



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 24th, 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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MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 23rd	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 24th	8:30am	Olivia Jacobson+
Tues 26th	6:30pm	Betty Bury+
Wed 27th	8:30am	Dennis Haven+
Thur 28th	7pm*	Janice, Deb & Cheryl Brown+
Fri 29th	7pm*	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Sat 30th	8pm*	Walter Swartzter+
Sun 31st	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased

* Note time changes for Holy Week Only

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

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Mar 23rd	George & Tracy (L), Sue R (S), Jim & George (U)
Mar 24th	Greg G & Katelyn R (L), Greg G (S), Dave L & Jim O' (U)
Mar 28th	Deb D (L/S), Volunteers (U)
Mar 29th	George R & Paul D (L), Sue R (S), Joe N & Jim O' (U)
Mar 30th	Paul D & Tracy A (L), Depas (S), Jim & George (U)
Mar 31st	Deb D (L/S), Joe M & Jim Otto (U)

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Lent is a great time for us to grow in the virtue of temperance. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: *“Temperance is the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods.”* (CCC 1809) Temperance is the virtue by which we “temper” or regulate our thoughts (especially desires) that come up within us, allowing them to inform (including moderate) our actions so that we act in accord with God’s order, that we do what is pleasing and acceptable to Him.

The thoughts that we have (especially desires which are thoughts of wanting something) can come from ourselves, from outside sources (like the devil, other people, or things), or from God. These thoughts can move us and depending on how strong, move us in a greater way. We want greater temperance so that our will (the faculty in our soul that makes choices) is strengthened to make good choices so we act rightly. A thought will come into our mind (the intellect in our soul), we then have a choice, we can either accept (desire or want) the thought or not accept it. If the thought is bad and we accept it, that is when we sin. So when we are aware of a thought and realize it is bad, we want to choose not to accept it. This then extends to actions as we certainly do not want to act on bad thoughts or desires. Sometimes a thought can generate a habitual reaction in which we do not think and consciously make a decision to act, rather we just do it. This can be hard to correct but we must interrupt the habit so that we can choose that which is right and good.

We want temperance so that we regulate our will so that we are able to say no to accepting a bad thought and acting on it, or if a good thought to act with appropriate moderation. The Book of Sirach reminds us: *“Do not let your passions be your guide, but keep your desires in check. If you allow yourself to satisfy your passions, they will make you the laughingstock of your enemies.”* (Sirach 18:30-31) So if we are able to discipline our will, to say no to those bad thoughts (including emotions and desires) that enter into us, those thoughts which can move us to do wrong, then we can avoid many sins. “[Temperance] ensures the will’s mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable. The temperate person directs the sensitive appetites toward what is good and maintains a healthy discretion.” (CCC 1809) A temperate person is able to discern moderation in action so that its effects are “balanced”, “well ordered”, and give glory to God.

We cannot grow in the virtue of temperance without help from the Lord and so praying for growth in it is very important. St Paul reminds us of the need for the grace of God. *“For the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age,”* (Titus 2:11-12) We are to have a desire to want to grow in temperance for if we have this desire (which is a good desire) God will help us. We grow in it by practicing it, by denying ourselves various things or refraining from various actions. We fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstain from meat (which can be a desirable food) on Fridays during Lent which helps temper our desire to eat food on these days. When we grow in temperance, we are more easily able to say no to any disordered desires from within.

We pray that God would help us to grow in the virtue of temperance so that when desires come, that we can say no to those that would cause us to sin and yes to those that help us grow closer to God. 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 April 13th/14th

Fr. Kubista will be offering enrollment in the brown scapular to anyone in the parish after Masses on the weekend of April 13th/14th. The Church will provide scapulars although you are welcome to bring your own. Also, there will be extra scapulars if you need a replacement. Just a reminder, that scapulars are sacramentals, and that when they are old, worn out or broken, they should be disposed of in a reverent manner (i.e., burned or buried).



Waffle Breakfast Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the breakfast on Sunday. We raised \$598 (after expenses) that will be donated to a local Seminarian. Also, thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the event, especially our Confirmation student helpers Charlie K, Emily H, and Greta L!

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,150.00
3/17/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$1,925.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$811.00
Stained glass windows	\$300.00
Collection Total for 3/17/24:	\$3,036.00
Breakfast for Seminarians*	\$884.93
Budgeted Collection Income 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 **	\$163,882.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 3/17/24)	\$140,922.94

* 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 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 6th at 6:30pm—Kings Bible study
- 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

Please note there are additional Confession times this week: Thurs Mar 28th after the 7pm Mass until finished, Good Friday Mar 29th 3:30-4:30pm and after the 7pm Service until finished.

Old palms (from previous years) may be dropped in the box under the back table by the ushers.



HOLY WEEK

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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

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

Mar 31st—For bishops and priests—Jean Motzko