



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9th, 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 8th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 9th	8:30am	Ronald Remer+
Tues 11th	6:30pm	NO MASS
Wed 12th	8:30am	NO MASS
Thur 13th	8:30am	NO MASS
Fri 14th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 15th	4pm	Jane Huncha+
Sun 16th	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 8th	Stephanie & Sue (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Feb 9th	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)
Feb 15th	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Feb 16th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Dating is a question that should be addressed especially by parents who have children of high school age. What is the purpose of dating and when should it be done.

What does the word date mean? There are a number of definitions but the one that we will focus on is related to people and relationships. Date (noun) is “*a social meeting planned before it happens, especially one between two people who have or might have a romantic relationship*” or “*an appointment to meet at a specified time*” or “*a person with whom one has a usually romantic date*” To date (verb) is “*to regularly spend time with someone you have a romantic relationship with*” or “*to make a usually romantic social arrangement to meet with: to have a date with*” We will focus on dating, which is regularly spending time with someone leading to marriage.

There are various aspects of dating. In *Dating: A Practical Catholic Guide*, Jason King gives reasons for dating: to find someone to marry, to prevent one from being lonely, to experience different kinds of relationships, to learn to relate to people of opposite sex, and to love a person for who they are. Jason says that dating is a way we learn how to love with Christian love. Another source said dating was a sampling process to see if one wants to move to a more “serious relationship”. Dr. Mario Sacasa, in *Catholic Dating 101: A Better Way to Date*, says that dating is primarily about finding God’s will and from it to learn to love the other person while growing individually, and thus gain a better understanding of God’s plan for one’s life. Dr. Sacasa talks about how prayer is important before, during, and after the date, to reflect in one’s own mind and with others (including parents), and then act appropriately as to how God is guiding. In *Dating as a Practicing Catholic*, Christina Sorrentino says that dating is a discernment period where both individuals grow in virtue, holiness, and their relationship and knowledge of each other, which is guided by God to discern if they are to be married. So dating is repetitively meeting (spending time) with a person of the opposite sex with the main purpose to get to know that person in order to marry.

Exclusive dating means that one is repetitively meeting with a specific person of the opposite sex (they do not go with anyone else). This implies that those dating are more seriously discerning whether the other is a suitable person to marry which is why the exclusiveness, there is a good chance that it will lead to marriage. Courtship is similar to exclusive dating, although it might be considered a more serious step along the path to marriage, as it is the step before engagement. Jason King says that courtship presupposes the real possibility of marriage.

Let’s look at the progression of a relationship that leads to marriage. First a couple starts to get to know each other and become friends. This should be the first step in any relationship and this friendship should continue no matter how things proceed between the couple, they should always be friends. Sadly, many friendships end because of the hurt that occurs in the way things progress in the relationship. It is good that a couple spend time in a group. Then the couple decides that they want to spend more time together and so they enter into a “dating” relationship. The relationship does not have to be exclusive at this point so they could “date” go out with another person. Once it is determined that the person is a good possibility to marry, the couple then enters into exclusive dating and then courtship. Then the last step would be engagement, when they have decided to marry and are preparing for it in a substantial way. Nowhere in the process should the couple simulate marriage (including cohabitation) for when they are married they will be given God’s graces so they can indeed fulfill their vows. (Continued next week...)

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

Thank you to our volunteers who keep the poinsettias looking so beautiful!

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

Confirmation Rite of Sending is next 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.

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	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
2/2/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,280.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$777.75
Masses	\$20.00
Donut Sunday	\$92.00
Faith Formation	\$400.00
Collection Total for 2/2/25:	\$3,569.75
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$102,765.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 2/2/25)	\$128,587.01

* Not included in Collection Total

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

Parish Events

- Feb 12th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Feb 16th—Confirmation Rite of Sending
- Feb 16th—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast
- 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)

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays 9am-6pm

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 at our first breakfast. There was lots of good food and conversation for all who attended. Our next breakfast will be for the benefit of our Faith Formation program and is being sponsored by Catholic United Financial.

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.

Condolences: The parish wishes to extend condolences to the family of Gary Lebovsky, whose funeral Mass was celebrated Friday, Jan. 24th. May our Lord grant him eternal rest.

No weekday Masses this week, Feb 11th-14th and no Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, Feb 12th, due to Fr. Kubista being out of town.

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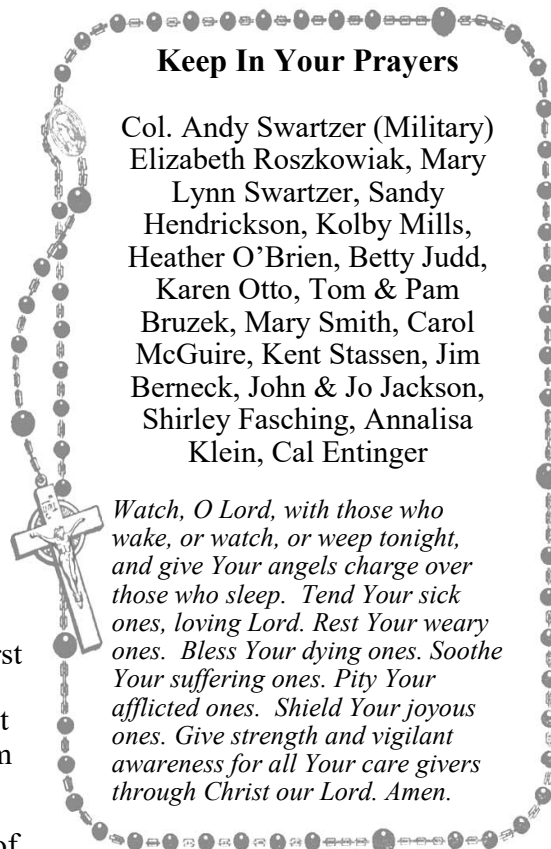
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Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend Your sick ones, loving Lord. Rest Your weary ones. Bless Your dying ones. Soothe Your suffering ones. Pity Your afflicted ones. Shield 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 9th—for the passing of just laws in our country—Knights of Columbus #4174, St Michael

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