



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4th, 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 and Benediction - First Friday of every month 9-10am. 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:
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Hall Rental: Contact Mary Kay Swartzter.

Safe Environment Coordinator:
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MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 3rd	4pm	Olivia Jacobson+
Sun 4th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 6th	6:30pm	NO MASS
Wed 7th	8:30am	NO MASS
Thur 8th	8:30am	NO MASS
Fri 9th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 10th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 11th	8:30am	Chris Niesen+

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Feb 3rd	Tracy A (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Feb 4th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe M (U)
Feb 10th	Stephanie C (L), Sue R (S), Jim & George (U)
Feb 11th	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)

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

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

We are to keep the important things in our lives in front of us. One very important aspect is that we are to be concerned about saving souls, to save our own and the souls of others. It is Jesus who saves and we are to cooperate with his saving power (the Holy Spirit) and allow him to use us as instruments to save souls. The last statement in the Code of Canon Law of the Catholic Church says that it is “*the salvation of souls, which must always be the supreme law in the Church*”(Can. 1752) So most of what we do should have an element which focuses on the salvation of souls.

We are to influence our society to be Christ centered and to follow the ways of God. It is the right thing to do and promotes more people to follow Christ in order for them to be saved. We are to promote ideas and actions which are in line with God’s ways, which means we have to know what these are and how to live our lives accordingly. We are to be consumers of things (food, entertainment, goods, services, etc) which are made and used in ways that do not violate God’s laws. We are to influence society through laws which should follow the ways of God and thus influence persons towards that which is good. We are to be vigilant and make sure no laws are enacted which violate the life of any person in any condition. If a law allows for an evil it can lead people away from God and be the cause of them to lose their soul.

A society with legal abortion can move a person to think that killing a baby is morally acceptable and can have a negative impact on their soul and the soul of the child. The child is not given a chance to be born (therefore they are not able to make choices in living their lives) and they are not baptized or able to receive other sacraments that facilitate their growth in the love of God. We trust that God is merciful to unborn babies and gives them an opportunity to choose Him. A mother who decides to kill her baby is impacted by that choice emotionally, physically, and especially spiritually, which then can lead her to think less of herself, of life, and of God, and choosing this serious moral evil impacts her soul and in ways that she does not know. By promoting life and supporting her to bring the child to birth, this can be a huge factor to draw her closer to Christ and to foster a society of life positively impacting many aspects within it.

A society needs to protect those near the end of their lives, those who can be threatened by euthanasia which typically is the killing of someone close to death or who is suffering. A person (doctor, patient, etc) who is allowed to kill is not being helped or supported but rather their spiritual destruction is being facilitated. A person can be spiritually misled and wounded to the point that it is hard for them to recover thus leading to the loss of their soul. The euthanized person is denied an opportunity (especially in their last hours) to be drawn closer to God and can succumb to the temptations of the devil, one of which is despair. By allowing a person to die naturally and assisting them, we can assure them of God’s love and our love for them, and allow the suffering they experience to be united to the sufferings of Christ and thus be redemptive for themselves and for others, especially those in their family.

With a focus on the salvation of souls, we are to work for the good of our society, promoting the ways of the Lord so that more people will be saved. We pray that those wounded by sin would turn to God for forgiveness and healing. God bless you.

World Day for Consecrated Life Feb 2nd

World Day for Consecrated Life (Feb 2nd) will be celebrated in the Church on the weekend of February 3-4, 2024. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Synod Small Groups - We will be starting small groups the first week of Lent, Sun Feb 18th. The small group will be following the Parish Evangelization Cell System so the meeting will have the following elements: Song & Praise, Personal Sharing, Teaching, Discussion about Teaching, Announcements, Intercession, and Healing Prayer. We have been training various leaders to lead the small groups. The teaching topic will be the Eucharist. The small group would meet for 1.5 hours. We will have signups after mass. One group will be meeting on Tuesdays after mass at 7:10pm, another group on Thursdays at 9:15am, and another group will meet Monday evenings. There will also be a signup if you are interested but the times given do not work for you. Please consider signing up for this for Lent and if you want, you could continue in a small group after Lent. Thank you.

Waffle/French Toast Breakfast—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.

Lent/Easter Schedule and Free Lenten books will be available next week.

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,150.00
1/28/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$1,710.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$981.00
Collection Total for 1/28/24:	\$2,691.00
Masses*	\$200.00
Budgeted Collection Income 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 **	\$163,882.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 1/28/24)	\$113,335.80

* Not included in Collection Total

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

Family Fun Night and Bingo on Feb 10th

Immediately following Mass a light meal (free will offering) at 5pm and bingo (free) from 6 to 8pm. A great time for all especially kids. We are in need of prizes for Bingo on Feb 10th. Please drop them off in the basement or bring them to the event.



Thank you for all those who purchased the flowers and those who keep them watered. They are very beautiful.

Please continue to pray for our Confirmation students who are being confirmed on Sunday Feb 4th at the Basilica. May the Holy Spirit guide them, strengthen them, and fill their hearts with His love and consolation.



2024 Catholic Services Appeal Kickoff is this weekend. 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.

Parish Events

- Feb 3rd—Kings bible study at 6:30pm
- Feb 4th—Donut Sunday
- Feb 4th at 2pm—Confirmation at the Basilica of St Mary
- Feb 10th—Parish Fun Night/Bingo
- Feb 11th after Mass—reception for newly confirmed students—all are welcome
- Feb 13th at 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

From the MN Catholic Conference regarding proposed legislation:

Support real care, oppose assisted suicide Representative Tina Lieblich, Chairwoman of the Health Finance and Policy Committee, scheduled a hearing on physician-assisted suicide for Thursday, January 25. H.F. 1930/ S.F. 1813 is one of the most aggressive physician-assisted suicide bills in the country because it lacks meaningful safeguards for older adults and people with disabilities. For more info go to www.mncatholic.org/action_21165

Notice: There will be no Weekday Masses or Adoration Feb 6th-9th.

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.

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, Gene Kusha, Carol McGuire, Jim Berneck

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 4th—for living and deceased members of St Francis Xzavier Catholic Church, Buffalo

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

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