



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21st, 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 20th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 21st	8:30am	Olivia Jacobson +
Tues 23rd	6:30pm	Edward Pearson +
Wed 24th	8:30am	Geraldine & James Motzko Sr+
Thur 25th	8:30am	Clergy in Purgatory +
Fri 25th	8:30am	Catherine Earley +
Sat 27th	4pm	Bill Horsch +
Sun 28th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased

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	
Apr 20th	Huns V (L), Tracy A (S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Apr 21st	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
Apr 27th	Depas (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Apr 28th	Deb D (L/S), Dave L & Jim O' (U)

Scam Alert—there were recent emails sent from an account claiming to be from **Mary Kay**. Please be sure to double check if you receive a suspicious email from someone on the parish staff.

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Our rights come from God and cannot be changed by man. That is good because if man is allowed to change them, he could change them to fit his desires, which at times can be evil, go against God. Governments (like our State) have been given authority, ultimately by God, and are to enact laws which align with the rights given to us by God.

A person has an obligation before God to accept the gender that they were created with at the moment of their conception. The English word gender ultimately comes from the Latin word genus which means “kind”, “type”, or “sort”. When God created Adam and Eve, He made them male and female, which means there are only two genders (“kinds”) of human persons, male and female. Therefore, at the moment of conception, a person is a specific gender which is marked in the DNA of every cell, which cannot be changed, and determines their growth and “potential”.

Our State Government is undermining our God given rights in part by defining perceived “acceptable” terms in laws they create. In 2023, they entirely changed the definition of sexual orientation and added the definition for gender identity in the Minnesota Human Rights Act (MHRA) (363A.03 - Definitions). *“Sexual orientation” means to whom someone is, or is perceived of as being, emotionally, physically, or sexually attracted to based on sex or gender identity. A person may be attracted to men, women, both, neither, or to people who are genderqueer, androgynous, or have other gender identities. “Gender identity” means a person’s inherent sense of being a man, woman, both, or neither. A person’s gender identity may or may not correspond to their assigned sex at birth or to their primary or secondary sex characteristics. A person’s gender identity is not necessarily visible to others.”* These definitions are broad, undermine God’s order (His plan), and imply that those who have disordered movements within are not disordered (their behavior is acceptable).

The MN Legislature added the gender identity class to the MHRA in 2023 and is changing it again this year. MHRA (363A.02 - Public Policy) says that persons are free from discrimination in employment, housing and real property, public accommodations, and education in one or more of (proposed in 2024) the following classes: race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity (added in 2023), marital status, disability, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, familial status, and age. The Legislature changed the MHRA in 2023 (363A.08 - Unfair Discriminatory Practices Relating to Employment or Unfair Employment Practice) to include gender identity. Labor Organizations, an Employer, and an Employment Agency cannot accept/hire, expel/discharge, or discriminate in various ways against persons because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, or age nor ask them if they fall into any of these classes.

What MN Legislature did not change in 2023 was MHRA (363A.20 - Exemption Based on Employment) and MHRA (363A.26 - Exemption Based on Religious Association) to include gender identity. When an amendment (SF 3848) was brought up in Committee on 3/22/2024 to add the exemption for gender identity to respect the beliefs of Religious Organizations, it was voted down which means that the exemption for gender identity was purposely not amended in 2023 and thus is an attack on religious liberty. It is worth to watch the Committee Meeting. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfbuV6DEFFM>) (~29 minutes)

The MN Legislature is trying to enshrine violations to the dignity of the human person by having citizens vote to have the *Equal Rights Amendment* added to the State Constitution. Minnesota HF 173 says that if passed, the following will be added to article 1, section 18: *“Equality under the law shall not be abridged or denied by this state or any of its cities, counties, or other political subdivisions on account of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, ancestry, or national origin.”*

We can pray for our State, contact our State Officials on these matters, and elect God centric Legislators. We love a person by affirming the gender God created them with at conception (male or female) and helping them to live that out in their lives. 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 for the noon and 2 o'clock hours. Also, if you are interested in being an occasional sub, please contact Sue Broll at 763-213-7923 or smbroll@icloud.com if you are able to help cover these hours. Thanks!

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Average weekly collection income need	\$3,150.00
4/14/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$752.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,920.00
Utilities	\$20.00
Breakfast	\$20.00
Collection Total for 4/14/24:	\$2,712.00
Good Friday (Holy Land) Env.*	\$100.00
Funeral*	\$150.00
Masses*	\$10.00
Marriage Fee*	\$300.00
Stole Fee*	\$250.00
Cemetery Plot*	\$450.00
Budgeted Collection Income 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 **	\$163,882.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 4/14/24)	\$158,730.94

* Not included in Collection Total

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



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

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

Action Alert

The Equal Rights Amendment, more appropriately called the “Erosion of Rights Amendment,” would diminish the hard-earned rights and protections of women and could eliminate conscience rights and religious liberty of all Minnesotans.

The current language goes beyond attempting to protect “sex” as a class, but rather would protect people based on their “gender identity or expression.” This would undo years of hard-fought women’s rights victories, and if passed by legislators, would be sent to Minnesota voters during a general election.

Help us stop this legislation in its tracks and instead protect women, girls, and our religious liberty! Check out the bulletin board for more info or go to <https://www.mncatholic.org/era>

Parish Events

- **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 7th at 7:10pm—SET Synod Year 2 Planning Meeting 1**
- **May 14th at 7:10pm—Festival Meeting**
- **May 21st at 7:10pm—SET Synod Year 2 Planning Meeting 2**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 21st

April 21st 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.

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

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

Apr 28th—for the end of the Middle East conflict—St Michael's CCW, St Michael