



Third Sunday of Lent  
March 3rd, 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 2nd	4pm	Rodney Walters+
Sun 3rd	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 5th	6:30pm	NO MASS
Wed 6th*	6pm*	Mike Leuthner+
Thur 7th	8:30am	Special Intention
Fri 8th	8:30am	For those in an unmarked grave+
Sat 9th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 10th	8:30am	Alex & Gladys Socher+

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Mar 2nd	Tracy A (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Mar 3rd	Theisens (L/S), Joe M & Jim Otto (U)
Mar 9th	Deb D (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Mar 10th	Bob S (L), Kate T (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

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** after each weekday Mass

**\* Please note the Mass time change for Wed. Mar 6th (this week only). Wednesday Adoration will continue as scheduled (9am-6pm).**

## A Message from Fr. Kubista:

The five precepts of the Church help us to be members of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. The first precept is: *"You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor"*. (We are not required to receive the Eucharist rather attend Mass.) The Code of Canon Law (CCL) says that Sunday is *"the primordial holy day of obligation."*(CCL 1246.§1) The CCL gives a number of Holy Days and says: *"With the prior approval of the Apostolic See, however, the conference of bishops can suppress some of the holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday."*(CCL 1246.§2) The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) tells us to rest *"from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days."*(CCC 2042) The CCL expands on this and says: *"they are to abstain from those works and [business] which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body."*(CCL 1247) The obligation can be fulfilled on the day itself or *"the evening of the preceding day."*(CCL 1248)

The second precept is: *"You shall confess your sins at least once a year."* This precept *"ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness."*(CCC 2042) *"After having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave [mortal] sins at least once a year."*(CCL 989)

The third precept is connected to the second. It is: *"You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season"*. (One has to receive the Eucharist to receive the sacrament.) This precept *"guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy."*(CCC 2042) The CCL expands on this. *"After being initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, each of the faithful is obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year."*(CCL 920.§1.§2)

The fourth precept is *"You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church"*. *"The divine law binds all the Christian faithful to do penance each in his or her own way. In order for all to be united among themselves by some common observance of penance, however, penitential days are prescribed on which the Christian faithful devote themselves in a special way to prayer, perform works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their own obligations more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence."*(CCL 1249) *"The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent."*(CCL 1250) Those over 14 years old are to abstain from meat on Fridays in Lent, and abstain from meat and fast (for ages 18 to 59) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The *Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence* (1966) says that *"Friday itself remains a special day of penitential observance throughout the year"* which implies that some form of penance should be done every Friday. It continues that outside Lent, we are urged to make Friday *"a day of self-denial and mortification in prayerful remembrance of the passion of Jesus Christ"* and that abstaining from flesh meat is still considered the "first place" penance but other forms of penance (sacrifice) can be done instead.

The fifth precept is *"You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church"*. *"The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for the works of the apostolate and of charity, and for the decent support of ministers."*(CCL 222 §1)

We pray that God would help us to follow the precepts of the Church so we are strengthened as its members. God bless you.

## March is the Month Dedicated to St Joseph

**Novenas to St Joseph start** on 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.

Also check out [www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/novena-for-the-solemnity-of-saint-joseph](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/novena-for-the-solemnity-of-saint-joseph) or [www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/03\\_1.cfm](http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/03_1.cfm)



## 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](mailto:smbroll@icloud.com)



**Formed.org 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. If you are not familiar with Formed, please take some time this Lent to check it out. We share a subscription with St Boniface so if you need to create an account, please select St Boniface as the parish that you sign in under.

**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.

## Global 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)

## **Our Sacrificial Giving**

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,150.00
2/25/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,155.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$640.25
Easter Flowers	\$105.00
Fuel	\$2,045.00
<b>Collection Total for 2/25/24:</b>	<b>\$4,145,25</b>
Masses*	\$14.00
Victor C book	\$20.00
Budgeted Collection Income 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 **	\$163,882.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 2/25/24)	\$130,031.69

\* Not included in Collection Total

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

## **2024 Catholic Services Appeal** is under way.

Please keep an eye out for information packet that was recently sent in the mail. If you did not receive one, there will be additional envelopes on the back tables. Feel free to drop envelopes in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity!

## Parish Events

- Mar 2nd at 6:30pm—Kings Bible study
- Mar 3rd—Donut Sunday after Mass
- Mar 9th at 6:30—Kings Bible study
- Mar 9th/10th—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 20th—Faith Formation last class
- Mar 24th—Holy Week begins

Stations of the Cross immediately follow weekend Masses during Lent

**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.

**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.

**Thank you sponsors!** If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Kathleen at [kmotzko@stmarydelano.org](mailto:kmotzko@stmarydelano.org)



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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

*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

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

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

