



**Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**  
March 30th, 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 29th	4pm	Jane Huncha+
Sun 30th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 1st	6:30pm	Kathy Kitterman+
Wed 2nd	8:30am	Carol & Brad Theisen+
Thur 2rd	8:30am	Diane Hirsch+
Fri 4th	8:30am	Arlene Kortan Litchy+
Sat 5th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 6th	8:30am	Mike Leuthner+

**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 29th	Tracy A (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Mar 30th	Deb D (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)
Apr 5th	George & Sue (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Apr 6th	Huns V (L), Kate T (S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)

*For The Sake of His Sorrowful Passion, Have Mercy on Us and On The Whole World*

## A Message from Fr. Kubista:

(Continued from last week...) The temptation to think that we are doing God's will when really we are doing our own will; filling our lives with busy things and not attending to those that we should be doing. The temptation to be angry with God, who is all good and never does any evil to us, rather He allows things to happen to us out of love and always gives us enough help to get through them. The temptation to think that we have not sinned when we actually have; we need to acknowledge our sins and come to Confession, for God is merciful and wants to forgive us. The temptation to despair or be discouraged because of a weakness that we have; maybe it is a tendency to be lazy, to anger, to lie, to view inappropriate pictures or movies, to be impure with our bodies, to abuse alcohol, etc. In all our temptations (especially in our vulnerable areas, weaknesses) it is important to acknowledge them and ask God for help.

Temptations in themselves are not wrong; it is what we do with them that matters. *"We must also discern between being tempted and consenting to temptation."*(CCC 2847) It is important that we really examine ourselves and when in doubt about whether we have crossed the line and sinned, assume that we have sinned. Go to Confession and tell this to the priest, tell him we are not sure if we have sinned and put it in God's hands.

To overcome temptations, it is so important first to remember that we need the grace of God to overcome any temptation. We have to remember that through His grace we will be saved and not by our own strength. Why did Adam and Eve not ask God for help before given into the devil? Why did they not stop and take a look at things? This is a good thing for us to remember, if we are in doubt about something or fearful or confused, do not do it rather inquire if it is good or bad. *"Finally, discernment unmasks the lie of temptation, whose object appears to be good, a "delight to the eyes" and desirable, when in reality its fruit is death."*(CCC 2847) If we have to make a split decision, then say a pray to the Holy Spirit and do our best. *"The Holy Spirit makes us discern between trials, which are necessary for the growth of the inner man, and temptation, which leads to sin and death."*(CCC 2847) If we find out later that what we have done is sinful, then go to Confession and learn from the sin, realizing that we will be less accountable in this situation.

It is so important that we pray. *"Such a battle and such a victory become possible only through prayer. It is by his prayer that Jesus vanquishes the tempter, both at the outset of his public mission and in the ultimate struggle of his agony."*(CCC 2849) In the Our Father, we say "lead us not into temptation" or "do not allow us to take the way that leads to sin" thus imploring help from *"the Spirit of discernment and strength."*(CCC 2846) It also unites us to Christ's battle and his agony, urging us *"to vigilance of the heart in communion with his own. Vigilance is "custody of the heart (the Holy Spirit constantly seeks to awaken us to keep watch)...In relation to the last temptation of our earthly battle; it ["lead us not into temptation"] asks for final perseverance. "Lo, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is he who is awake."*"(CCC 2849)

Temptations will come our way and they are in part to test our love for God. If we really love God, we will turn to Him (especially in time of temptation) and ask for His help and grace. Without God's help, we will fall into sin. Dear Jesus, help us to follow the will of the Father in our lives, just like you, and avoid falling into sin. God bless you.

## Laetare Sunday

Today is the halfway mark of the Sundays of Lent; Easter is enticingly near. This Sunday is known as **Laetare Sunday** for the first word of the Introit or Entrance Antiphon, *Laetare* (rejoice); it is a Sunday of joy, our foretaste of Easter joy. The celebrant has the option to wear rose-colored vestments. This is also the Second Scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil.

This Sunday has a place apart amongst the Sundays of Lent. As in Advent we had *Gaudete* Sunday, so in Lent we have a Sunday commonly called *Laetare* Sunday. The whole week, with its wealth of liturgical significance, is intensely interesting. This Sunday *in vigesima* is in imitation of Byzantine custom, a Sunday in honor of Our Saviour's Cross, for which reason the Station is at Holy-Cross-in-Jerusalem, a great devotional centre in Rome, especially during Passiontide. The great part of the Mass is inspired by this choice. —Fernand Cabrol, OSB, *The Year's Liturgy: Vol I: The Seasons*



## Lenten Activities

**Fr. Kubista's class on the Mass continues** on Tuesday, 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. Feel free to take an extra copy to give to a friend or family member.

**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
<b>3/23/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking</b>	\$1,920.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$989.00
Easter Env	\$30.00
Easter Flowers	\$352.00
Masses	\$20.00
<b>Collection Total for 3/23/25:</b>	<b>\$3,311.00</b>
Breakfast add'l *	\$20.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$125,970.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 3/23/25 )	\$155,387.55

\* 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](http://www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal). Thank you for your generosity!



## Parish Events

- Apr 2nd at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Apr 4th—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confessions & Benediction
- Apr 5th—First Saturday Devotions
- 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, to sign up for a time, or feel free to stop in anytime.

**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

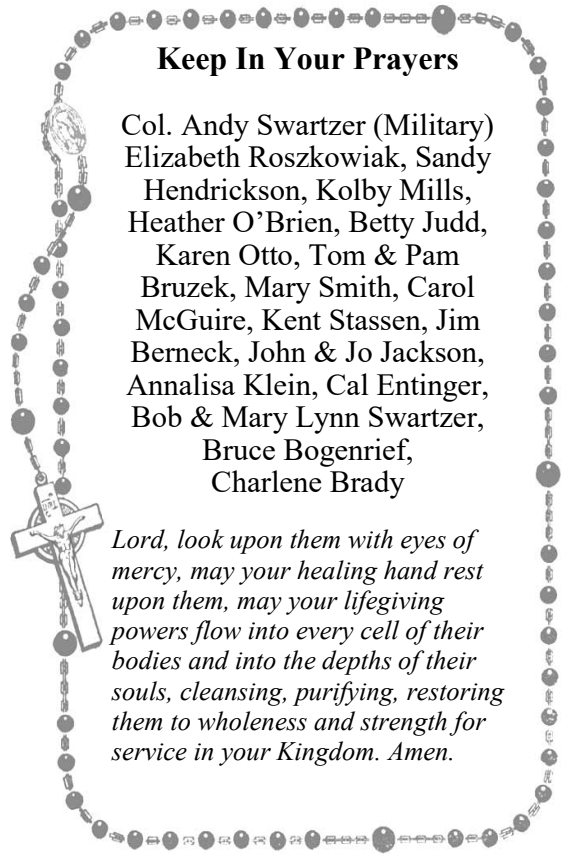
**Calendars are in** and are located on the back tables.

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

**Apr 6th**—for living and deceased members of St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Buffalo

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