



Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11th, 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:
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Hall Rental: Contact Mary Kay Swartzter.

Safe Environment Coordinator:
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Formed.org sign in under St. Boniface.

MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 10th	4pm	Roy, Rosie & Lee Spurzem+
Sun 11th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 13th	6:30pm	Joe Triplett+
Wed 14th	8:30am	Gary Motzko+
Thurs 15th	8:30am	Gary Gabrelcik+
Fri 16th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 17th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 18th	8:30am	Arlene Kortan Litchy+

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	
May 10th	Dickhausens (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
May 11th	Linda D (L), Kate T (S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
May 17th	Tracy A (L/S), Jim & George (U)
May 18th	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)



A Message from Fr. Kubista:

When we die, each one of us will be judged (most likely by Jesus) in what is called the Particular Judgment. Some suggest that we will judge ourselves but that is not what Scripture and Tradition indicate. St Paul says: *“on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge people’s hidden works through Christ Jesus.”* (Romans 2:16) He also says that we judge (ourselves and others) do we not think that God will judge us (Romans 2:1-3) and repay us according to our works. (Romans 2:4-8) In the Creed, we say that Jesus will come to judge the living and the dead, which implies that Jesus will come to judge us at the Last Judgment but also at our death.

Immediately after we die, a decision (judgment) will have to be made as to whether we go to Heaven, Purgatory, or Hell. We pray that at least we get into Purgatory where eventually we will get into Heaven. Hell would be terrible so we certainly should be afraid and at all cost, avoid it. Jesus says that it would be better to lose a hand or an eye than to be thrown into the eternal fire (fiery Gehenna) with two hands and two eyes. (Matthew 18:8-9)

From a logical perspective, the Particular Judgment makes sense. There has to be something beyond this world and so there has to be a “place” that we go. Where we go has to be determined by where we want to go. Do we want to be with God (we are made for Him) and thus do the things He wants us to do, or do we want to not be with Him and follow our own ways? God wants us to be with Him, He is waiting for us, and will help us to receive His love but we have to want it, we have to love God in return. If we reject God, He respects our choice and will not force us to be with Him for all eternity.

The Particular Judgment is referred to in Scripture. In Hebrews, we are told: *“Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment,”* (Heb 9:27) Some might say this passage is referring to the Final Judgment, but it makes sense that we will be judged immediately when we die and then at the Final Judgment, implying that the judgment referred to here is a twofold one, both the particular and the final. St Paul says that we are to be careful to judge our brother for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God and give an account of ourselves to Him. (Romans 14:10-12) He also says: *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.”* (2 Cor 5:10) In Luke 16:19-23, Jesus tells the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus and how the Rich Man ends up in “Hell” and Lazarus is in “Heaven”. So there is a judgment that took place, God determined where these individuals would go.

In part, we prepare for the Particular Judgment when we judge ourselves. It is why an examination of conscience (and Confession) is so important because it helps us to determine how we are doing in God’s eyes, in the areas of our lives that we need to change, and work to better follow God. If we have been doing this, there is no need to fear death or the Particular Judgment because we will have an honest assessment of who we are and there should be no surprises. We have to make sure we have the proper view and assessment of ourselves which is why it is so important to be humble, to know and acknowledge who we really are, and to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us.

We pray that God when we come before Jesus, that we will be judged to merit Heaven immediately or at least to make it into Purgatory, and not suffer the eternal fires of Hell. God bless you.

Festival items—There are envelopes with the festival letter and raffle tickets that are set in the entryway for parishioners to pick up. Also, check the business listing and sign up for those that you are able to visit. Posters should be available in the next week or so. Please keep in mind items that you want to donate to the Country Store, Raffle, or Silent Auction. Canning jars are available on the shelf next to the printer for use on festival projects (extras will be sold at the Country Store).

Thank You from Fr. Kubista—I want to thank Stacy Frank for her work in helping Kay Gabrelcik with cleaning of the Church. Stacy decided to step down from this staff role at the end of April. I am grateful for her work and thank her for helping our Parish in this way. Thank you Stacy. Fr. Kubista

New Class—God Speaks in the Old Testament
Fr. Kubista will be teaching a class on interactions with God in the Old Testament. He will be starting in the Book of Joshua and giving a high level view of the events that take place and review the instances where God speaks. It will be Tuesday nights from 7:15 to 8:15pm starting Tuesday May 6th.

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
5/4/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,355.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$890.25
Funeral	\$150.00
Funeral Stole Fee	\$250.00
Masses	\$7.00
Easter Env.	\$35.00
Building Fund	\$180.00
Raffle tix	\$100.00
Donut Sunday	\$93.00
Collection Total for 5/4/25:	\$4,211.25
Archdiocese Books **	\$131.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$145,860.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 5/4/25)	\$183,316.75

* Not included in Collection Total
** Does not include income from festival

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Sympathy

The parish wishes to offer condolences to the family of Theresa Cafferty whose funeral Mass was celebrated on May 1st. May the Lord grant her eternal rest.

We pray for our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, who was elected on May 8, 2025. Robert Francis Prevost was born in Chicago Illinois on September 14th, 1955. He was ordained a priest in the Augustinian order in Rome on June 19, 1982. He eventually became bishop, then cardinal, and prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops (which selects bishops around the world). He is the first Pope born in the United States. We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen and guide Pope Leo XIV so he is a strong and faith filled leader for the Church. May God bless Pope Leo. Fr. Kubista

Catholic school scholarship for St Mary parishioners - St Mary will be giving a \$1000 scholarship to a parish family in order to financially support them to send their children to Catholic school. For anyone interested, please email Fr. Kubista by May 31st with the name of their child, their grade, and the school that they will be attending in the Fall. Thank you.

Thank you to all those who helped with snow removal over the last winter. Job well done!

Parish Events

- **May 13th at 7:15pm—God Speaks (class)**
- **May 18th at 8:30am—Baccalaureate Mass for Graduating High School Seniors**
- **June 1st—Donut Sunday after Mass**
- **June 10th at 7:15pm—Festival Meeting**

Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 18th for graduating High School seniors. Please contact the church if your senior would like to participate.

Congratulations to Clay and Elizabeth (the granddaughter of Jim and Shirley Fasching) on the baptism of their daughter Zaymilia Elizabeth Moody on Sunday April 27th. We welcome her into God's Family (the Church).

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

World Day of Prayer for Vocations May 11th—In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. So let us pray for vocations in our Church. We need committed men and women who believe that their call to single, married, ordained or consecrated life is from God. We need to support each response of vocation and make sure each kind of vocation is an encouraged and viable option for our children.

Congratulations to our First Communicants Evan Brisco, Paige Johnson, Nora Marlette, Vivian Paris, and Lillian Rausch! What a blessing for our parish family. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with joy and guide them in their journey of faith!

Thank you sponsors! If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Kathleen at 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, Charlene Brady, Leon Kaczmarek, Julie Bromley

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

May 11th—for living and deceased members of St Mary of Czestochowa Catholic Church, Delano

May 18th—for living and Deceased members of Catholic United Financial Council 31, St Michael

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