



Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laudate)  
March 10th, 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 9th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 10th	8:30am	Alex & Gladys Socher+
Tues 12th	6:30pm	Joe Odenthal+
Wed 13th	8:30am	Dennis Hagen+
Thur 14th	8:30am	Estelle & Al Smith+
Fri 15th	8:30am	Carol & Bradley Theisen+
Sat 16th	4pm	Austin Kurtz+
Sun 17th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Mar 9th	Deb D (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Mar 10th	Bob S (L), Kate T (S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)
Mar 16th	Tracy A (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Mar 17th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (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

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** after each weekday Mass

**New Finance Council Member**—We thank Nancy Dobratz for her service on the Parish Finance Council. Ken Thies will be replacing her so we welcome and thank him for being willing to serve in this way for our parish.

## A Message from Fr. Kubista:

What are Sacramentals? The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: *“Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church. They prepare men to receive the fruit of the sacraments and sanctify different circumstances of life.”* (CCC 1677) Sacrosanctum Concilium (SC) says that sacramentals *“are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments: they signify effects, particularly of a spiritual kind, which are obtained through the Church's intercession. By them men are disposed to receive the chief effect of the sacraments, and various occasions in life are rendered holy.”* (SC, 60) It continues: *“There is hardly any proper use of material things which cannot thus be directed toward the sanctification of men and the praise of God.”* (SC, 61) *“Sacramentals are instituted for the sanctification of certain ministries of the Church, certain states of life, a great variety of circumstances in Christian life, and the use of many things helpful to man.”* (CCC 1668) Sacramentals are visible signs of God's invisible grace, sanctifying daily life.

The CCC states: *“Among sacramentals blessings (of persons, meals, objects, and places) come first.”* (CCC 1671) The Catholic Encyclopedia says: *“The special virtue recognized by the Church and experienced by Christians in the sacramentals should consist in the official prayers whereby we implore God to pour forth special graces on those who make use of the sacramentals. These prayers move God to give graces which He would not otherwise give, and when not infallibly acceded to it is for reasons known to His Wisdom. God is aware of the measure in which He should bestow His gifts.”*

Sacramentals have various effects. The CE says: *“One of the most remarkable effects of sacramentals is the virtue to drive away evil spirits whose mysterious and baleful operations affect sometimes the physical activity of man.”* *“When the Church asks publicly and authoritatively in the name of Jesus Christ that a person or object be protected against the power of the Evil One and withdrawn from his dominion, it is called exorcism.... Exorcism is directed at the expulsion of demons or to the liberation from demonic possession through the spiritual authority which Jesus entrusted to his Church.”* (CCC 1673) Exorcism is a sacramental.

Sacramentals are images, actions, objects, devotions to saints, and blessings *“that are unique to our faith; those sometimes humble reminders of what the Catholic faith is all about”* The CCC says: *“The religious sense of the Christian people has always found expression in various forms of piety surrounding the Church's sacramental life, such as the veneration of relics, visits to sanctuaries, pilgrimages, processions, the stations of the cross, religious dances, the rosary, medals, etc.”* (CCC 1674) Because we are spiritual and physical beings (soul and body), we desire things we can physically touch, see, say (sing, chant, recite), feel, and experience with our senses and this helps us to be reminded of and grow in our faith. A sacramental reminds us of various things: the sign of the cross of the Trinity (CNA said was the chief sacramental), a crucifix of the death of Jesus, holy water of our Baptism, candles that Jesus is the light of the world, ashes of our mortality, palms of Jesus' triumphant ride into Jerusalem, the Stations of the Cross of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Angelus of the Incarnation, the Rosary of the life of Christ, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet of God's great mercy and our need for it. There is debate on whether sacramentals by themselves remit sins. We do know that they can move our minds and hearts to a greater love of God, allowing Him to shower us with His Grace which can include remitting our sins.

It is good to have sacramentals on our person (a scapular, St. Benedict medal, the Miraculous Medal, and/or a crucifix), in the car (crucifix on the rear view mirror and/or St. Christopher (protector of travelers) item somewhere), in the home (a crucifix in each bedroom, an image or statue of the Sacred Heart, Mary, St. Joseph, St Michael the Archangel, and other saints) and other appropriate places. God bless you.

## March is the Month Dedicated to St Joseph

**Novenas to St Joseph start** on Sunday, March 10th, and end on March 19th (the Solemnity of St Joseph). There are copies of a novena pamphlet on the back tables. Also, there are many resources on line (i.e., USCCB, EWTN, praymorenovenas.com, Hallow.com) that have more info and novenas from which to choose.



Anyone who is interested in joining in *Cardinal Burke's nine-month novena* for the nation and world starting on March 12th, the prayer cards are on order and will be set out on back tables.

### Stained Glass Window Project Update:

TerHaar will be taking out some of the stain glass windows this week on Thursday (3/14) and Friday (3/15). They will be coming around 9:30am each morning and working so that they complete the take out by Friday. We will make a payment of \$27,804 (25% of project cost) to them next week.

**Laetare - meaning "rejoice" - in the Latin text.** On Laetare Sunday (similar to Advent's Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. The rose color indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide.

## **Our Sacrificial Giving**

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,150.00
3/3/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$1,925.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,178.00
Easter Flowers	\$370.00
Stained glass windows	\$500.00
Donut Sunday	\$46.00
<b>Collection Total for 3/3/24:</b>	<b>\$4,019.00</b>
Masses*	\$149.00
Festival prize**	\$500.00
Stole Fee*	\$189.69
Budgeted Collection Income 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 **	\$163,882.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 3/3/24)	\$134,050.69

\* Not included in Collection Total

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

## **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 763-213-7923 or [smbroll@icloud.com](mailto:smbroll@icloud.com)**

## **Gobal Solidarity Sunday Weekend on March 9th/10th**

A second collection will be gathered for the USCCB initiatives to support spiritual and material needs of churches in Central/Eastern Europe, Latin American and Africa and the global humanitarian efforts of Catholic Relief Services. Details can be found at

[www.centerformission.org](http://www.centerformission.org)

## **March is Food Shelf Month**

If you'd like to drop off items there is a basket under the back table by the ushers. Items will be distributed to Watertown and Delano. Items needed include: canned spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese, canned chili/black/kidney beans, instant potatoes, saltine crackers, spaghetti and elbow pasta, canned fruit and applesauce, gift certificates to local grocery stores (Marketplace or Coborns)

## Parish Events

- Mar 9th at 6:30—Kings Bible study
- Mar 9th/10th—Second Collection for Global Solidarity Sunday
- Mar 12th at 7:10pm—Festival Meeting
- Mar 16th at 6:30pm—Kings Bible study
- Mar 17th—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast for benefit of local Seminarians—9-11am
- Mar 19th at 7:10-pm—Cemetery Committee Meeting
- Mar 20th—Faith Formation last class
- Mar 24th—Holy Week begins
- Apr 2nd at 7:10pm—Maintenance Team Mtg
- Apr 7th—Donut Sunday
- Apr 7th—First Communions

**Small group meetings** are Mondays at 6:30pm, Tuesdays at 7:10pm, and Thursdays at 9:15am. Please feel free to stop in and check one of them out. Our current Lenten study is on the Eucharist. Join us for prayer, study, discussion, and fellowship.

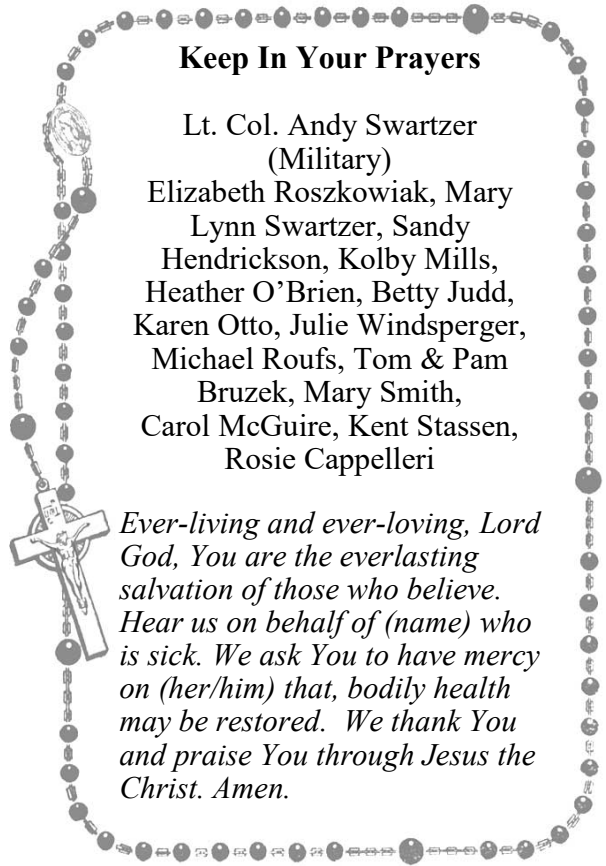
**Formed.org subscription update:** Fr. Kubista would like to know if there is anyone that uses the Formed.org app or website. We will be taking a quick survey in the near future in order to determine if we should continue to subscribe our parish to this content.

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## 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, Rosie Cappelleri

*Ever-living and ever-loving, Lord God, You are the everlasting salvation of those who believe. Hear us on behalf of (name) who is sick. We ask You to have mercy on (her/him) that, bodily health may be restored. We thank You and praise You through Jesus the Christ. Amen.*



## Radio Rosary 11:00 am Sundays



KRWC - 1360 AM Buffalo

**March 10th**—for living and deceased members of St Mary of Czestochowa Catholic Church, Delano

**March 17th**—for living and deceased members of Catholic United Financial Council 31, St Michael

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