



Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
April 7th, 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 6th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 7th	8:30am	Joe Odenthal+
Tues 9th	6:30pm	Merrilla Socher+
Wed 10th	8:30am	Special Intention
Thur 11th	8:30am	Mike Leuthner+
Fri 12th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 13th	4pm	Joseph Swartzter, Sr +
Sun 14th	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 6th	George & Sue (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Apr 7th	Stephanie C (L), Heather D (S), Jim Otto & Joe M (U)
Apr 13th	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Apr 14th	Glavans (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)

New issues of *The Catholic Servant* are now available on the back tables.

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Mercy is a great unmerited gift that either we can receive or give. Mercy is something all of us need and it is rooted in a deep love. Ultimately, mercy comes from God's love, because without it (without His help) we would not be able to show mercy. Jesus says: "*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*" (Mt 5:7)

Mercy is a great gift which is given. The definition of mercy from the Catechism of the Catholic Church is "*the loving kindness, compassion, or forbearance shown to one who offends (e.g. the mercy of God to us sinners.)*". Mercy is not owed and as such it is unmerited. In justice, a person who has been harmed in some way is "owed" healing in some way; they are to be given what is their due. There are many instances when the harm done to a person in no way can be compensated for. Mercy dispenses with what is owed or due to the person and so it is a great gift especially when one is owed something and cannot be compensated or "paid" back. We are mindful of the gospel in which Jesus is asked by his disciples, how many times are we to forgive to which Jesus says we are always to forgive just as our Heavenly Father forgives us. Then, Jesus tells the parable of the man who pleads for mercy, asks his master to give him a chance and he will pay back what he owes, to which his master forgives his entire debt. Mercy is the same, there is no payback required with mercy. We can receive the gift of mercy, the gift of forgiveness and we also can give it.

All of us need mercy. We need mercy because we are not perfect and have made mistakes and sinned. We have made mistakes which have caused harm to someone else or even ourselves. We have sinned against others and others have sinned against us. Sins usually are a deeper wound because they are intentional ways we hurt others or have been hurt ourselves. With mistakes and especially with sins, we are to give and receive mercy; we are to show mercy to ourselves and others. Sometimes we can be too hard on ourselves and certainly others. Asking for mercy helps us to acknowledge the hurt we have caused. Receiving mercy helps the other to acknowledge the hurt they have caused us. Both asking for and receiving mercy can be a moment of healing for both; it can be a moment to learn and grow in love.

The response to mercy should be a gracious heart. The gift of mercy is a great act of love and compassion. Mercy is telling the other I love you and I will forgive you, I release you from what you "owe" me. It does not matter what you have done to me, do not worry about it, do not fret about it, do not dwell on it but rather learn from it, grow, and move on. Mercy encourages the other as it acknowledges the other person's weakness, their brokenness, how they have fallen, how it must be hard for them, and spurs them on to do better the next time. Mercy is a great act of love when we love the person for who they are and not for what they have or have not done. God shows us mercy; He shows us how much He loves us. We on our part are to show mercy to ourselves and others, because we love God and our neighbor as ourselves.

We are so thankful to God for His gift of mercy to us. By our sins, we deserve to die, but through God's mercy, He grants us new life in Christ. We pray that we would be people of mercy, accepting the mercy that we need and giving mercy to all those around us, especially those who have hurt us deeply, loving God and our neighbor as ourselves. God bless you.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Devotions next weekend on Sunday, April 7th, Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary.

Join us on Sunday, April 7th for a Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 3pm, with Confessions starting at 2:30pm and continuing during the Holy Hour. The Chaplet will also be prayed after the weekend Masses for Divine Mercy Sunday.

A plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!")

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.



Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Average weekly collection income need	\$3,150.00
3/31/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$995.00
Weekly Plate collection	0.00
Easter Plate	\$1,561.00
Easter env.	\$3,460.00
Stained-glass windows	\$650.00
Collection Total for 3/31/24:	\$6,666.00
Good Friday (Holy Land) Plate *	\$141.00
Good Friday (Holy Land) Env. *	\$320.00
Stole Fee*	\$75.00
Budgeted Collection Income 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 **	\$163,882.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 3/31/24)	\$151,480.94

* Not included in Collection Total

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

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

The parish would like to extend condolences 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.

Parish Events

- **Apr 5th—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Benediction**
- **Apr 6th at 6:30pm—Kings Bible study**
- **Apr 6th—First Saturday Devotions**
- **Apr 7th—Donut Sunday**
- **Apr 7th—First Holy Communions**
- **Apr 7th at 3pm—Divine Mercy Holy Hour, Confessions at 2:30pm and during the holy hour**
- **Apr 9th—Festival Mtg at 7:10pm**
- **Apr 16th at 7:10pm—Parish Councils meet after Mass**

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.

First Communions are this Sunday (Apr 7th). We have 12 first communicants this year! Please keep them in your prayers this week.

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.

Serra Club of Wright County meeting April 11th, King's House in Buffalo. Rosary at 5:10, Mass at 5:30pm, Seminarian Cullen Gallagher will speak about his discernment at 7pm. Info: Carol at 612-719-2766.

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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 7th—for living and deceased members of St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Buffalo, MN

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



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