



Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 17th, 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 16th	4pm	Austin Kurtz+
Sun 17th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 19th	6:30pm	Joe Swartzter, Sr+
Wed 20th	8:30am	Merilla Socher+
Thur 21st	8:30am	Geraldine Motzko+
Fri 22nd	8:30am	Joanna Moczko+
Sat 23rd	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 24th	8:30am	Olivia Jacobson+

**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	
Mar 16th	Tracy A (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Mar 17th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
Mar 23rd	George & Tracy (L), Sue R (S), Jim & George (U)
Mar 24th	Deb D & Bob S (L), Deb D (S), Dave L & Jim O' (U)

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

## A Message from Fr. Kubista:

The brown scapular is a sacramental. The Vatican's Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy says: "*The scapular is an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.*"

The brown scapular has its roots in the Carmelite Order, which started on Mount Carmel, which is near Haifa Israel. That is where a group of monastics lived who had a particular devotion to the Virgin Mary, hence their patroness who was called Our Lady of Mount Carmel. If we go back to the Old Testament, Mount Carmel is where the Prophet Elijah, in offering a sacrifice to God, destroys the evil Prophets of the pagan god, Baal. The scapular is like the mantle (cloak made of cloth) worn by Elijah. St Dominic (1170 – 1221AD) said: "*One day, Brother Angelus, to your Order of Carmel the Most Blessed Virgin Mary will give a devotion to be known as the Brown Scapular, and to my Order of Preachers she will give a devotion to be known as the Rosary. And one day, through the rosary and the scapular, she will save the world.*" In the late 1200AD, because of persecution, the Carmelite Order spread from Mount Carmel to Europe including England. In Aylesford, England on July 16, 1251, the brown scapular was presented by Mary to St. Simon Stock. She said: "*Take this scapular. It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace. Whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.*"

Another promise is the Sabbatine Privilege which was issued by Pope Paul V in 1613: "*It is permitted to preach that the Blessed Virgin will help by her continued assistance and her merits, particularly on Saturdays, the souls of the members of the Scapular Confraternity [reason for enrollment] who have died in the grace of God, if in life they had worn the scapular, observed chastity according with their state of life, and recited the Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*" Substitutes for the third condition are: praying 3 Hail Marys; or 7 Our Fathers with Hail Mary and Glory Be; or the Divine Office; or the Rosary; or abstaining from meat on Wednesdays and Saturdays. This privilege has been affirmed by a number of popes including the recent popes of St. Pius X, Pius XI, and Pius XII.

The brown scapular is also connected to the message of Fatima. Mary appeared at Fatima on October 13, 1917 identifying herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and after the miracle of the sun, she appeared as our Lady of Mount Carmel holding the scapular (an indication that we should wear it). St. Lucia, one of the Fatima visionaries, said in an interview with two Carmelite priests on September 13, 1949, that "*the Rosary and the scapular are inseparable. The scapular is a sign of consecration to Our Lady.*" She indicated that wearing the scapular was one of the Fatima messages and is as important as saying a daily rosary.

St John Paul II wrote on the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the scapular: "*Therefore two truths are evoked by the sign of the scapular: On the one hand, the constant protection of the Blessed Virgin, not only on life's journey, but also at the moment of passing into the fullness of eternal glory; on the other, the awareness that devotion to her cannot be limited to prayers and tributes in her honor on certain occasions, but must become a 'habit,' that is, a permanent orientation of one's own Christian conduct, woven of prayer and interior life, through frequent reception of the sacraments and the concrete practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. In this way the scapular becomes a sign of the 'covenant' and reciprocal communion between Mary and the faithful ... .*" God bless you.

## Stained Glass Window Project Update

TerHaar has removed about half of the windows for refurbishment. The windows will be at TerHaar's shop getting all the lead replaced and any defects in the glass fixed. After these windows are all fixed up, around mid June, TerHaar will put the refurbished windows back in and take the other half of the windows out. At that time, they will fix up all the storms on the outside, and seal them so while the other windows are out ( from June until Oct) we will have a clear view to the outside. Thank you for all those who have donated and helped on this project.

## 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).

**Thank You Faith Formation Teachers and Helpers** for all of your hard work and dedication these past few months, and thank you to all of our parish families and friends for being a part of it! Also, a big thanks to our volunteers who help with setting up (and taking down) the classroom partitions around our parish events.

## **Enrollment in the Brown Scapular**

Fr. Kubista will be offering enrollment in the brown scapular this week during Faith Formation class for the students and their parents. He will be offering enrollment to anyone in the parish after masses on the second weekend in April. The Church will provide scapulars although you are welcome to bring your own.



## **Novena for the Nation and**

**World:** Anyone who is interested in joining in *Cardinal Burke's nine-month novena* for the nation and world starting on March 12th, there are prayer cards on the back table.



## **Our Sacrificial Giving**

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,150.00
3/10/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,760.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$618.00
Easter Flowers	\$80.00
Stained glass windows	\$100.00
Votives	\$278.25
<b>Collection Total for 3/10/24:</b>	<b>\$3,836.25</b>
Stole Fee*	\$100.00
Rice Bowl*	\$7.00
Global Solidarity Sunday*	\$345.00
Budgeted Collection Income 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 **	\$163,882.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 3/10/24)	\$137,886.94

\* Not included in Collection Total

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

## **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.

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

## Parish Events

- 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 23 at 6:30pm—Kings Bible study
- Mar 28th at 7pm Holy Thursday Mass
- Mar 29th at 7pm Good Friday Service
- Mar 30th at 8pm—Holy Saturday Mass
- Mar 31st at 8:30am—Easter Sunday Mass
- Apr 2nd at 7:10pm—Maintenance Team Mtg
- Apr 7th—Donut Sunday
- Apr 7th—First Communions
- Apr 7th at 3pm—Divine Mercy Holy Hour
- Apr 9th—Festival Mtg at 7:10pm
- Apr 16th at 7:10pm—Parish Councils meet

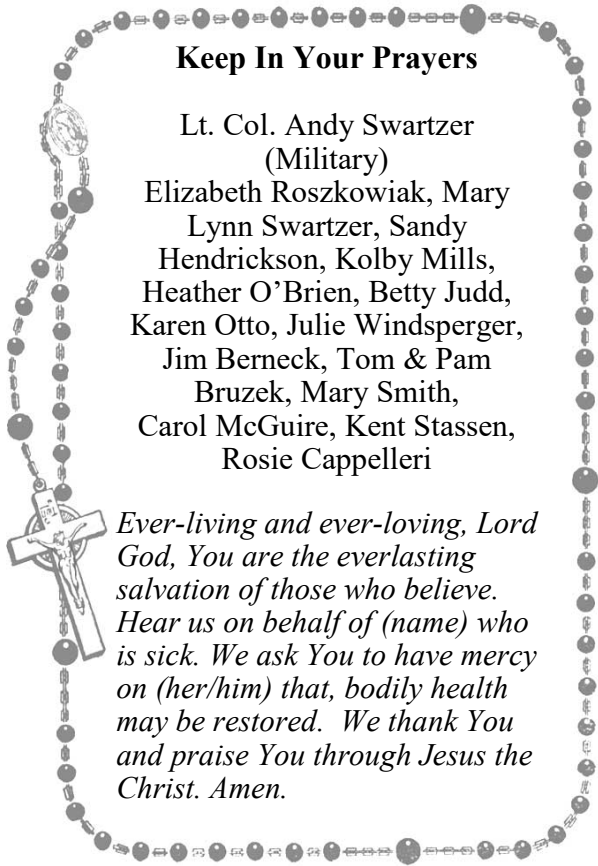
**Formed.org subscription update:** Fr. Kubista will be taking a quick poll at this weekend masses on whether or not to keep the subscription.

Thank you sponsors! If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Kathleen at [kmotzko@stmarydelano.org](mailto: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, Jim Berneck, 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 17th**—for living and deceased members of Catholic United Financial Council 31, St Michael

**Mar 24th**—for living and deceased members of Catholic Order of Foresters Council 1560, Delano

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