



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4th, 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 4th	4pm	Special Intention
Sun 5th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 7th	6:30pm	Betty Bury+
Wed 8th	8:30am	Gary Motzko+
Thur 9th	8:30am	Bill Horsch+
Fri 10th	8:30am	Jane Huncha+
Sat 11th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 12th	8:30am	Paul Gatzka+

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 4th	Tracy A (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Jan 5th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)
Jan 11th	Dickhausens (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Jan 12th	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)

2025 calendars are delayed and no updated commitment date was given.

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

All of us are called to faithfully live out our baptismal call. We are to be a priest as we sacrifice and offer ourselves to God and others. We are to be a prophet as we learn and speak the Truth helping point the way to God. We are to be a king as we guide and govern others leading them to Christ.

When we are baptized we are brought into the communion of faith, the People of God, the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. We are to faithfully follow God (and His Church) who has chosen us and marked (claimed) us for Himself. This indelible mark is a permanent mark on our soul and thus if we are baptized a Catholic we are always a Catholic. We are marked for mission (each with a unique one), to bear the Word of God to our world by the lives we live (our words and actions). In *Lumen Gentium* (which means “*Light to the Nations*” and which is the Dogmatic Constitution of the Church) it states: “*The term laity is... understood to mean all the faithful except those in holy orders and those in the state of religious life specially approved by the Church. These faithful are by baptism made one body with Christ and are constituted among the People of God; they are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ; and they carry out for their own part the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the world.*”(LG, 31)

Each one of us is called to be a priest for all of us are part of the common priesthood of Jesus Christ, both men and women are included in this role. It is only men who are called to ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ in part because they are acting in the person of Christ especially in the sacraments and as such, since Jesus is a man, this is essential for the actions they perform. “*Though they differ from one another in essence and not only in degree, the common priesthood of the faithful and the ministerial or hierarchical priesthood are nonetheless interrelated: each of them in its own special way is a participation in the one priesthood of Christ. The ministerial priest, by the sacred power he enjoys, teaches and rules the priestly people; acting in the person of Christ, he makes present the Eucharistic sacrifice, and offers it to God in the name of all the people. But the faithful, in virtue of their royal priesthood, join in the offering of the Eucharist. They likewise exercise that priesthood in receiving the sacraments, in prayer and thanksgiving, in the witness of a holy life, and by self-denial and active charity.*”(LG, 10) All who are baptized are to act as priests in the common priesthood. “*The supreme and eternal Priest, Christ Jesus, since he wills to continue his witness and service also through the laity, vivifies them in this Spirit and increasingly urges them on to every good and perfect work...For besides intimately linking them to His life and His mission, He also gives them a sharing in His priestly function of offering spiritual worship for the glory of God and the salvation of men. For this reason the laity, dedicated to Christ and anointed by the Holy Spirit, are marvelously called and wonderfully prepared so that ever more abundant fruits of the Spirit may be produced in them. For all their works, prayers and apostolic endeavors, their ordinary married and family life, their daily occupations, their physical and mental relaxation, if carried out in the Spirit, and even the hardships of life, if patiently borne—all these become “spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ”. Together with the offering of the Lord's body, they are most fittingly offered in the celebration of the Eucharist. Thus, as those everywhere who adore in holy activity, the laity consecrate the world itself to God.*”(LG, 34) All of us are to offer as priests our lives as a living sacrifice to God. (Continued next week...)

Epiphany Blessing of Homes: Many families will celebrate Epiphany with an opportunity to bless their homes in the New Year by taking the first two numbers of the year, adding the letters CMB (to honor the three Wise Men), and then adding the last two numbers of the year and displaying this sign over the top of the door of their home. The letters stand for the Latin phrase, “Christus mansionem benedicat,” or, “Christ, bless this house.” (20+C+M+B+25). There will be blessed chalk and instructions available on the back tables.



Pope Francis Declares 2025 as the Jubilee Year of Hope:

The first and last paragraphs from The Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 (Pope Francis) "SPES NON CONFUNDIT. “Hope does not disappoint” (Rom 5:5). In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years. My thoughts turn to all those pilgrims of hope who will travel to Rome in order to experience the Holy Year and to all those others who, though unable to visit the City of the Apostles Peter and Paul, will celebrate it in their local Churches. For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the “door” (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as “our hope” (1 Tim 1:1).

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
12/29/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$3,935.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$2,312.23
Christmas flowers	\$20.00
Christmas envelopes	\$5,517.00
Christmas plate	\$1,737.00
Immaculate Conception env	\$20.00
Stained-glass windows	\$200.00
Donation	\$500.00
Hall rental	\$60.00
Collection Total for 12/29/24:	\$14,301.23
Mass Intentions*	\$29.00
Cemetery plot *	\$900.00
Cemetery/memorial *	\$100.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$86,190.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 12/29/24)	\$111,251.11

Thank you everyone for your generous giving throughout this past year!

"Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: “Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!” (Ps 27:14). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever."



New Trustee Appointment:

Don Zimmerman has been appointed as the new Trustee replacing Andy Dickhausen. We thank Andy for his service and thank Don for being willing to serve our parish as Trustee.

Parish Events

- Jan 4th—Epiphany party 6:30-8:30pm
- Jan 5th—Donut Sunday after Mass
- Jan 7th at 7:15pm—Class on God resumes
- Jan 8th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation classes resume
- Jan 14th—Festival meeting 7:15pm
- Jan 19th 9-11am—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast
- Jan 21st at 7:10pm—Parish councils meet

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays 9am-6pm

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. We are going through the Old Testament talking about the various times God interacts with his people. All are welcome to come, even if you have not come to any in the past.

Save the Date for our first Waffle/French Toast Breakfast Jan. 19th—for the benefit of Cornerstone/Options for Women Pregnancy Center in St Michael.

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

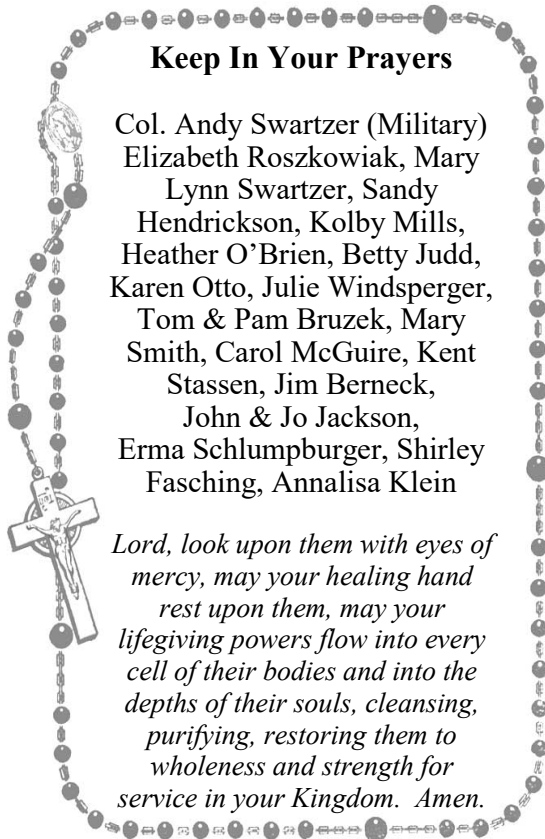
Festival Meeting Jan. 14th—this is the first of several planning meetings for our summer festival. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you sponsors! If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Kathleen at 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

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

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

Jan 12th—for living and deceased members of St Mary of Czestochowa Catholic Church, Delano

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