



Second Sunday of Advent
December 8th, 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 7th	4pm	Bill Horsch +
Sun 8th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Mon 9th	6:30pm	Paul & Anna Dalbec+
Tues 10th	6:30pm	Special Intention
Wed 11th	8:30am	Mike Leuthner+
Thur 12th	8:30am	Allen Henry+
Fri 13th	8:30am	Carol & Brad Theisen+
Sat 14th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 15th	8:30am	Geraldine & James Motzko 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 after each weekday Mass

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Dec 7th	Stephanie C (L), Sue R (S), Don G & volunt. (U)
Dec 8th	Deb Dodge (L/S), Jim O' & Dave L (U)
Dec 9th	Tracy A (L), Sue R (S), Volunteers (U)
Dec 14th	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Dec 15th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe M (U)

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

When Mary said her yes to the Angel Gabriel, God the Son (the second person of the Blessed Trinity) having a Divine nature, took on a human nature. This is called the Incarnation.

Before the angels, the heavens, the earth, plants, animals, and man were created, God the Father, Son, and God Holy Spirit (the Blessed Trinity) existed as pure Spirit. We cannot see the spiritual and in a certain sense the spiritual is more real than the physical. God always existed as the Prophet Isaiah says referring to the Lord: *“Before me no god was formed, and after me there shall be none. I, I am the LORD; there is no savior but me.”* (Isaiah 43:10-11) God is existence for without God, nothing could exist. If God did not exist then there would be nothing and that cannot be because there has to be something. It is God who has brought everything into existence through His powerful love and holds everything in existence. When Moses asked God who He was, *“God replied to Moses: I am who I am”* and God tells Moses to tell the Israelites enslaved in Egypt that I AM sent him. (Exodus 3:14) Jesus tells his disciples at he is I AM (John 8:24) and says to them *“when you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM, and that I do nothing on my own, but I say only what the Father taught me”* (John 8:28)

At a certain point in time (when Mary said yes to the Angel Gabriel) Jesus’ person took on a human nature (the Incarnation). The uniting of Jesus’ Divine nature with a human nature is called the hypostatic union. The Catholic Dictionary (CD) says that *“at the Council of Chalcedon (A.D. 451) the Church declared that the two natures of Christ are joined “in one person and one hypostasis”, where hypostasis means one substance.”* From a word perspective, the definition of hypo means *“beneath”* or *“below”* and static means *“not moving”* or *“changing”*. So putting these together we get hypostatic union which means that in the person of Christ, there is an unchanging (static) nature (his Divinity) which is united (the union) with a lower (hypo) nature (a human nature). Thus Christ is both God and man.

The CD says that nature of something is *“the inner principle of a thing’s operations and activity”* or the essence of a being which determines its operative capacities. The nature *“enables”* (or gives the potential) to a being to function in various ways. In Christ’s Divinity, he can do those things proper to being God the Son, as each person in the Trinity have certain roles (which in part distinguishes them as persons) yet they are of one substance. As human persons we are similar, yet each one of us is a unique person as we are different in our manifestation of that human nature.

We can look to our nature to understand about Jesus’ human nature. We all have a physical body and a spiritual soul yet each one of us expresses these in different ways. Jesus is like us in all things but sin. Jesus *“had to become like his brothers in every way”* (Hebrews 2:17) and Jesus our high priest is able to sympathize with us because he *“has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.”* (Hebrews 4:15) So Jesus’ experience (although different specifics) is similar to how we experience things as human beings. Jesus had to learn, he *“grew and became strong, filled with wisdom”* (Luke 2:40), he *“advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man”* (Luke 2:52), he suffered, and he died. Because he was sinless and because his Divinity would inform his humanity, he did have advantages that we do not have although if we have the Holy Spirit (God’s Grace) dwelling in us, then we are aided to live our lives closer to the Divine plan.

We thank Jesus for taking on a human nature (becoming man). We ask that Jesus help us live like him so that we are united to God through him for all eternity. 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.



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, Dec 9th.

Archbishop Hebda has dispensed us from the obligation of attending mass for the Holy Day. We will have Mass at 6:30pm on that day.



Second Collection Dec 7-8 for the Retirement Fund for Religious

Support those who have given a lifetime. Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. The annual Retirement Fund for Religious helps enable many religious communities to meet their pressing retirement needs for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Your contributions also support newer religious communities with their retirement planning. In 2023, together, the faithful of our archdiocese donated \$428,604 to the fund. A testament to how much we love our consecrated religious! We thank you for your past generosity and ask when the 2024 collection takes place December 7—8, if you'd please give generously and gratitude to our religious sisters,

brothers, and priests. Donations may be given directly to your parish for them to forward onto the archdiocese.

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!

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
12/1/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,292.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,441.16
Votives	\$312.00
Christmas flowers	\$455.00
Christmas env	\$30.00
Stained glass windows	\$200.00
Donut Sunday	\$53.40
Collection Total for 12/1/24:	\$4,783.56
Masses *	\$63.00
Stole fee *	\$75.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$72,930.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 12/1/24)	\$85,443.80

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include festival income

Parish Events

- Dec 7th-8th—Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious
- Dec 9th at 6:30pm—Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Dec 10th at 7:15pm—Class on God
- Dec 11th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- 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

The Catholic Order of Foresters Court 1560 quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at noon at 310 Pacific Ave, Waverly, MN. Everyone is welcome to attend. **The annual Christmas Party** will be Sunday, December 8th in the St. Mary's (Waverly) Parish Center from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. They will be serving a pizza lunch at 3:30 pm.

Stained Glass Window Update: TerHaar has scheduled the install for the rest of the stained glass windows for Wed Dec 18th and Thurs. Dec 19th, 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.

Thank you sponsors! If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Kathleen at kmotzko@stmarydelano.org

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Karen Otto, Julie Windsperger,
Tom & Pam Bruzek, Mary
Smith, Carol McGuire, Kent
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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 8th—for living and deceased members of St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Buffalo

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



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