



First Sunday of Lent
March 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 kmotzko@stmarydelano.org

Formed.org sign in under St. Boniface.

MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 8th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 9th	8:30am	Jerry Peterson+
Tues 11th	6:30pm	Special Intention
Wed 12th	8:30am	Gary Motzko+
Thur 13th	8:30am	Don Hilgers+
Fri 14th	8:30am	Gladys & Alex Socher+
Sat 15th	4pm	Rosie Spurzem+
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	
Mar 8th	Depas (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Mar 9th	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)
Mar 15th	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Mar 16th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Surrogate motherhood is where a woman agrees to carry someone else's baby. There are two general classes of surrogacy: traditional (the surrogate is the mother and uses intrauterine insemination (IUI)) and gestational surrogacy (the surrogate is not the mother and the baby is conceived through In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) and then implanted in her womb). Since surrogacy is part of an immoral act (the baby is not conceived in the marital act), it is immoral.

Surrogacy is banned in many countries in Europe and Asia, and aspects of it are banned in Thailand, Cambodia, and India (India stated that "*surrogacy degrades a pregnancy to a service and a baby to a product.*") Surrogacy can cost more than \$100,000 and includes a process with a contract which ensures that at birth the baby is legally the adoptive parents. The contract can state that if tests conclude there is a "genetic problem", the adoptive parents can insist that the baby be aborted.

Some might wonder if it is ok to take babies created through IVF (maybe they are frozen) and to implant them in a surrogate mother. Although well intentioned (at least the baby would be born), this would be immoral because one can never do an evil for a good. Since surrogacy is part of an immoral act, it continues to be an immoral act even if a good is sought. It is not immoral to allow babies conceived through IVF to die; it is immoral to facilitate IVF. One of the negative side effects of surrogacy is that it can promote babies being conceived through IVF. Another is that it facilitates gay couples to have children which can result in a confused child with an "immoral" upbringing. Surrogate motherhood is a form of "reproductive prostitution" and has to the potential for exploitation of women, especially those who are poor.

Surrogacy can have negative health aspects. One study found that when a baby implants in the mother, her body recognizes the baby as her own and turns off the things in her body that would attack the baby. (The baby's DNA is similar to the mother's DNA?) If the baby is not from the mother then she will likely have to take an anti-rejection drug (like doxycycline). In general, in order to have a successful surrogacy (gestational), a woman has to take various drugs to assist her body some which include: doxycycline (an antibiotic and helps to not reject the baby), lupron (inhibits secretion of hormones), and estrogen and progesterone (assist in the pregnancy). Although some sources suggest there are no side effects from these drugs, another cited risks (doxycycline alone had at least 29). So these drugs can negatively affect the health of the mother and child. A mother and baby bond during pregnancy so when the baby is given up, what are the effects?

On surrogacy, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "*Techniques that entail the dissociation of husband and wife, by the intrusion of a person other than the couple (donation of sperm or ovum, surrogate uterus), are gravely immoral. These techniques (heterologous artificial insemination and fertilization) infringe the child's right to be born of a father and mother known to him and bound to each other by marriage. They betray the spouses' "right to become a father and a mother only through each other."* Pope Francis called surrogacy 'a grave violation of the dignity of the woman and the child'. Bishop Baron said that: "*no matter how well-intentioned, surrogacy always does grave injustice to the child, any discarded embryos (who are our fellow human beings), the commodified birth mother, and the loving union of the spouses.*" *Donum Vitae* (Respect for Human Life) teaches that a child is not an object to which one has a right, nor an object of ownership, but rather the supreme gift of marriage. Surrogacy commercializes human life, undermines human dignity, and dehumanizes societies thus causing incalculable harm to all.

We pray for couples who want children, that they know of God's love, follow His ways, and avoid pursuing surrogacy. 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.

Man of the Shroud Exhibit March 2-9. Check out dates and times on the flyer posted on the bulletin board or at 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.

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.

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
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

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.

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

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.

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 9th—Daylight Saving Time starts
- Mar 11th at 7:15pm—Fr Kubista class on the Mass
- Mar 12th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Mar 16th—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast
- Mar 19th—Mass Server training 7:45-8:15pm
- Apr 6th—Donut Sunday
- Apr 15th—Parish Council meetings

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays 9am-6pm

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).

Save the Date! For the next Waffle/French Toast

Breakfast March 16th 9-11am for the benefit of a local Seminarian. Help spread the word to your friends and family!

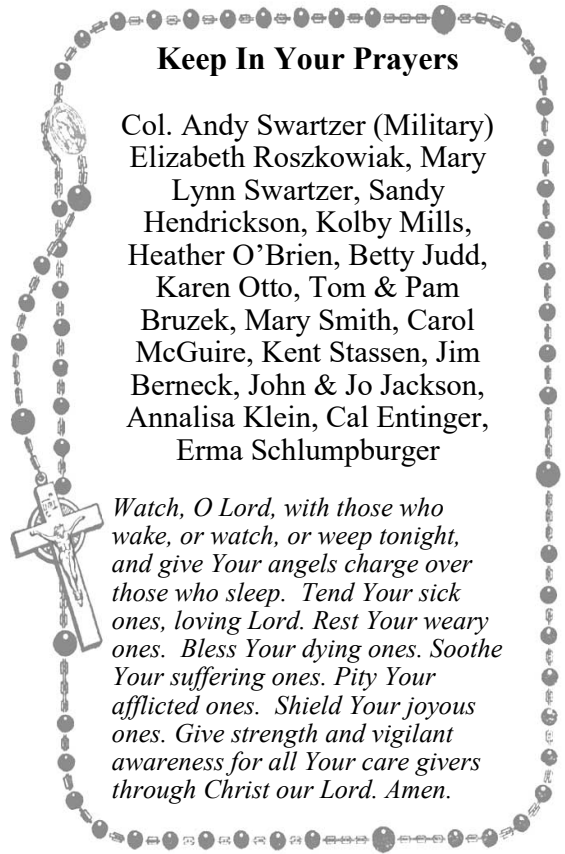


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Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend Your sick ones, loving Lord. Rest Your weary ones. Bless Your dying ones. Soothe Your suffering ones. Pity Your afflicted ones. Shield 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 9th—for living and deceased members of St Mary of Czestochowa Catholic Church, Delano

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

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