



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
December 29th, 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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MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 28th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 29th	8:30am	Alex & Gladys Socher+
Tues 31st	6:30pm	Special Intention
Wed 1st	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Thur 2nd	8:30am	Pamela Schultz+
Fri 3rd	8:30am	Kathleen Cass Barbour+
Sat 4th	4pm	Special Intention
Sun 5th	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** after each weekday Mass

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Dec 28th	Huns V (L), Tracey A (S), Jim & George (U)
Dec 29th	Deb D (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
Dec 31st	George & Sue (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Jan 1st	Tracy A (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)
Jan 4th	Tracy A (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Jan 5th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)

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

In any family there is the potential for conflict. Some situation arises which needs to be addressed (a disagreement, an injustice, a lie, etc.). The family is a good place to address issues and thus grow in holiness (love, kindness, gentleness, forgiveness, virtue, etc.)

There will be issues that arise in a family that need to be addressed. Addressing them promptly is good because if one waits too long, it can lead to bitterness, resentment, and buildup (especially of emotions) which can result in uncharitable thoughts, words, and actions. Even small issues can build into something bigger, so the sooner an issue is prudently addressed the better. Do not let things fester. If we have an issue, we can assess if it needs to be addressed or not, being mindful not to nag, and make sure it is worth addressing. There are things that we put up with, issues that are not worth addressing. If we do address an issue, to always do it in a charitable manner with the best of intentions.

When the issue is brought up, it does not mean that it needs to be resolved immediately. There are some issues that take time to talk about and work through, but at least the process is started. We are not to grow impatient with the other(s) and no personal attacks. We are to have a sincere attitude that things will get better, although they might take longer than desired. Sometimes tough things might need to be said, so pray for courage. We likely will suffer in part because the realistic expectations that we had in the other(s), were not met, we thought we had better rapport and were let down (e.g. disappointed or betrayed). It is important to pray, take time to think about various things, what is the best way to approach them, what is the proper thing to say. We should not react too fast because sometimes we just need to step back and take time to discern what is a prudent way to handle or say something. Sometimes we might be at a loss as to what to say or do, and there is no need to apologize for or worry about this. We might just express where we are at and speak from the heart. The Truth should come out and it will set us free. Honesty is so important for it helps build trust and truly lays out the situation so that it can be properly understood and addressed. If persons are not honest, it will make things worse, degrade trust, and lead to further problems. It is important have be humble realizing that no one is perfect, everyone has strengths and weaknesses. Whether in the issue being addressed or in the process of addressing it, a person can make mistakes (not handle things that well) and expose their weaknesses, so in part to soften (humanize) the situation, a sincere apology for one's failure is a powerful way to bring healing and spiritual growth.

When there is resolution, there should be consequences for what has taken place. Justice should be done and injustices made right as much as possible. How can this situation be avoided or handled better in the future? There might be a need for forgiveness of others and of one self, so it is important to ask God's help to forgive. If there were any uncharitable things said or done through the process, to apologize and clarify them. What is God trying to teach, how can one grow spiritually, and what can be learned? Are there various family dynamics or situations where God is needed in a greater way requiring an increase in prayer focus in that area?

We ask the God the Father to help us have strong families that charitably work through various situations (especially difficult ones) and thus grow closer together. We pray that we would have the courage to do the right thing, always putting God first in our lives, and allow the Holy Spirit to help our families to grow in virtue and holiness. God bless you.

## The Story of Mary, Mother of God

*Have a Merry Christmas  
and  
Blessed New Year!*



Mary’s divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God’s invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). Elizabeth proclaims: “Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the *fruit of your womb*. And how does this happen to me, that *the mother of my Lord* should come to me?” (Luke 1:42-43, emphasis added). Mary’s role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God’s redemptive plan.

Without naming Mary, Paul asserts that “God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law” (Galatians 4:4). Paul’s further statement that “God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out ‘Abba, Father!’” helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

Some theologians also insist that Mary’s motherhood of Jesus is an important element in God’s creative plan. God’s “first” thought in creating was Jesus. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the one who could give God perfect love and worship on behalf of all creation. As Jesus was “first” in God’s mind, Mary was “second” insofar as she was chosen from all eternity to be his mother.

**The Stained Glass Window project is mostly complete.** TerHaar, will return in the Spring when it is warmer so the calk sets properly, and they will install the storm windows on the lower portion of the two big windows next to St. Joseph. Thank you for your generosity to pay for them. They should last 100 years.

**Condolences** to the family of Jean Baldy, whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 21st.

The precise title “Mother of God” goes back at least to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form *Theotokos* (God-bearer), it became the touchstone of the Church’s teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the holy virgin *Theotokos*. At the end of this particular session, crowds of people marched through the street shouting: “Praised be the *Theotokos*!” The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary’s role in the Church, Vatican II’s *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* calls Mary “Mother of God” 12 times. To learn more, visit [www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/)

### Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
12/22/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$3,010.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$726.00
Christmas flowers	\$25.00
Christmas env	\$350.00
Fuel	\$25.00
<b>Collection Total for 12/22/24:</b>	<b>\$4,136.00</b>
Mass Intentions*	\$44.00
Funeral stipend *	\$150.00
Stole fee *	\$300.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$82,875.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 12/22/24)	\$96,949.88

• Not included in Collection Total

\*\* Does not include festival income

## Parish Events

- Dec 31st at 6:30pm and Jan 1st at 8:30am—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Jan 3rd—First Friday Devotions
- Jan 4th—First Saturday Devotions
- Jan 4th—Epiphany party 6:30-8:30pm
- Jan 5th—Donut Sunday after Mass
- Jan 7th at 7:15pm—Class on God resumes
- Jan 14th—Festival meeting 7:15pm
- Jan 19th 9-11am—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast
- Jan 21st at 7:10pm—Parish councils meet

**No Faith Formation classes or Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, 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** to the crew who decorated for Christmas and to everyone who donated for the Christmas flowers. Very beautiful and much appreciated!

**Class on God** by Fr. Kubista will resume on Tuesday, Jan 7th, at 7:15pm. Even if you have not attended a previous class you are welcome to come and join.

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

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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,  
Erma Schlumpburger

*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 29th**—for the end of the Middle  
East conflict—St Michael's CCW,  
St. Michael

**Jan 5th**—for Pope Francis—Iten  
Funeral Home, Watertown and Delano