon them, may your lifegiving powers flow into every cell of their bodies and into the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.*



**Radio Rosary**  
**11:00 am Sundays**

KRWC - 1360 AM Buffalo

**Dec 15th**—for living and deceased members of Wright-Henn Knights of Columbus Council #4174, St Michael

**Dec 22nd**—for the President and political leaders—St Timothy's CCW, Maple Lake, MN

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