



Third Sunday of Lent
March 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	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 23rd	8:30am	Rodney Walters+
Tues 25th	6:30pm	Betty Bury+
Wed 26th	8:30am	Doris Burns+
Thur 27th	8:30am	Lorrain (Andres) Enos+
Fri 28th	8:30am	Bob&MaryLynn Swartzter(health)
Sat 29th	4pm	Jane Huncha+
Sun 30th	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	
Mar 22nd	Stephanie C (L), Sue J (S), Don G & Jim C (U)
Mar 23rd	Glavans (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)
Mar 29th	Tracy A (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Mar 30th	Glavans (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (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:

(Continued from last week...) Temptations help us find out more about ourselves, our strengths and our weaknesses (our vulnerabilities). *“God does not want to impose the good, but wants free beings.... There is a certain usefulness to temptation. No one but God knows what our soul has received from him, not even we ourselves. But temptation reveals it in order to teach us to know ourselves, and in this way we discover our evil inclinations and are obliged to give thanks for the goods that temptation has revealed to us.”*(CCC 2847)

Thirdly, we can expect temptations to come from ourselves because of the tendency we have to sin; the tendency which is a result of original sin (the sin of Adam and Eve) and personal sin. This tendency is called concupiscence. Whenever we commit a sin there is a tendency to commit it again. It is like eating something that one has never had before. If one has never had it before, one does not know how it tastes, and so there is no desire for it from past experience. When one tries it and likes it, then the tendency is to want (desire) more and this tendency is created because the food was eaten. The opposite can happen if the food that was tasted was bad, there is repulsion to it. When we sin there can be a desire to do it again because of the pleasure or gain that we experienced. We can also experience repulsion since our conscience is tweaked and moved to tell us that it was bad (we feel guilty) and we experienced sorrow or shame. The guilt, sorrow, and shame we experience can move us to repentance and to a greater resolve to avoid the sin in the future. The devil, the world, or we can convince ourselves (we can be deceived) that something is good but after we sin, we actually feel worse. Then we try to seek more pleasure (more gain) and things only get worse. We have to stop the cycle of sin and be moved to that which is good. When we reflect on the sin (how it happened and its causes within us) this can help us so that with God's grace we can overcome the temptation in the future.

What are some temptations that we can experience? One is that we lack faith or trust in God. This is in part the temptation that Adam and Eve experienced. They did not trust and believe in God but rather the devil. *“The most common yet most hidden temptation is our lack of faith. It expresses itself less by declared incredulity (inability or unwillingness to believe) than by our actual preferences. When we begin to pray, a thousand labors or cares thought to be urgent vie for priority; once again, it is the moment of truth for the heart: what is its real love? Sometimes we turn to the Lord as a last resort, but do we really believe he is? Sometimes we enlist the Lord as an ally, but our heart remains presumptuous. In each case, our lack of faith reveals that we do not yet share in the disposition of a humble heart: “Apart from me, you can do nothing.””*(CCC 2732)

Another temptation is to not do those things we supposed to do. For example not going to mass every week, regular confession, or praying. *“Another temptation, to which presumption opens the gate, is acedia (spiritual sloth or laziness). The spiritual writers understand by this a form of depression due to lax ascetical practice, decreasing vigilance, carelessness of heart. “The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” The greater the height, the harder the fall. Painful as discouragement is, it is the reverse of presumption. The humble are not surprised by their distress; it leads them to trust more, to hold fast in constancy.”*(CCC 2733)

Other temptations include the attraction to those things outside of God which take over our sense of priority and they become idols, turning our time and attention away from things of God. (Continued next week...)

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, March 25th

The Solemnity of the Annunciation is celebrated nine months before the Nativity of the Lord, a feast that came about earlier historically. The Annunciation recalls the day when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and revealed God's will that she become the Mother of the Son of God and she accepted. At that moment, the "Word became Flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

Most glorious and ever-virgin Mary, when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to you to announce the coming of God within your virginal womb, you inquired with humility how this could be. The Archangel spoke further, and you assented to this divine mystery with all your heart. Please pray for me, that I may always consent to the will of God in my life so that your divine Son may also be conceived in my soul to continue His saving work of redemption. Mother Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

- excerpt from MyCatholic.Life

Lenten Activities

Fr. Kubista's class on the Mass continues on Tuesdays 3/25 and 4/1, from 7:15pm to 8:00pm. He is going through various aspects of the Mass and is 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 are on the back tables and 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
3/16/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,240.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$737.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$40.00
Easter Flowers	\$50.00
CSAF rebate	\$101.25
Masses	\$34.00
Collection Total for 3/16/25:	\$3,202.25
Waffle breakfast for Seminarians *	\$893.00
Collection Total for 3/9/25:	\$4,345.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$122,655.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 3/16/25)	\$152,076.55

* 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. Thank you. for your generosity!



Parish Events

- Mar 26th—no Faith Formation due to Watertown spring break
- Apr 2nd at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Apr 6th—Donut Sunday
- Apr 8th at 7:15pm—Festival Meeting
- Apr 15th—Parish Council meetings
- Apr 17th—Holy Thursday Mass 7pm
- Apr 18th at 3pm—Stations of the Cross
- Apr 18th—Good Friday Service 7pm
- Apr 19th—Easter Vigil Mass 8pm
- Apr 20th—Easter Sunday Mass 8:30am

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration 9am-6pm. Contact Sue Broll at 763-213-7923 for more information or feel free to stop in anytime.

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 especially in need of second Adorer for the noon hour.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the breakfast last weekend! We will provide details on all of the breakfasts when the final numbers are available.

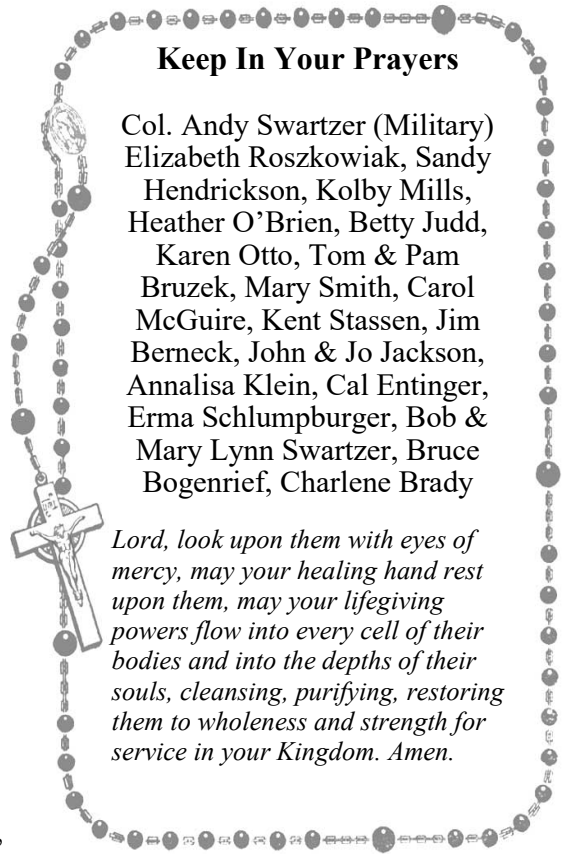
We are grateful for all those who assist with Donut Sunday. We are especially grateful for Mike and Julie Pilarski who were asked by me to lead Donut Sunday when it was started after I came. They have decided to step down from this role. Thank you Julie and Mike for service to our Parish in this way. Fr. Kubista

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, Bruce Bogenrief, Charlene Brady

Lord, look upon them with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon them, may your lifegiving powers flow into every cell of their bodies and into the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.



Radio Rosary 11:00 am Sundays

KRWC - 1360 AM Buffalo

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

Mar 30th - for living and deceased members of Catholic Order of Foresters Council 1560, Delano

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