



**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
March 2nd, 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 kmotzko@stmarydelano.org

**Formed.org** sign in under St. Boniface.

MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 1st	4pm	Margaret McDermott+
Sun 2nd	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 4th	6:30pm	Health
Wed 5th	8:30am 6:30pm	Mike Leuthner+ Terry Gray+
Thur 6th	8:30am	Marcella Wickenhauser+
Fri 7th	8:30am	Special Intention
Sat 8th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 9th	8:30am	Jerry Peterson+

**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	
Mar 1st	George & Sue (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Mar 2nd	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)
Mar 5th	Tracy A (L), Sue R (S), volunteers (U)
Mar 8th	Depas (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Mar 9th	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)

## A Message from Fr. Kubista:

(Continued from last week...) The CCC continues: *“Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to him.”* As the Mystical Body of Christ, we can offer our suffering for ourselves or for others by uniting our sufferings to those of Christ, and thus share in some way in the Redemption. We can make our suffering redemptive. St. Peter says: *“But rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly.”* (1 Peter 4:13) St. Pope John Paul II says: *“This is the meaning of suffering, which is truly supernatural and at the same time human. It is supernatural because it is rooted in the divine mystery of the Redemption of the world, and it is likewise deeply human, because in it the person discovers himself, his own humanity, his own dignity, his own mission....”* *“Through Christ and in Christ, the riddles of sorrow and death grow meaningful”* We may not see all the effects of our suffering, it will only be at the end of time when we come before Jesus Christ (our judge in the final judgment) where the effects of our redemptive suffering will be revealed. Therefore, we are to make the most of our suffering.

When we suffer, we can offer it up to help ourselves (in reparation for our sins) or others. When someone offends us (for example) we can still act in charity towards them. We can forgive them, we can give them the benefit of the doubt, we can help them see how they still are a child of God even in their sin against us, that we love them and want them to come to Christ. We cannot underestimate the power behind suffering. Here is what St. Pope John Paul II says: *“It is suffering, more than anything else, which clears the way for the grace which transforms human souls. Suffering, more than anything else, makes present in the history of humanity the powers of the Redemption. In that “cosmic” struggle between the spiritual powers of good and evil, spoken of in the Letter to the Ephesians, human sufferings, united to the redemptive suffering of Christ, constitute a special support for the powers of good, and open the way to the victory of these salvific powers.”* We cannot underestimate how our suffering for and with others, can help them and ourselves.

Because of sin, we suffer, sometimes through our own sin, sometimes through the sin of others, and at other times because we live in a world which has been corrupted by sin. As St. Paul has reminded us, *“I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that sees for itself is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.”* (Romans 8:18-25)

We thank God for being with us and helping us (with His Grace) to get through suffering. We remember that God is just and that we will merit and be rewarded for the times when we suffered, especially the times when it was through no fault of our own. We pray that we persevere in hope, that enduring the sufferings of the present age, we indeed will experience the glories to come. God bless you.



**Congratulations Confirmandi!** The parish wishes to congratulate our Confirmation students who were confirmed last 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 this Sunday after Mass. Check out our Facebook page for photos from the event.

**Man of the Shroud Exhibit** coming to St. Max March 2-9. Check out dates and times on the flyer posted on the bulletin board or at [stmaxkolbechurch.org](http://stmaxkolbechurch.org). The exhibit displays the history, science and mystery behind what is believed to be the original burial cloth of Jesus.

**Thank you to all those who donated, helped, and came to the Bingo Fun Night.** It was a good turnout and it was lots of fun. The next Bingo Fun Night will be the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Thank you.

**Extra copies of the Lent/Easter schedule** can be found on the back tables and on the website.

## Upcoming Lenten Activities

Lent starts this week 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>2/23/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking</b>	<b>\$1,982.00</b>
Weekly Plate collection	\$976.00
Stole Fee	\$105.04
Bingo	\$336.00
<b>Collection Total for 2/23/25:</b>	<b>\$3,399.04</b>
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$112,710.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 2/23/25 )	\$138,903.30

\* 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

- **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 and Eucharistic Adoration**
  - **Mar 9th—Daylight Saving Time starts**
  - **Mar 11th at 7:15pm—Fr Kubista class on the Mass**
  - **Mar 12th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation**
- Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration 9am-6pm**

**No Faith Formation on Wednesday, March 5th** due to Delano Spring Break. Even though Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, we encourage all families to attend Mass at one of the local parishes.

**Lenten Fasting & Abstinence** - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. As canon law states, Catholics over the age of 14 are expected to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays throughout the Lenten Season (Canon 1250 -1253).



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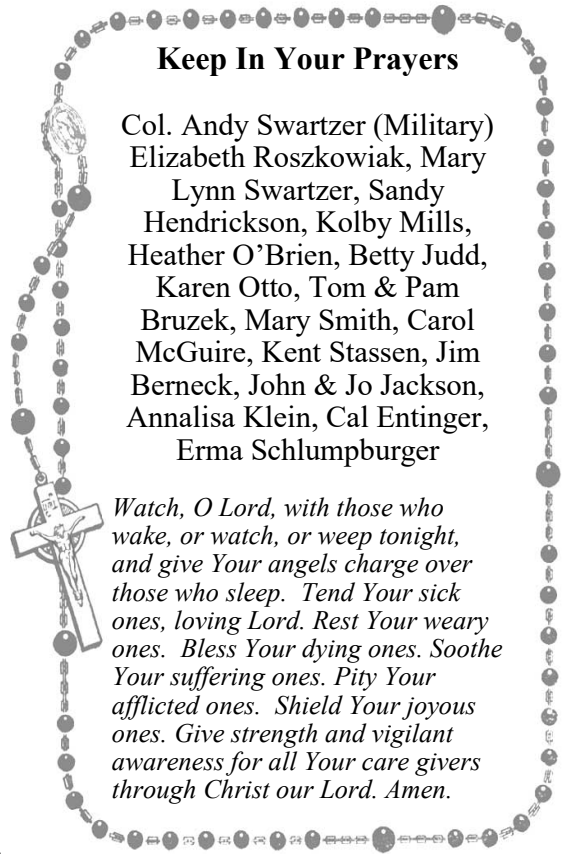
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*Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend Your sick ones, loving Lord. Rest Your weary ones. Bless Your dying ones. Soothe Your suffering ones. Pity Your afflicted ones. Shield 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

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

**Mar 9th**—for living and deceased members of St Mary of Czestochowa Catholic Church, Delano