



**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
February 23rd, 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 22nd	4pm	Allen Henry+
Sun 23rd	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 25th	6:30pm	Clarence Nalewaya+
Wed 26th	8:30am	Doris Burns+
Thur 27th	8:30am	Loraine (Andres) Enos+
Fri 28th	8:30am	Carol & Brad Theisen+
Sat 1st	4pm	Margaret McDermott+
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	
Feb 22nd	Tracy A (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Feb 23rd	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)
Mar 1st	George & Sue (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Mar 2nd	Glavans (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:

Life can be hard at times, and as human beings sometimes we suffer. The definition of suffering is “*pain that is caused by injury, illness, loss, etc. : physical, mental, or emotional pain* “ Whether it is physical, emotional, or spiritual pain, we suffer.

God did not create suffering (or death) rather it is a result of sin. God created Adam and Eve to be happy with Him but their sin fractured that relationship and corrupted God’s creation. When Adam and Eve sinned, suffering entered the world, thus they (and the devil) are the source of suffering. God allows suffering in order that people can choose to love (love is a choice). We suffer at times because of our own sins. Sometimes we suffer through no fault of our own, when someone sins against us or by some circumstance out of our control. Even in this suffering, God is there; He helps us if we accept Him and gives us the strength to get through it. “*No trial has come to you but what is human. God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it.*”(1 Cor 10:13) God does not like to see us suffer and He understands what we are going through and so we can count on Him to help us get through it. It is important for us to pray to God, to raise our souls to Him, and seek His help.

God has suffered in the person of Jesus Christ so He has actually experienced it therefore He truly knows what it is all about. God the Father and God the Spirit are pure Spirits and as such do not experience suffering. The good angels do not suffer, only the fallen angels suffer as they experience the suffering due to the loss of God (who they were created to serve). St. Padre Pio says: “*We may add with the saints that if the angels could envy us anything, it is our capacity to suffer with and for Christ. There is scarcely anything so consoling for a Guardian Angel as to be able to guide and strengthen a human being through the school of victimhood. Indeed, an angel even comforted and strengthened Christ according to the weakness of His humanity in the Garden of Gethsemane.* “ In order to experience suffering, God became man (God took on a human nature in the Son, Jesus Christ) and in becoming man, entered into our world of suffering. “*Therefore, since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same attitude (for whoever suffers in the flesh has broken with sin),*”(1 Peter 4:1) Since Jesus became man and he experienced everything that we experience except sin, he would have experienced suffering. He would have gotten sick or have been hurt emotionally in some way and he experienced spiritual suffering, suffering in his soul just as we do in our soul. In the Agony in the Garden, he was so overwhelmed and stressed with suffering that he sweats blood. “*There is a known medical condition known as hematomidrosis in which a person has blood or blood pigments present in his sweat. This happens when ruptures in the skin occur that allow blood or blood pigment to move from the capillaries into the sweat glands...On the literal level, it would seem that Jesus, suffering the extreme stress of the Agony in the Garden, began to suffer from hematomidrosis. On the spiritual level, this event foreshadows the shedding of his blood for us on the cross.*” In Jesus Christ, God experienced suffering; He knows what suffering “feels” like.

We are to make the most of our suffering and allow it to draw us closer to God, as suffering can help us realize our dependence on Him. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says that an illness [and more broadly suffering] can help a person mature so that they can see more clearly what is essential in life [to love God] and turn to it. (Continued next week...)



**Congratulations Confirmandi!** The parish wishes to congratulate our Confirmation students who are being confirmed this weekend at the Basilica: Caleb Erickson, Greta Lins, Sophia Petty, Adison Praught, Claire Schlosser, Callie Stein, Joseph Taylor, and Emma Vervais. Please join us for a reception for them next Sunday (March 2nd) after Mass.

**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? To save your seat call 1-800-441-9949 or email [workshops@catholicunited.org](mailto:workshops@catholicunited.org). Additional information can be found in the handouts on the back tables.

**Upcoming Lenten Activities**

Lent starts in less than two weeks on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, and Fr. Kubista has some special activities planned.

Fr. Kubista will be teaching a class on the Mass on Tuesdays (3/11, 3/18, 3/25, and 4/1) from 7:15pm to 8:00pm. He will be going through various aspects of the Mass and will be a great way to learn and understand more about the Mass. Come to any or all of the sessions.

Stations of the Cross will be after the weekend masses and on Good Friday at 3pm.

Liturgy of the Hours will be said after the Divine Mercy Chaplet after daily masses.

**Free books for Lent: *The Hidden Power of Kindness*** by Fr. Lawrence Lovasik

- Transform yourself and the world through kindness
  - Learn how to make progress in the spiritual life by growing kinder and holier
  - Written by 20th Century priest, missionary, and founder of the Sisters of the Divine Spirit congregation, Fr. Lawrence Lovasik
- Copies are on the back tables. Please take one per household.

**Our Sacrificial Giving**

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
<b>2/16/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking</b>	\$1,965.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$835.00
Masses	\$57.00
Breakfast	\$1,045.00
<b>Collection Total for 2/16/25:</b>	<b>\$4,002.00</b>
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$109,395.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 2/16/25 )	\$135,504.26

\* Not included in Collection Total

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

**Catholic Services Appeal**

The 2025 CSA is under way and our Parish's goal is \$10,689. If you didn't receive your packet in the mail there are extra brochures/envelopes on the back tables. For more information you can go to [www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal](http://www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal). Thank you for your generosity!

## Parish Events

- 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)
- Feb 26th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Mar 1st—1st Saturday Devotions 3:25pm
- Mar 2nd—Donut Sunday and Reception for newly confirmed
- Mar 5th—Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:30am and 6:30pm
- Mar 7th—First Friday Devotions
- Mar 9th—Daylight Saving Time starts
- Mar 11th at 7:15pm—Fr Kubista class on the Mass

### Family Fun Night Saturday, Feb 22nd after Mass

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.

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

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.lepanto.in.org/wp/charity-reports](http://www.lepanto.in.org/wp/charity-reports) for in-depth analyses of a variety of religious and secular charitable organizations.

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Elizabeth Roszkowiak, Mary  
Lynn Swartzter, Sandy  
Hendrickson, Kolby Mills,  
Heather O'Brien, Betty Judd,  
Karen Otto, Tom & Pam  
Bruzek, Mary Smith, Carol  
McGuire, Kent Stassen, Jim  
Berneck, John & Jo Jackson,  
Annalisa Klein, Cal Entinger

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

**Mar 2nd**—for Pope Francis—Iten Funeral Home, Watertown and Delano