



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16th, 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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Formed.org sign in under St. Boniface.

MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 15th	4pm	Jane Huncha+
Sun 16th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 18th	6:30pm	Bill Horsch+
Wed 19th	8:30am	Special Intention
Thur 20th	8:30am	Eddie & Martha Malecek+
Fri 21st	8:30am	Eddie Malecek +
Sat 22nd	4pm	Allen Henry+
Sun 23rd	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	
Feb 15th	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Feb 16th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
Feb 22nd	Tracy A (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Feb 23rd	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

(Continued from last week...)

Dating in high school can be problematic. One of the main reasons is that one is not ready to marry. In high school, one should have both guy and girl friends. There should be no exclusive friendship (“dating”) relationship because this can result in a possessive relationship, where one cannot be friends or hang out with anybody else but their “friend”. One should enjoy high school and not have to worry about possessive relationships which can have negative aspects, like envy or jealousy. What can happen, especially with women (who are more emotionally sensitive) is that if there is a “break up”, one can feel rejected and their self esteem harmed. One can get too attached to someone and lose focus on school. The “couple” also can find themselves in tempting situations and then act as if they are married which can result in pregnancy and/or infection by an incurable Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD). It is better to avoid these situations (temptations), especially since persons are experiencing all kinds of emotional, hormonal, and psychological maturing. If a person is still maturing, it might be harder for them to deal with various things, and too many things all at once can overwhelm them, which may result in a less enjoyable high school experience, missed opportunities, and even various failures.

Parents should set up proper boundaries and “protect” their children. They should encourage their sons and/or daughters to go out with friends, both men and women, but do it in groups thus avoiding “exclusive” relationships. Their children should learn how to deal with both men and women in a healthy and mature way. Parents can guide their children in relationships by talking with them and addressing any issues. It is good to have reasonable curfew times. Patrick Homan (from *Couple to Couple League*) has some rules for dating: there is to be no touching below neck or above shins, one should hug and kiss like you would a brother, if there is any sense of a desire for inappropriate behavior, to stop immediately (group dates are encouraged), and make sure boundaries (rules) are clear before dating. Dating should really wait until a person is ready to marry. Fr. Frank Papa (who has extensive background in marriage preparation and youth work) says that to date someone without the impending prospect of marriage opens the door to a relationship that is based on emotion (feeling) and/or physical (sexual) attraction (not on love which is an act of the intellect and will, a choice) and thus often results in disappointment, conflict, bitterness, sorrow, shame, and a relationship that seldom lasts.

Pete Vere (a canon lawyer who has dealt with teen dating and marriage issues) has advice on dating (courtship) that leads to healthy marriages. Do not date rather be friends (not romantically involved) allow the friendship to grow and from this will come a deeper relationship. If a suitor moves to compromise chastity, break up immediately. Stay near adults or well populated areas so that things are in the open and nothing immoral is prone to occur. Have a zero tolerance for violence as a one-time event is not just a one-time event but most likely will happen again. Say no to anything that would compromise Catholic morality. No pornography as it destroys marriage, so if suitor is viewing it have them stop and if they do not then break up. Do not let derogatory comments (like fat or ugly) by a suitor move you to compromise on morality and/or thoughts that he/she is the best that you can do; realize he/she really does not love you. Go dutch, each person pays for their own things so that there is no expectation to get something else from either party.

We pray for parents (who have a great responsibility for their children) that they may guide their children to make good choices and realize that the Holy Spirit helps parents accomplish this. We pray for their children, that they are prudent in relationships and dating, grow in virtue and holiness, and follow God’s plan for their lives which might be the vocation of marriage. God bless you.

I am wondering if anyone in the parish is using FORMED.org. You can get there by going to <https://formed.org>.



There are all kinds of Catholic movies, educational videos, and other things at the site. I am wondering if we should continue to pay for this service. If you have been using it or would like to use it, let me know at 952-955-1139 or frkubista@stmarydelano.org.

- Thank you. Fr. Kubista

Lenten Retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center—see schedule on bulletin board.

Confirmation Rite of Sending is this Sunday (Feb. 16th)—please keep our eight Confirmandi in your prayers as they are making their final preparations for Confirmation at the Basilica on Feb. 23rd.

Charity Reports—are you wondering if your favorite charities conform to the teachings of the Catholic Church? Check out Lepanto Institute’s charity guide at their website www.lepantoin.org/wp/charity-reports for in-depth analyses of a variety of religious and secular charitable organizations.

End-of-Life Workshop on Feb. 25th

Attend a compassionate and timely Adult Education workshop about End of Life Decisions from a Catholic Perspective. Typical questions about end of life: Must medical treatment always be continued? Are Catholics allowed to have Living Wills? What is Church teaching about “Death with Dignity”? How do I make my Catholic health care directive? Fr. Paul Kubista will address these questions and others during this workshop on Tuesday, February 25th at St. Mary of Czestochowa at 7:15 p.m. Greg Gall, Regional Director of Catholic United Financial, will also be on hand to speak about the financial aspects of end of life decisions, including final expenses, estate plans, charitable giving, power of attorney and more. This workshop is sponsored by Catholic United Financial and Member Advisor Fred Swanson. To save your seat call 1-800-441-9949 or email workshops@catholicunited.org. Additional information can be found in the handouts on the back tables.



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 and envelopes on the back tables. For more information you can go to www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal/



Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
2/9/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,187.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$708.25
Stole Fee	\$20.00
Collection Total for 2/9/25:	\$2,915.25
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$106,080.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 2/9/25)	\$131,502.26

* Not included in Collection Total

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

Parish Events

- Feb 16th—Confirmation Rite of Sending
- Feb 16th—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast 9-11am
- Feb 22nd—Family Fun Night and Bingo
- Feb 23rd—Confirmation at Basilica
- Feb 25th at 7:15pm—End of Life Issues and Estate Planning seminar (sponsored by CUF)
- Mar 2nd—Donut Sunday and Reception for newly confirmed
- Mar 5th—Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:30am and 6:30pm
- Mar 9th—Daylight Saving Time starts

Join us this weekend for our second of three Waffle/French Toast breakfasts on Sunday, Feb 16th, 9-11am. This month will be for the benefit of our Faith Formation program and is being



sponsored by Catholic United Financial. Your generosity helps us to keep costs low for our participating families. Join us for some good food, fellowship and conversation.

Parish Fun Night Feb 22nd - 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 Bingo prizes for adults and children. Please leave them on the basement counter.

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

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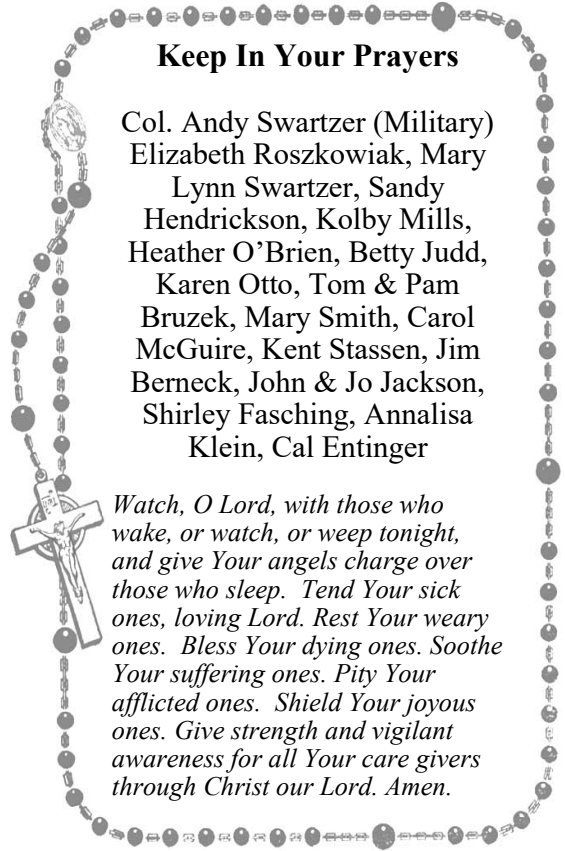
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Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend Your sick ones, loving Lord. Rest Your weary ones. Bless Your dying ones. Soothe Your suffering ones. Pity Your afflicted ones. Shield Your joyous ones. Give strength and vigilant awareness for all Your care givers through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Radio Rosary
11:00 am Sundays

KRWC - 1360 AM Buffalo

Feb 16th—for our military troops—St Timothy's CCW, Maple Lake

Feb 23rd—for an end to the Middle East conflict—St Michael's CCW, St. Michael