



**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
April 28th, 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 27th	4pm	Bill Horsch +
Sun 28th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 30th	6:30pm	Austin Kurtz +
Wed 1st	8:30am	Ruby Kubista +
Thur 2nd	8:30am	Mike Leuthner +
Fri 3rd	8:30am	Rose Ann Motzko +
Sat 4th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 5th	8:30am	Bill Horsch +

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Apr 27th	Depas (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Apr 28th	Deb D (L/S), Dave L & Jim O' (U)
May 4th	Depas (L/S), Don G & Volunteer (U)
May 5th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe M (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:**

We are called to grow in the cardinal virtue of prudence. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: *“Prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.”* (CCC 1806) The Catholic Dictionary says: *“it is the moral virtue that enables a person to devise, choose, and prepare suitable means for the attainment of any purpose or the avoidance of any evil”*. Prudence is assessing a situation (an act of the intellect), making a decision (an act of the will) to do something that will achieve what is good, right, and best under the circumstances, and then carrying out that action.

Prudence is first an act in the intellect as we assess the situation that is before us. We consider the various angles, perspectives, and options as to what we will do. What would Jesus have us do; what would be his recommendation? What is best for all; how can we truly love all those persons involved, including ourselves? How can our actions be perceived; can they be scandalous or hypocritical? What is most effective in order to accomplish the goal we have in mind? Do we need to say or do something or both? It is the right time or do we need to wait? What is the right tone and approach; is there a better way? Maybe we can ask others what they think and get their perspective. The Book of Proverbs emphasizes this: *“The fool spurns a father’s instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is prudent.”* (Prv 15:5) We are to pray to God, Mary, St. Joseph, or the Saints, for their help and guidance as to how to proceed.

We are to consider all the options that come to mind realizing that God (especially the Holy Spirit) may speak to us in our thoughts through our intuition or imparting us with wisdom. Once we have come up with an approach and decide how to act, then we make a choice with our will. Because we have discerned the proper action, we are to have the courage to do it and carry out the action. St Thomas Aquinas says: *“The prudent man considers things afar off, in so far as they tend to be a help or a hindrance to that which has to be done at the present time”* and then acts accordingly. (Summa Theologiae II.II.1)

We are to practice prudence which means we have to make a concerted effort to think things through, make a decision, and then act. Since our use of reason and thinking is important in prudence, we are to guard the thoughts, ideas, and information that come into our minds and make sure it is good, truthful, and in right and sound reason. It is so important to read good books, watch good movies, listen to good music or podcasts, to make sure our minds are being influenced in virtuous and Godly ways. We have to not be afraid to make mistakes in judgment rather we are to make a decision with trust in God and then learn and grow from it. When we act, to review our actions and ask if we could have acted differently to bring about a better outcome. We are to grow in self knowledge, which is why it is so important to examine our lives and the things that can lead into sin or poor actions. We are to determine the things and situations in which we are more vulnerable and trigger bad actions, especially those that are habitual. We should come up with some plan or set proper boundaries to avoid falling into the same sin or mistake again, to try to avoid acting imprudently in the future.

We pray that God and others would help us grow in prudence. That our thoughts, judgments, and then actions would always have at their end, that which is best for all, so that we truly are loving God, ourselves, and our neighbor as we should. God bless you.

## Upcoming Events in the Area

**Check out the bulletin board for details and information about upcoming events and retreats in the area.**

- **May 2-5th: Ignatius Book Fair at St. Max.** Includes books for kids and "Well Read Mom" books.  
 May 2nd 6-7pm  
 May 3rd 9:30-11:30am  
 May 4th and 5th after each mass
- **May 9th at King's House Retreat Center: 2nd Annual Healing Mass**—4:30pm Rosary, 5:30pm Mass
- **Mens and Womens Nights** at Holy Trinity in Winsted in May
- **Kings House Retreats** in Buffalo—many to choose from
- **May 11th at ICC Watertown**—Women's Luncheon with speaker Alyssa Bormes, 11:30am, tickets must be purchased by May 5th
- **May 19th at ICC:** 4th Annual Blessing of the Bikes, 11am-3pm. Music, food, beer garden, lots of Harleys and classic cars. Blessing of the Bikes is at 1pm.
- **May 20th at Holy Trinity: Revive Women's Night** with social hours, speakers, music, prayer & Eucharistic Adoration

### 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>**

**Parking Lot Security**—there have been some car break-ins at Delano-area churches. Please keep your cars locked and if you leave purses and other valuables in the car make sure

they are out of sight or take them with you.

### New Statues Donated

We are grateful for an anonymous donor for the statues on the side altars. From right to left the statues are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. John has not arrived and is expected to come sometime next year. Thank you to the donor.

### **Our Sacrificial Giving**

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,150.00
4/21/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$1,595.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$715.01
Utilities	\$220.00
<b>Collection Total for 4/21/24:</b>	<b>\$2,530.01</b>
Masses*	\$231.00
Stole Fee*	\$67.06
Budgeted Collection Income 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 **	\$163,882.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 4/21/24)	\$161,260.95

\* Not included in Collection Total

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

## Parish Events

- **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**

**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.

**Annual Cemetery Cleanup**—The cemetery will be cleaned to allow for lawn care and maintenance. Items that inhibit proper cemetery care will be removed after May 1st and placed near the garage and then eventually discarded if not claimed by May 15th. Thank you.

**St Max Kolbe: Pre-K 2024-25 Enrollment is under way.** Ages 3-5. Full or part time 2, 3, or 5 days per week. For information check out [stmmaxkolbeschool.org](http://stmmaxkolbeschool.org)

**Scam Alert**—Please make sure that if anyone gets an email from Fr. Kubista or other staff members, that the email is correct. Please call Fr. Kubista (or staff) if in doubt and do not do anything until you get confirmation from him (them). Fr. Kubista does not solicit donation requests through emails or text messages. Contact information can be found in the bulletin or parish website.

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

***May 5th***—for Pope Francis—Iten Funeral Home, Watertown and Delano

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