



Second Sunday of Lent
February 25th, 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 24th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 25th	8:30am	Tim Mueller+
Tues 27th	6:30pm	Marcella Wickenhause+
Wed 28th	8:30am	Frank & Anna Weber+
Thur 29th	8:30am	For Our Country
Fri 1st	8:30am	RoseAnn Motzko+
Sat 2nd	4pm	Rodney Walters+
Sun 3rd	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	
Feb 24th	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Feb 25th	Deb D (L/S), Dave L & Jim O' (U)
Mar 2nd	Tracy A (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Mar 3rd	Theisens (L/S), Joe M & Jim Otto (U)

New issues of *The Catholic Servant* are now available on the back tables.

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Pornography is huge issue today and is harming many people. Modern technology, especially the internet, has made access to it so easy so that individuals are tempted more easily and fall into this sin. If one falls into pornography, one can be healed but only with God's Grace.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says the following. *"Pornography consists in removing real or simulated sexual acts from the intimacy of the partners, in order to display them deliberately to third parties. It offends against chastity because it perverts the conjugal act, the intimate giving of spouses to each other. It does grave injury to the dignity of its participants (actors, vendors, the public), since each one becomes an object of base pleasure and illicit profit for others. It immerses all who are involved in the illusion of a fantasy world. It is a grave offense. Civil authorities should prevent the production and distribution of pornographic materials."*(CCC 2354) The USCCB pastoral letter *Create in Me a Clean Heart* expands on it. *"Pornography does not consist only in visual images (which can be real or virtual, including computer-generated) but can also be in written or audio forms (e.g., certain romance novels, erotic literature, phone conversations, social media, online video chats, etc.). It encompasses what is sometimes distinguished as "soft-" and "hard-core" pornography. This is an artificial divide; all pornography is harmful and wrong, while the effects on a person may vary depending on the intensity of the content."*

Pornography takes something that is very beautiful (the human body) and portrays it in a suggestive manner to move a person to think about and entertain things that are impure and thus leads into sins against chastity, especially sins of sexual nature. It objectifies the body, purposely portraying it being misused or scandalized. The image (experience) can be attractive (even addictive) which can lead it to become a habit which makes it harder to overcome. Images can be very powerful and can stick with someone and come into their minds at a later time. Pornography harms all those involved as it does not treat persons with dignity and respect, rather those in it are treated as objects for others. It degrades (even kills) the soul of the persons who are viewed and certainly of those who view it.

There are various ways to combat pornography. It is very important to regularly go to Confession and the Eucharist as these are powerful ways to receive God's Grace. It will only be with God's Grace that one will be able to overcome pornography, especially if it is a repetitive sin. It is important to have a regular regiment of prayer which should include praying a daily Rosary. When one is tempted, one should pray and ask for help maybe pray a Hail Mary or just say the name of Jesus. Fasting helps to discipline the will to reject temptations, and helps one sacrifice in order to be strengthened to follow the ways of the Lord. It is important for one to be aware of the times (triggers) when one is more prone to fall into the sin and be vigilant especially at those times; one should stay away from the near occasion of sin. With any sin but especially with those which are very addictive, one should always be trying to avoid it, get out of it, and to have a strategy or plan (one might seek advice from a trusted friend, priest, or family member) to combat it. One should not get discouraged or lose heart because they are not overcoming it, if it is not getting worse that in part is a victory. If progress in overcoming it is slow, that is good, at least one is moving in the right direction. God loves each person so much and is always there to help so never lose hope.

We pray for that all would avoid pornography and that those who have sinned in this way, especially those in habitual sin, may be healed by the Grace of God. 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.* Feel free to take an extra copy for a friend or relative.

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 .

Wednesday Adoration Update

We are in need of substitute Adorers who can step in to cover an hour on short notice. Also, we are looking toward this summer and we will need some additional people to help cover for regulars who will be going out of town during the summer months. Please contact Sue Broll at smbroll@icloud.com



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
2/18/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$1,770.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,096.00
Easter Env.	\$30.00
Flowers	\$10.00
Breakfast	\$1,334.00
Collection Total for 2/18/24:	\$4,280.00
Masses*	\$20.00
Stained-glass windows*	\$25.00
Rice Bowl*	\$10.00
Budgeted Collection Income 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 **	\$163,882.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 2/18/24)	\$125,886.44

* Not included in Collection Total

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

Parish Events

- Mar 1st—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confessions followed by Benediction.
- Mar 2nd—First Saturday devotions starting 3:25pm
- Mar 2nd at 6:30pm—Kings Bible study
- Mar 3rd—Donut Sunday after Mass
- Mar 12th at 7:10pm—Festival Meeting
- Mar 17th—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast for benefit of local Seminarians—9-11am
- Mar 20th—Faith Formation last class
- Mar 24th—Holy Week begins

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.

Thank you Maintenance Team Volunteers—for helping to take care of the many items around the parish such as the furnaces, bathrooms, snow plowing, lighting and electrical.

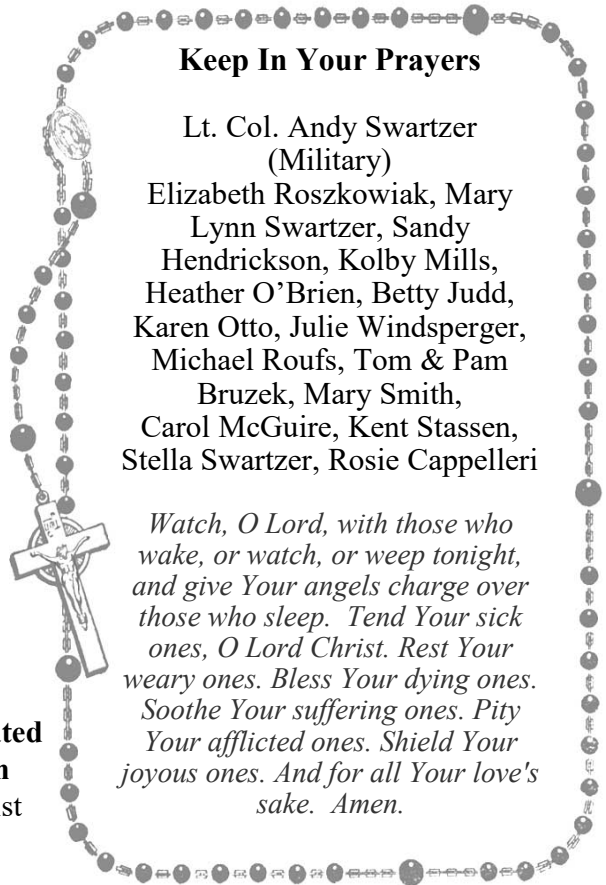
Thank you to everyone who helped with our Waffle/French toast breakfast last Sunday: parishioners, Confirmation students and parents, Delano Knights of Columbus. We had a big crowd with lots of good food and conversation. The net proceeds (after expenses) was \$952 and will go to our Faith Formation program.

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

Keep In Your Prayers

Lt. Col. Andy Swartzter
(Military)
Elizabeth Roszkowiak, Mary Lynn Swartzter, Sandy Hendrickson, Kolby Mills, Heather O'Brien, Betty Judd, Karen Otto, Julie Windsperger, Michael Roufs, Tom & Pam Bruzek, Mary Smith, Carol McGuire, Kent Stassen, Stella Swartzter, Rosie Cappelleri

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

March 3rd—for Pope Francis—Iten Funeral Home, Watertown and Delano

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