



First Sunday of Lent
February 18th, 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 17th	4pm	Rodney Walters+
Sun 18th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 20th	6:30pm	Patty Chamberlin+
Wed 21st	8:30am	Carol & Brad Theisen+
Thur 22nd	8:30am	Allen Henry+
Fri 23rd	8:30am	Olivia Jacobson+
Sat 24th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 25th	8:30am	Tim Meuller+

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	
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)
Feb 24th	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Feb 25th	Deb D (L/S), Dave L & Jim O' (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:

Lent is a good time for us to look at the kinds of media that we take in and check to see if we need to make any changes in our lives. Media here is referred to as movies, books, magazines, videos, music, etc. These sorts of things influence our mind and will, and thus ultimately our actions. Media can be either good or bad, it does not have a neutral effect. We want to make sure the effect is good on our person and others.

Each type of media can impact and affect us in various ways. Movies and videos, those things with both visual and audible elements, tend to affect us to a greater degree because they involve more of the senses; the more of our senses that are influenced, the greater effect in our person. We have to guard what we see for a picture is worth a thousand words, and the image can stick with us. When we hear things, especially something that is shocking or beautiful it can leave a lasting impression. Reading something impacts us as it forces us to use our mind to read and then comprehend what we have read; maybe we form a picture in our mind using our imagination, and these elements can be a powerful way that we remember what we read. In general, media primarily affects our intellect.

An important aspect is that the content of the media we take in should be good and not sinfully suggestive. The storyline should be one that is wholesome. For example, true life inspiring stories can often be a good storyline, although sometimes this can be taken and portrayed in a poor manner, things are added which spoil its goodness. The messages or ideas promoted, even the subtle undercurrents, should not contradict our faith. There should be no confusion on what is good and what is evil. Media, especially songs, can elevate the relationship between a woman and a man to the point that it is greater than our relationship with God. It can portray false or unrealistic expectations in relationships which can cause a relationship to turn sour and eventually lead to its fracturing or breakage. Our relationship with God is first and then our other relationships should support it.

Music is a prominent and sometimes underestimated media influencer. The melody and beat of the music should be good, not uncomfortable or eerie. The lyrics should not contain bad language, lies, falsehoods, or any other contradictions to our faith. If we do not understand the lyrics, there can be hidden messages in them or subtleties that if we are not astute about can negatively influence us. The lyrics should not tell, suggest, or subtly imply any behavior that is sinful. If we are listening to music in the background, we should make sure it is good because we can subconsciously pick things up in this manner.

Some of the media artists can be a negative influence as they do not live lives that are honorable and they are often held up as role models. Some song artists have concerts and performances that are not very wholesome and can be sinfully provocative.

Parents really should be aware of what media their children are consuming, and make sure that it is not causing them harm. Parents have been given by God, an alertness or sense to pick up things that can harm their children and therefore they should not be lax in this responsibility. If there is something in the content of the media that bothers a parent, they should not dismiss it, rather look into it and try to identify the issue. Parents not only have a right to do this, they have a duty before God and it should not be underestimated.

We pray that God would help us to be attentive to the media that influences us and make sure that it is good, that nothing in it would harm our or another's soul. 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).

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.

Wednesday Adorers—please check the contact list (that will be set out on Wednesdays) and provide updated information.

Stations of the Cross after weekend Masses – join us for a mini-pilgrimage to commemorate Christ’s last day. Commemorating the Passion of Jesus through the Stations can help us to clearly witness our faith and assist us in our spiritual journey. The Stations help us to more fully appreciate what Jesus has done for us. They also assist us in our efforts to enter more fully into the Lenten spirit of sacrifice, renewal, and repentance.



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!

Parents Night Out with guest speaker, Dr. James Schroeder, author and pediatric psychologist. —Feb. 29th

Topic: Parenting with Purpose - helping our kids thrive in their pursuit of Happiness and Heaven.

Details: Thursday, February 29th. Check-in and Reception at 6pm / Talk at 6:30pm. Question and Answer Session to follow. Enter through Door 12 off of the parking lot.

RSVP at <https://stmaxkolbeschool.org/thrive-to-middle-school>

2024 Catholic Services Appeal is under way. 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.

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,150.00
2/11/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,880.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$901.64
Parish Fun Night	\$312.00
Bulletin ads	\$300.00
Collection Total for 2/11/24:	\$4,393.64
Masses*	\$49.00
Stained-glass windows*	\$1,000.00
Stole Fee*	\$100.64
Budgeted Collection Income 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 **	\$163,882.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 2/11/24)	\$121,606.44

* Not included in Collection Total

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

Parish Events

- Feb 17th at 6:30pm—Kings bible study continues
- Feb 18th 9-11am—Waffle/French Toast breakfast for benefit of St Mary Faith Formation
- The week of Feb 18th—small group meetings begin
- Mar 1st—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confessions, followed by Benediction
- Mar 2nd—First Saturday devotions starting at 3:25pm
- Feb 2nd at 6:30pm—King's bible study
- Mar 3rd—Donut Sunday after Mass

Stations of the Cross immediately follow weekend Masses during Lent

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).

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

Waffle/French Toast Breakfast this Sunday, Feb 18th, 9-11am for the benefit of St Mary's Faith Formation program. Join us for some good food and fellowship!



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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 18th—for living and deceased members of St Timothy Council of Catholic Women, Maple Lake

Feb 25th— for the end of the Middle East conflict—St. Michael Council of Catholic Women, St Michael