



**Third Sunday of Easter**  
April 14th, 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 13th	4pm	Joseph Swartzter, Sr +
Sun 14th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 16th	6:30pm	Janice Bogenrief+
Wed 17th	8:30am	Carol & Bradley Theisen+
Thur 18th	8:30am	Fr Paul Kubista
Fri 19th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 20th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 21st	8:30am	Olivia Jacobson+

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Apr 13th	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Apr 14th	Glavans (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)
Apr 20th	Huns V (L), Tracy A (S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Apr 21st	Theisens (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 issues of *The Catholic Servant* are now available on the back tables.**

## A Message from Fr. Kubista:

One of the challenges that we can experience, especially when we get older, is that of loneliness. Loneliness is feeling on our own. It is important that we turn to the Lord when we feel alone, realizing that it can be a way that He draws us closer to Himself.

Loneliness can be experienced at any stage in our lives and especially when we are older. Although today, loneliness seems to be growing in all ages in part because of technology and the lifestyle that we lead (our culture is more individualistic and isolated). Our children may not be exposed to interactions and things which foster community and togetherness. From a faith perspective, some think that coming together in a community to worship is not that important and they would rather worship on their own, and this attitude can foster a sense of loneliness. As human beings, we desire and are made for community. Yes, there can be times when we are alone, when we must be alone. Being together with others helps us and should encourage us to know that we are not alone.

When we feel lonely, we can have a sense of emptiness in our soul. We can feel that we are not loved or not appreciated by others. We can feel that we may not have a purpose or some reason for our existence. Feeling lonely might be that we are turned in on ourselves too much, we are not looking at the goodness that is within us, or we are not looking at the good that is outside of ourselves. We are to remember that God made us good, although broken. At times, though, we can lose this insight and forget that God made us and that we are made to be with Him. We can try to replace God with someone or something else, but these will never completely fill us, and there still can be a sense of being alone. Only God can completely fill us.

One of the ways to overcome loneliness is to realize that we are never alone. God is always near us, He is beside us (in our person as we are temples of the Holy Spirit). He wants to be our best friend and He wants to walk with us. We are to be mindful that this is what God did with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He walked with them in the gentle breeze of the afternoon. God wants to do the same with each of us. He wants to walk with us, He wants to be so involved in our lives that we can feel Him or at least know that He is always there. We are to always be open to His soft and gentle way to be with us.

Sometimes, we feel alone because God wants us to open ourselves more to His love, to His gentle way of drawing us to Himself. We actually have to feel alone so that we turn to God for His help and support. It allows and helps us to realize that it really is Him; it can only be Him for there is no one else. Once we realize that we are never alone and that God is always with us, even when someone we love leaves us (dies), we are able to turn to the sure and steady support of the Lord.

If we are feeling lonely, turn to the Lord, pray to Him and ask Him to help us realize He is near. We can turn to others for strength and support but ultimately there will always be a void which only God can fill for only in Him will we find true rest. Jesus said: *“Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will give you rest for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”* Each of us is made for God and only in Him will we feel whole and not alone. God bless you.



Congratulations to our First Communion recipients: Victor Depa, Myles Erdmann, Ivan Hadesh, Louis Hanlon, Liam Hanson, Tyson Hartneck,

Annabelle Madden, Madelyn Miron, Ellie Runke, Cole Sandquist, Natalie Sernett, and Aubrey Socher.

What a blessing for our parish family. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with joy and guide them in their journey of faith!

First Communicants are invited to participate in **May Crowning on May 5th** by processing forward at the beginning of Mass and placing flowers on the head of the statue of Mary. We do this to honor Mary as Queen of Heaven and Mother of God.

**Wednesday Adoration Update:** we are in need of a second person or sub for 12pm-1pm. Please contact Sue Broll at 763-213-7923 or [smbroll@icloud.com](mailto:smbroll@icloud.com) if you are able to help cover this hour. Thanks!

## Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,150.00
4/7/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,545.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,617.00
Votives	\$109.00
Bulletin Ads	\$100.00
Easter env.	\$120.00
Donut Sunday	\$47.00
<b>Collection Total for 4/7/24:</b>	<b>\$4,538.00</b>
Good Friday (Holy Land) Env.*	\$100.00
Funerals*	\$300.00
Masses*	\$10.00
Stole Fee*	\$375.00
Budgeted Collection Income 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 **	\$163,882.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 4/7/24)	\$156,018.94

\* Not included in Collection Total

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

## Enrollment in the Brown Scapular April 13th/14th

Fr. Kubista will be offering enrollment in the brown scapular after Masses on the weekend of April 13th/14th.

The Church will provide scapulars although you are welcome to bring your own.



The parish would like to extend condolences to the family of Bill Horsch, whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 13th.

And to the family of Aloysius Peters, whose funeral mass was celebrated on Wednesday, April 3rd.

And also to the family of Peter Czech, whose funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 6th.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon them.

## Parish Events

- **Apr 16th at 7:10pm—Parish Councils meet after Mass**
- **May 3rd—First Friday Mass and devotions**
- **May 4th—First Saturday devotions**
- **May 5th—May Crowning**
- **May 5th—Donut Sunday after Mass**
- **May 5th—Parish Townhall meeting on Donut Sunday including festival details**
- **May 14th at 7:10pm—Festival Meeting**

**Thank you** to everyone who helped decorate for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, to those who helped with Triduum, and to those who donated for Easter flowers.

**The Catholic Order of Foresters Court 1560 quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 20th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at 310 Pacific Ave, Waverly, MN. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please call 763-658-4009 for information or directions.**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 21st, 2024** - April 21 is a special celebration of World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The worldwide Church honors all Christian vocations. Christ Jesus gives his life for us that we might know fullness of life. We pray for openness to God's call and to accept the gift of our Christian vocation. Christ Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is with us to guide and protect us on our life journey. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, or secular institutes and to holy marriages.

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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, 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

**Apr 14th**—for an end to abortions and a greater respect for human life—Wright-Henn. #4174 Knights of Columbus

**Apr 21st**—for peace in the world—St Timothy's CCW, Maple Lake

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