



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19th, 2025

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 18th	4pm	Alex & Gladys Socher+
Sun 19th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 21st	6:30pm	Larry Bury+
Wed 22nd	8:30am	Allen Henry+
Thur 23rd	8:30am	Mike Leuthner+
Fri 24th	11am	Funeral—Gary Lebovsky
Sat 25th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 26th	8:30am	Jerry Peterson+

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	
Jan 18th	George & Sue (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Jan 19th	Deb D (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
Jan 25th	Tracy A (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Jan 26th	Glavans (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Infertility can be a very hard thing. Some couples, due to various factors, are unable to have children. If this is the case, some might resort to In vitro Fertilization (IVF) but this is immoral.

In vitro (meaning in glass or in the glass) is when activity is performed (in test tubes, flasks, Petri dishes, etc) with molecules outside their normal biological context. It is where we get the term test tube babies as the baby is created in a test tube. IVF is taking the sperm of the man (typically through masturbation which is immoral) and taking the ovum of a woman (synthetic hormones are used to stimulate the ovaries to produce multiple eggs which then are removed using a needle which is not in God's order) and impregnating the ovum with the sperm at which point a person is created. God has given us the responsibility to be co-creators of the human person with Him (He creates the soul and we the body), a responsibility that we can abuse. This child is then implanted in the womb of a woman. Typically more than one child is implanted and then selectively removed later, in other words an abortion or multiple abortions take place at the time of removal. Any child not implanted can be kept frozen which is very inhumane as it treats the child like some sort of commodity, ready to be used whenever. Donor eggs or sperm can be used which confuses who is the real father and/or mother is. So there are serious moral problems with IVF.

God ordained children to be brought into the world by the loving embrace of a man and a woman coming together. A child deserves to be brought into this world in this loving act. The embrace of husband and wife is to be so profound (it is to be an act of love) that from this love a third person comes into existence. Thus man and woman and the conception of a child image God Himself: the Father the source (man), the begotten Son (woman), and the love between the Father and Son (that proceeds from both) the Holy Spirit (child). When God created Adam and Eve, they were made in His image and this image includes their fruitfulness in love, children. Children are ordained by God to come into existence in this way and any other way violates His laws and order. We have not right nor do we want to mess with God's order. Creating a child in a Petri dish and then implanting it in the womb of a woman is not an image of the Trinity but rather an image of man grasping to be gods.

We are aware that some couples cannot get pregnant. This can certainly be a great cross and burden. St. Paul confirms them in their pain. *"Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ."* (Gal 6:2) Couples can pray to God's for help as was done by individuals in the Bible. They can try to seek medical help to see if they can work through any medical condition that might prevent them from having children. These medical treatments should follow morally permissible options. Adoption can be an option for those couples who cannot have any of their own children. Every child is a gift from God and ultimately is His child. It is God who creates the soul and we are His as the Bible declares. *"Know that the LORD is God, he made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the flock he shepherds."* (Ps 100:3) *"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."* (Rom 14:8)

We are not to use or support the use of IVF. We pray that those couples who are not able to have children be supported and know that God has a plan for them. They certainly are to be spiritually fruitful. God bless you.

Coffee & Conversation Small Group Resumes

Coffee & Conversation small group has resumed meetings on Thursday mornings at 9:15-10:15am, Feed your body and your soul by nurturing friendship, giving gratitude, exploring the topic of prayer, and praying for needs of self and others. Join us for coffee and conversation Thursdays after the 8:30 am Mass. Current topic is Prayer 101. Feel free to come to any or all sessions.



The Monday night group hasn't yet resumed but will in the near future. More info to come.

Blessing of Candles, on Sunday, Feb. 2nd—Get your candles ready for Candlemas

Though not widely celebrated, Candlemas preserves a rich tradition of the Church. If you count 40 days after the celebration of Christmas you reach February 2. Early on, the Church marked that day with a special feast and it is the final "baby Jesus" day in the liturgical calendar before the celebration of Lent. The feast has many different names in the Roman Catholic Church. It has been called the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and, more familiarly, Candlemas. Each name highlights a different aspect of the feast that the Church celebrates. First of all, it is called the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary on account of an ancient Mosaic law explained in Leviticus. Mary, being a faithful Jew, abided by the law and did what was required of her. After 40 days passed she approached the priest with the proper offering to be declared "clean." The liturgical celebration is also called the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, and again corresponds to an ancient Jewish practice of presenting the first-born to God. St. Luke narrates how, while at the Temple, the Holy Family encountered an old man named Simeon and what he said next



constitutes the basis for why the feast is called Candlemas. Simeon declared that Jesus would be a "light," and the Church developed a custom of lighting and blessing candles on this day
 – excerpts from article by Philip Kosloski/Aleteia

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
1/5/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$1,880.00
1/5/25: Weekly Plate	\$976.00
1/5/25: Other collections	\$1,253.50
Collection Total for 1/5/25 :	\$4,109.50
1/12/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,109.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$893.00
Building Fund	\$130.00
Collection Total for 1/12/25:	\$3,132.00
Masses*	\$130.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$92,820.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 1/12/25)	\$118,492.61

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include other income sources such as festival or land rent

Blessing of Throats at Feb. 2nd/3rd Masses

In honor of the Feast day of St Blaise (Feb 3rd), Fr Kubista will be blessing throats at the weekend masses.

Parish Events

- **Jan 19th 9-11am—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast—for benefit of Options for Women Cornerstone**
- **Jan 21st at 7:10pm—Parish councils meet**
- **Jan 22nd at 6:30pm—Faith Formation**
- **Feb 2nd—Donut Sunday after Mass**
- **Feb 7th—First Friday Mass and Devotions**
- **Feb 8th—First Saturday Devotions 3:25pm**

Jan 22nd at the Capital—MCCL March for Life

Catholic Civics course starts January 21st at St Anne's in Hamel—see bulletin board for more details.

Congratulations to the family of Asher Leroy Molus (son of Luke and Krista Molus) who will be baptized on Sunday, Jan 12th.

Holy Trinity School Open House Jan 26th—Holy Trinity School in Winsted is hosting an open house and Family Fun Fest on Sunday, Jan 26th, 11am-1pm. Kindergarten roundup at 12pm. For more info visit winstedholyltrinity.org

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 19th for our first of three Waffle/French Toast Breakfasts. Free-will donations will be accepted and this month's proceeds will be for the benefit of Options for Women/Cornerstone Pregnancy Clinic in St Michael.



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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



Jan 19th—for the living and deceased members of Catholic United Financial Council 31, St Michael

Jan 26th - for the living and deceased members of Catholic Order of Foresters Council 1560, Delano