



**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
April 6th, 2025

## 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 11th-April

**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 5th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 6th	8:30am	Mike Leuthner+
Tues 8th	6:30pm	Joe Triplett+
Wed 9th	8:30am	Gary Motzko+
Thur 10th	8:30am	Martha & Eddie Malecek+
Fri 11th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 12th	4pm	Bill Horsch+
Sun 13th	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 5th	George & Sue (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Apr 6th	Huns V (L), Kate T (S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)
Apr 12th	Tracy A (narrator/S), Linda D (2nd reader), Jim & George (U)
Apr 13th	Deb D (narrator/S), Stephanie C (2nd reader), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)

## **A Message from Fr. Kubista:**

As Catholics, we are required each week to go to Mass and not necessarily to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Receiving the Eucharist is a sacrament and coming to Mass is not, which is why anyone can come to Mass and only Catholics (not in the state of mortal sin) can receive the Eucharist. It is so important for us to come to Mass each week.

We come to Mass to worship, adore, and give praise to God, which is a sign of our thanksgiving to Him. God does not need this from us, but we need it. We need to acknowledge the power and might of God, how He has created us, sustains us, and holds all things in existence. It helps us to know our place and dependence on Him, for if we forget, we will lose our way. It trains us to worship, adore, and give praise to God in our lives. When we accomplish something, we thank God and acknowledge His goodness to us. In all our experiences (encounters) we can raise our heart and mind to God, acknowledging how He is assisting and giving us the ability to act; to be who He wants us to be. Others with whom we worship can inspire us and encourage us to live out what we experience at Mass.

We come to Mass to offer our lives to God, uniting them to the sacrifice Jesus offers at Mass. The offertory is when we offer ourselves (our entire lives) and the money collected is part of that offering. This offering is to be a sacrifice so we want to give God the best that we can so that God will accept and be pleased with our offering. We want to be like Abel (who gave his best) whose offering was accepted by God, and not like Cain (who did not give his best) whose was rejected. Our offering and sacrifice is united to Christ's and thus can make reparation for our sins which we acknowledge at the beginning of Mass. We are to live out our offering in our lives by sacrificing for God and others. We are to offer up our works, pains, joys, sufferings, disappointments, etc., uniting them with the sacrifices of Christ and thus all that we do (our entire life) has meaning.

We come Mass to be nourished spiritually, to receive Jesus in the Word (the Bible) and most profoundly in the Eucharist, which is truly his body, blood, soul, and divinity. We are to listen to the prayers and readings (especially the Gospel) and try to glean various enlightenments and knowledge from them; to be taught by the Holy Spirit. We receive Jesus in the Eucharist, who is food for our soul, who helps us to be more conformed to his image and likeness, who shares the Holy Spirit to help and strengthen us, uniting us more profoundly with the Church. Nourished with this food, we then can go out into the world to be a better image of Christ, to live as he would have us live, to be a person of charity, faith, hope, kindness, joy, peace, gentleness, to be someone who inspires others to follow Christ. It is only from the help and nourishment we receive from Christ that we are able to fulfill his command to spread the Good News.

We are grateful for the Mass which reminds us of various things that we are to do in our lives. We pray that when we come to Mass, we will be open to the workings and transformation of the Holy Spirit, so that when we leave Mass and go into the world, we can truly live as we ought, to live as God would have us, giving glory and praise to Him, offering our entire lives to Him, and allowing our daily lives to help strengthen us as his disciples who bear witness to His love for us. Dear Jesus, help me to live out the Mass in my life. God bless you.

## April is the Month of the Holy Spirit

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit. To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess that the Holy Spirit is one of the persons of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial with the Father and the Son: "with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

The Holy Spirit is the Person of Love in the life of God. He is also like a breath, an aspiration of infinite Love, from which we draw the breath of life.

On the day of Pentecost the Divine Spirit communicated such an abundance of life to the whole Church that to symbolize it "there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they (the Apostles) were sitting."

But it is also for us that the Holy Spirit has come, for the group in the Cenacle represented the whole Church. The Holy Spirit came to remain with the Church forever. This is the promise of Jesus Himself. He dwells in the Church permanently and unfailingly, performing in it without ceasing His action of life-giving and sanctification. He establishes the Church infallibly in the truth. It is He Who makes the Church blossom forth with a marvelous supernatural fruitfulness, for He brings to life and full fruition in Virgins, Martyrs, and Confessors those heroic virtues which are one of the marks of true sanctity.

- Excerpt from *catholicculture.org*, Dom Columba Marmion

### **Our Sacrificial Giving**

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

*Thank you.*

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
4/2/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$1,902.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$974.46
Easter Env	\$20.00
Easter Flowers	\$95.00
<b>Collection Total for 4/2/25:</b>	<b>\$2,991.46</b>
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$129,285.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 4/2/25 )	\$158,379.01

\* Not included in Collection Total

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

## **Lenten Activities**

**Stations of the Cross** will be after the weekend masses and on Good Friday at 3pm.

**Liturgy of the Hours** will be said after the Divine Mercy Chaplet after daily masses.

**Free books for Lent:** *The Hidden Power of Kindness* by Fr. Lawrence Lovasik, are available on the back tables. Feel free to take an extra copy to give to a friend or family member.

**Extra copies of the Lenten schedule** are on the back tables and also on the website.

Check out the schedule for additional/extended times for Confessions.

## **Catholic Services Appeal**

The 2025 CSA is under way and our Parish's goal is \$10,689. If you didn't receive your packet in the mail there are extra brochures/envelopes on the back tables. For more information you can go to [www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal](http://www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal). Thank you. for your generosity!



## Parish Events

- Apr 6th—Donut Sunday
- Apr 8th at 7:15pm—Festival Meeting
- Apr 9th at 6:30pm —Faith Formation last class and party
- Apr 13th—Holy Week begins
- Apr 15th—Parish Council meetings
- Apr 17th—Holy Thursday Mass 7pm
- Apr 18th at 3pm—Stations of the Cross
- Apr 18th—Good Friday Service 7pm
- Apr 19th—Easter Vigil Mass 8pm
- Apr 20th—Easter Sunday Mass 8:30am
- Apr 27th—Divine Mercy Sunday

**A big Thank You to our Partition Take Down/ Setup Team!** The Faith Formation classes appreciate having the classrooms and the team has been very



responsive to getting the walls setup (and taken down) for the various events that occur throughout the year.

The April issue of *The Catholic Servant* is now available on the back tables.

**Calendars are in!** Feel free to take an extra if needed.

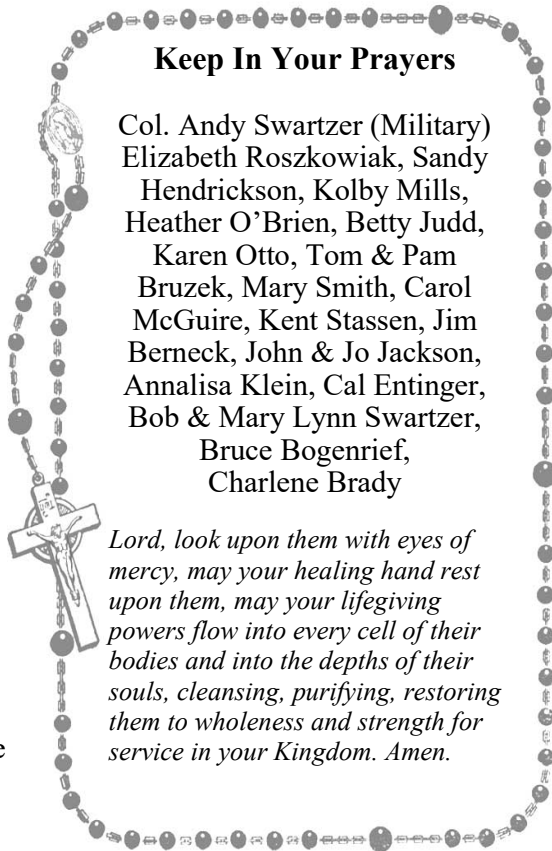
**Festival Meeting Tuesday, April 8th at 7:15pm—** all are welcome to attend. Bring your ideas, comments, concerns for discussion. We will be reviewing the schedule and status of activities in progress.

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

## Keep In Your Prayers

Col. Andy Swartzter (Military)  
Elizabeth Roszkowiak, Sandy  
Hendrickson, Kolby Mills,  
Heather O'Brien, Betty Judd,  
Karen Otto, Tom & Pam  
Bruzek, Mary Smith, Carol  
McGuire, Kent Stassen, Jim  
Berneck, John & Jo Jackson,  
Annalisa Klein, Cal Entinger,  
Bob & Mary Lynn Swartzter,  
Bruce Bogenrief,  
Charlene Brady

*Lord, look upon them with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon them, may your lifegiving powers flow into every cell of their bodies and into the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.*



**Radio Rosary**  
**11:00 am Sundays**

KRWC - 1360 AM Buffalo

**Apr 6th**—for living and deceased members of St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Buffalo

**Apr 13th**—for an end to abortions and a greater respect for human life—Knights of Columbus #4174, St Michael

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