



Second Sunday of Lent
March 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	Rosie Spurzem+
Sun 16th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 18th	6:30pm	Clarence Nalewaya+
Wed 19th	8:30am	Gary Motzko+
Thur 20th	8:30am	Geraldine Motzko+
Fri 21st	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 22nd	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 23rd	8:30am	Rodney Walters+

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 15th	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Mar 16th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
Mar 22nd	Stephanie C (L), Sue J (S), Don G & Jim C (U)
Mar 23rd	Glavans (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Temptations occur because we are creatures who can choose. We have been given freedom by God in order that we can love Him, that we can freely follow His will (His plan for our lives) by following His commands. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: *"Man, enticed by the Evil One, abused his freedom at the very beginning of history." He succumbed to temptation and did what was evil. He still desires the good, but his nature bears the wound of original sin. He is now inclined to evil and subject to error: Man is divided in himself. As a result, the whole life of men, both individual and social, shows itself to be a struggle, and a dramatic one, between good and evil, between light and darkness.*"(CCC 1707)

Temptations are thoughts or inclinations which influence our choices towards evil. The dictionary defines temptation as: *"1: to entice to do wrong by promise of pleasure or gain, to allure into evil, to seduce; 2: to make trial of, to test; 3: to induce to do something, to incite"* If we look at these definitions, they shed light on various aspects of temptation and help us gain a greater understanding of it.

The first is that temptations come to us and they appear to be good. It appears there is a pleasure or a gain from what we are tempted to do. Typically, there is a lure to do evil; there is something in the temptation which is pleasurable or something that we will gain. Even in the case when we do something out of fear (which can minimize how responsible we are for the sin) we are trying to avoid something that is uncomfortable and thus are trying to avoid the pain of what we fear. So before we do something, we really should weigh the options. Is the temptation the "right" thing to do? Are there any immoral issues with what we are debating doing? What pleasure are we seeking? Is the pleasure going to make us happy or is it going to enslave us to desire to commit the sin again and allow our passions to control us? Why are we seeking the pleasure? Are we trying to seek the pleasure in order that we "cover up" something which is bothering us or that we are trying to deal with? If we have acted on the temptation in the past, what has been the result of our action? Has it really made us happy and satisfied us? We have to remember that we will never be totally satisfied until we are in Heaven. Everything we try to do in our life on this earth will never totally satisfy us. We will always want something more, namely God. We will only find God if we follow after all that He has instructed us, to follow His commands.

Second is that temptations are a trial for us. Temptations can be hard and test our love for God. Adam and Eve were given a test. They could do many things in the Garden (eat many kinds of fruits and vegetables) the only fruit they could not eat was the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. How much did they really love God? If God did not test their love, how could they have shown that they really loved Him? There had to be something they could choose to disobey God. There had to be a test in order for them to prove their love. The same is with us. If our love of God is not tested, how can we prove our love of God and how can it grow? As gold is refined by fire, so is our love of God. We can expect to be tempted (tested). The more that we acknowledge this, accept it, and work through it, the more God can love us, and the more capacity we have to love God.
(Continued next week...)

Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, March 19th

In the West, the oldest reference to the cult of Saint Joseph (*Ioseph sponsus Mariae*) connected with 19 March appears around the year 800 in the north of France. Thereafter, reference to Joseph, the spouse of Mary, becomes more and more frequent from the 9th to the 14th centuries. In the 12th century, the crusaders built a church in his honor at Nazareth. But it was in the 15th century that the cult of Saint Joseph spread due to the influence of Saint Bernadine of Siena, and especially of Jean Gerson (+ 1420), Chancellor of Notre Dame in Paris, who promoted the cause that a feast to Saint Joseph be officially established. There were already some celebrations in Milan in Augustinian circles, and in many places in Germany. It was in 1480, with Pope Sixtus IV's approval that the feast began to be celebrated on 19 March. It then became obligatory with Pope Gregory XV in 1621. In 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church, and Pope Saint John XXIII inserted his name into the Roman Canon of Holy Mass in 1962. More recently, Pope Francis approved seven new invocations in the Litany to Saint Joseph: Guardian of the Redeemer, Servant of Christ, Minister of Salvation, Support in difficulties, Patron of exiles, Patron of the afflicted, and Patron of the poor.

- Excerpted from Vaticannews.va

Lenten Activities

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, are available on the back tables

Extra copies of the Lenten schedule will be on the back tables and is also on the website.

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
3/2/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,087.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,105.00
Utilities env.	\$2,175.00
Donut Sunday	\$139.00
Easter Flowers	\$100.00
Bingo	\$20.00
Collection Total for 3/2/25:	\$5,626.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$116,025.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 3/2/25)	\$144,529.30

* Not included in Collection Total

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

Last week's collection information was not available for publishing but will be included next week.

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. Thank you.

Parish Events

- Mar 16th—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast
- Mar 18th at 7:15pm—Class on the Mass
- Mar 19th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Mar 19th—Mass Server training 7:45-8:15pm
- Mar 26th—no Faith Formation due to Watertown spring break
- Apr 6th—Donut Sunday
- Apr 8th at 7:15pm—Festival Meeting
- Apr 15th—Parish Council meetings
- Apr 17th—Holy Thursday Mass 7pm
- Apr 18th—Good Friday Service 7pm
- Apr 19th—Easter Vigil Mass 8pm
- Apr 20th—Easter Sunday Mass 8:30am

Join us this weekend for our third Waffle/French Toast Breakfast

9-11am for the benefit of a local Seminarian. Help spread the word to your friends and family!



Mass Server Training—There will be mass server training on Wed. March 19th from 7:45pm to 8:15pm for boys who are in 8th to 12th grade.

Subs needed for Wednesday Eucharistic

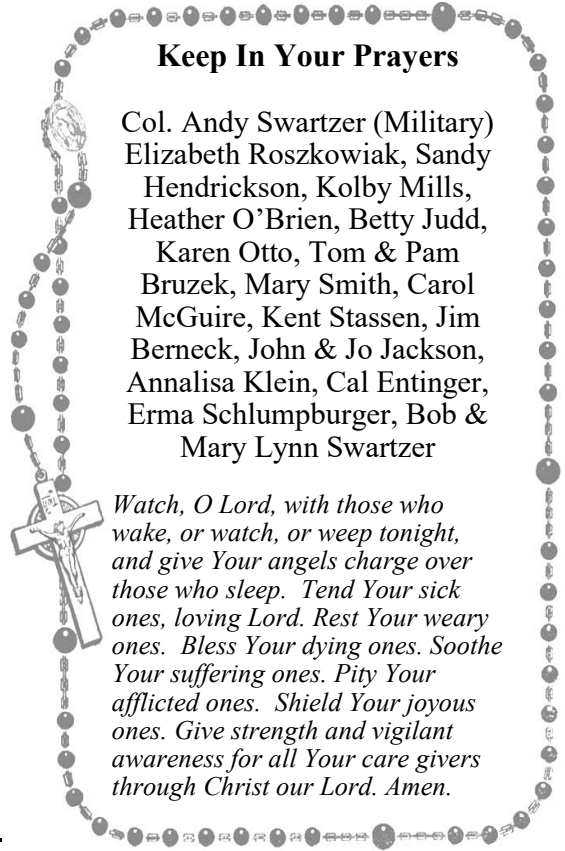
Adoration—if you are interested in being a sub to fill in for our regular Adorers who may be ill or travelling, please contact Sue Broll at 763-213-7923. We are also in need of second Adorer for the noon hour.

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, 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, Erma Schlumpburger, Bob & Mary Lynn Swartzter

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 16th—for living and deceased members of Catholic United Financial Council 31, St Michael

Mar 23rd— for living and deceased members of Catholic Order of Foresters Council 1560, Delano



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