



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11th, 2024

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 20th-March

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 10th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 11th	8:30am	Chris Niesen+
Tues 13th	6:30pm	Randy Gabrelcik+
Wed 14th	8:30am 7pm	Mike Leuthner+ Austin Kurtz+
Thur 15th	8:30am	Ronald Remer+
Fri 16th	8:30am	Martha Malecek+
Sat 17th	4pm	Rodney Walters+
Sun 18th	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

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Feb 10th	George & Sue R (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Feb 11th	Stephanie C (L), Greg G (S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)
Feb 14th	Depas (L/S), Volunteers (U) - 7pm mass
Feb 17th	Stephanie C (L), Sue R (S), Don G & volunt (U)
Feb 18th	Bob S (L), Kate T (S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

We are to have a focus on the salvation of souls. Before Jesus ascends to Heaven, he says to his disciples: *“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”* (Mt 28:19-20) We are to be the instruments that God uses to help and guide others to Himself so that they are saved. Since God has given us a command we must follow it. Jesus tells us: *“That servant who knew his master’s will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master’s will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”* (Lk 12:47-48)

We are to be concerned about the salvation of our families and friends. How can we influence them towards God? We can pray for them that they would accept the graces and turn more to the Lord. We can pray for ourselves that we are given wisdom on how to best approach a situation and then the courage to follow through on the inspiration that the Holy Spirit gives to us. We can ask ourselves how the other might feel on a certain approach and then adjust based on guidance from the Holy Spirit. We should not forget the essential point that should be made, that it is critical that they not lose their soul. We should not ask how will the other person think of us, rather how can we influence that person so that they are drawn to the Lord. We should focus on their actions, not on their feelings or emotions, although feelings and emotions can give us clues as to their state of mind.

It is important to discern how God is moving in us and then act with confidence. We should act in a timely manner and not think that if we wait, things will get better. If we wait or are delayed, through circumstances that we can control, it might make matters worse. We should make sure that we have the right attitude within ourselves, that we are not seeking the other to like us but rather that we love them and will do whatever is necessary to allow God to work through us. We probably will have to say something to move their heart to the Lord, realizing they may not like to hear it. We should not be afraid to speak for God works in many ways. We can plant the ideas then let things simmer and then go back again and plant more, things typically change gradually, not rapidly. We might be made to feel guilty when we are trying to guide them to the Truth, so to not let this bother us; we might point this out to them in a calm and sincere way.

The Church can help us. We can be positively influenced by those in the Church and pray for those who have fallen away. We can show the importance of the Sacraments by willingly going to Mass every week to adore, thank, petition, and offer our lives to God, to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, and to regularly go to Confession. We can practice various powerful devotions like the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet or use helpful sacramentals like the scapular, miraculous medal, a crucifix, and holy water. We can learn more about and follow more closely the teachings of the Church. All these things, we can share with others to draw their hearts to God.

We ask God to help us to focus on saving souls, to allow Him to work in and through us, and get help and strength in part through the Church. God bless you.

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).

Waffle/French Toast Breakfasts—Thank you to everyone who donated toward our first breakfast fundraiser. We collected \$1,223 and after expenses, we are able to donate \$830 to Cornerstone Women’s Clinic. **Save the date for our next breakfast on Feb 18th**, for the benefit of St Mary’s faith formation program.

Free Lenten books are available on the back tables:

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper. One copy per household to start out, and then the extras will be offered first come basis.



Congratulations Confirmandi!

The parish wishes to congratulate our newly confirmed: Laney Beeler, Carlie Cappelleri, Claire Czech, Isaiah Depa, Hunter Hansen, Emily Hitchings, Charlie Kittock, Colby Merz, Lilly Petty, Colbie Steinke, and Isaac Vervais. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts and kindle in them the fire of his love!

Please join us for a reception for them this Sunday morning after Mass.

2024 Catholic Services Appeal is underway

Please keep an eye out for information packet that was recently sent in the mail. If you do not receive one, there will be additional envelopes on the back tables.



Thank you to our collection counting teams! Your dedication is much appreciated.

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Average weekly collection income need	\$3,150.00
2/4/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,395.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$710.00
Building fund	\$20.00
Stained-glass windows	\$500.00
Donut Sunday	\$102.00
Bulletin ads	\$150.00
Collection Total for 2/4/24:	\$3,877.00
Masses*	\$14.00
Rice Bowl*	\$15.00
Budgeted Collection Income 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 **	\$163,882.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 2/4/24)	\$117,212.80

* Not included in Collection Total

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

Parish Events

- Feb 10th—Parish Fun Night/Bingo following Mass
- Feb 11th after Mass—reception for newly confirmed students—all are welcome
- Feb 13th—7:10 pm Festival meeting
- Feb 14th—Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:30am and 7pm
- Feb 17th—Kings bible study continues
- Feb 18th—Waffle/French Toast breakfast for benefit of St Mary Faith Formation
- The week of Feb 18th—small group meetings begin

There is no Kings bible study on the 10th due to the family fun night, but it will continue on Feb 17th—you are welcome to join even if you have not attended a previous session.

The Wright County Serra Club has published an updated list of seminarians and those in religious formation and are inviting us to join in praying for them. The list is too long for the bulletin so there are copies on the back tables.

King's House Retreats—check out the updated list of 2024 retreats (posted on the bulletin board).

Festival Meeting this Tuesday Feb. 13th—all are welcome to attend.

Thank you to all who are volunteering to help with Donut Sundays and Family Fun nights. We couldn't do them without you!

Thank you sponsors! If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Kathleen at kmotzko@stmarydelano.org

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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, O Lord Christ. Rest Your weary ones. Bless Your dying ones. Soothe Your suffering ones. Pity Your afflicted ones. Shield Your joyous ones. And for all Your love's sake. Amen.

Radio Rosary
11:00 am Sundays

KRWC - 1360 AM Buffalo

Feb 11th—for the passing of just laws in our country—Wright Hennepin Council # 4174 Knights of Columbus, St Michael

Feb 18th—for living and deceased members of St Timothy CCW, Maple Lake

