



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26th, 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 25th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 26th	8:30am	Jerry Peterson+
Tues 28th	6:30pm	Special Intention
Wed 29th	8:30am	Jerry Peterson+
Thur 30th	8:30am	George & Susan Swartzter+
Fri 31st	8:30am	Terry Gray+
Sat 1st	4pm	Bill Horsch+
Sun 2nd	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	
Jan 25th	Tracy A (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Jan 26th	Glavans (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)
Feb 1st	George & Sue (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Feb 2nd	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)

Thank you to all of those who volunteer to be Lectors, Sacristans, and Ushers at our masses. Your dedication is much appreciated!

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

We are called to take care of our world as God intended it. In the beginning of the world, when God created the heavens and the earth, on the sixth day of Creation, God commanded Adam and Eve to: *“Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.”* (Gen 1:28) Subdue is a translation and the word implies a sort of control of Creation. If we read the context, though, the idea trying to be conveyed is more that it is *“to subject to oneself”*, which means to use Creation for one’s benefit, to help it thrive so that humanity thrives. It does not imply mastery over Creation with a sense of changing it, for God had created the world and it was very good. If we think we can change it, we are thinking we can do better than God, and that is a fallacy.

It is important to realize that the world we live in is different than it was before the Flood. There is evidence that the climate was less volatile (more moderate) before the Flood than it is now. In other words, we have already had climate change and a substantial climate change during and after the Flood. God knew that the Flood was going to happen when He created the world. So He would have had safeguards in place which would have mitigated the Flood, so that after the Flood, the world (although more volatile), would have been balanced and would reach an equilibrium state, a state which would be habitable and allow humanity to thrive, although in a diminished manner. (Sin does not only impact human persons, it impacts all of Creation.)

Some believe that we must change our climate in order to save the planet. They think that we can mess around with the atmosphere (including the weather) so that we control “global warming” (which is a theory). *“One of the techniques already being used in several places in the U.S. is weather modification, or cloud seeding, which involves injecting microscopic particles of silver iodide into the atmosphere to encourage rain and snowfall.”* Manipulating the environment (climate) is called geo-engineering and implies that we are trying to change the way God set up the conditions on earth because we assume we know better. It is a huge fallacy and can lead us down the path to negatively affecting ourselves and our world and it can have serious consequences, especially spiritually.

One of the more prominent ideas to change the atmosphere (to try to “cool” the planet) is what is called stratospheric aerosol injection (*SAI*). This technique uses particles that block some of sun’s rays from reaching the earth, so that they earth is not warmed as much, similar to the effect of smoke from a volcano. In July 2022, an MIT report said that the US government is developing a solar geo-engineering research plan. *“The one that’s gained the most attention is using planes or balloons to disperse tiny particles in the stratosphere. These would then—in theory—reflect back enough sunlight to ease warming, mimicking the effect of massive volcanic eruptions in the past.”* In June 2023, the government was planning to have a five year study on climate engineering and on June 30, 2023, it released a report which said that *“stratospheric aerosol injection is releasing particles of sulfur dioxide or another substance into the upper atmosphere to reflect sunlight away from the Earth. Marine cloud brightening is meant to improve the reflectivity of certain clouds by injecting sea salt or through other methods.”* Geo-engineering is not a recent endeavor as there is evidence that it has been studied earlier; the government had discussed it in 2009 and 2010.

One of the ways to block the sun’s rays through atmospheric dispersion is using a jet to disperse particles either from its engines or spray nozzles mounted on its wings. These dispersions are called chem-trails. The documentary *The Dimming* and an interview with Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (both on geoengineeringwatch.org) describe the issue. (Continued next week...)

Small Groups Resume Meetings—Topic is Prayer 101

Coffee & Conversation small group has resumed meetings on Thursday mornings at 9:15-10:15am and the Monday night group is resuming meetings on January 27th at 6pm. Feed your body and your soul by nurturing friendship, giving gratitude, exploring the topic of prayer, and praying for needs of self and others. Current topic is Prayer 101. Feel free to come to any or all sessions.

Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas) and the Blessing of Candles Feb 1st/2nd

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: This feast was originally celebrated in the Eastern Churches as "The Meeting" or "Encountering" (Hypapante), in the Church mankind meets the Lord. By the sixth century it began to be celebrated in the West, where the focus became the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and was accompanied by solemn blessings and processions with candles; hence, it is popularly called "Candlemas." By the offerings of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph and the prophecy of St. Simeon, the life of Christ here begins to point toward his Resurrection. If you have candles that you want to have blessed, please set them on the steps in front of Fr. Kubista's chair prior to the start of Mass.



Blessing of Throats on Feb 1st/2nd (Feast of St Blaise Feb 3rd)

Blaise was a hard-working bishop dedicated to encouraging the spiritual and physical health of his people in Sebastea, Armenia. Although the Edict of Toleration which granted freedom of worship in the Roman empire had been signed five years prior, religious persecution still raged in the country. According to a legend, a mother came to him with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Bishop Blaise's command, the child coughed up the bone. In another tale, Blaise was being led to the prison in Sebastea, and on the way came across a poor old woman whose pig had been stolen by a wolf. Blaise commanded the wolf return the pig, which it did -alive and

uninjured - to the amazement of all. In 316 AD he was beheaded for not sacrificing to the pagan gods. The account of his life was written nearly 400 years later. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual St. Blaise blessing for their throats.

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
1/19/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$1,455.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$915.00
Building Fund	\$5.00
Stole Fee	\$450.00
Collection Total for 1/19/25:	\$2,825.00
Waffle Breakfast*	\$1,156.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$96,135.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 1/19/25)	\$121,317.61

* Not included in Collection Total

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

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## Parish Events

- Jan 28th at 7:15pm—Class on God
- Jan 29th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Feb 1st—First Saturday Devotions 3:25pm
- Feb 2nd—Donut Sunday after Mass
- Feb 7th—First Friday Mass and Devotions
- Feb 16th—Confirmation Rite of Sending
- Feb 22nd—Family Fun Night and Bingo
- Feb 23rd—Confirmation at Basilica
- Feb 25th—End of Life Issues and Estate Planning seminar (sponsored by CUF)

**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](http://winstedholyltrinity.org)

**Save the Date for our next Waffle/French Toast breakfast on February 16th!** Thank you to our volunteers from St Mary and Delano Knights of Columbus who helped serve up a good time last Sunday. There was lots of good food and conversation for all who attended.

**Parish Fun Night Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Join us for an evening of fellowship, food, and free bingo. A light meal will be served after Mass from 5-6pm, and bingo will go from 6-8pm. We are in need of prizes for Bingo. Please drop them off in the basement at your convenience.

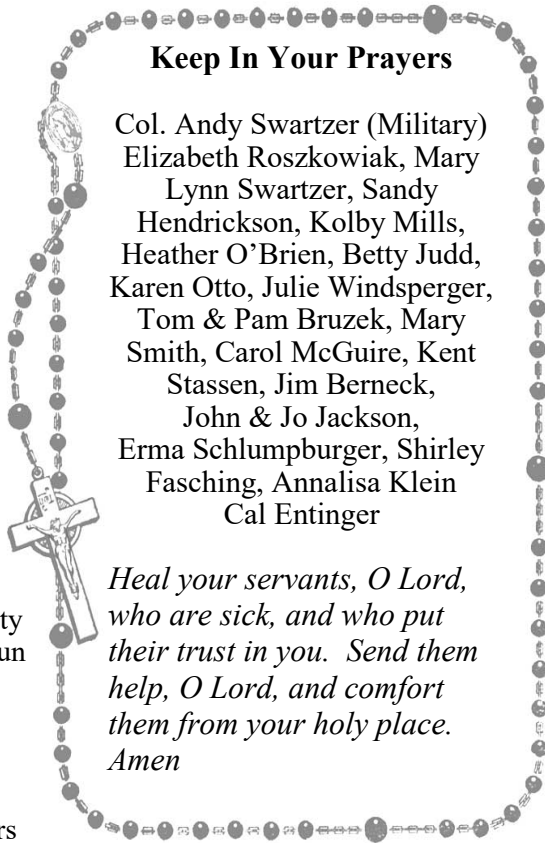
**Catholic Services Appeal 2025** - You probably got something in the mail regarding the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). This year our Parish's goal is \$10,689. There are brochures on the back tables. For more information you can go to [www.archspm.org/catholic](http://www.archspm.org/catholic)

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, Erma Schlumpburger, Shirley Fasching, Annalisa Klein Cal Entinger

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

**Feb 2nd**—for living and deceased members of St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Buffalo, MN

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