



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18th, 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 17th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 18th	8:30am	Arlene Kortan Litchy+
Tues 20th	6:30pm	Kathleen Cass Barbour+
Wed 21st	8:30am	Doris Burns+
Thur 22nd	8:30am	Gibber & James Motzko Sr+
Fri 23rd	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 24th	4pm	George & Eleanor Salonek+
Sun 25th	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	
May 17th	Tracy A (L/S), Jim & George (U)
May 18th	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)
May 24th	George & Sue (L/S), Don & volunteer (U)
May 25th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)

For The Sake of His Sorrowful Passion, Have Mercy on Us and On The Whole World

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Hell is a horrible place. God certainly does not want anyone to go there because we are made to be with Him. We should not want anyone to go to Hell.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) tells us that *“the chief punishment of Hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs.”* (CCC 1035) Separation from God (for all eternity) is horrible. Jesus tells us that the wicked will be thrown *“into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”* (Mt 13:50) Jesus later says *“And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”* (Mt 25:30) Jesus tells us that those in Hell regret the lost the opportunity they had to be with God forever. St Thomas says that the damned will not have the *“light of divine knowledge”* (not be with God), increased suffering, and their bodies burdensome and heavy.

Scripture makes a point that we do not want to go to Hell for it is horrible. Jesus tells us that it would be better to have our hand cut off or our eye poked out rather than enter Gehenna (Hell) with them. (Mt 5:29-30) Jesus shares with us how the body will share in the pains of Hell: *“where ‘their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’”* (Mk 9:48) Isaiah also says it: *“For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be extinguished; and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.”* (Is 66:24) If the worm does not die, it means that our flesh is constantly being attacked or “eaten by worms”. The fire is unquenchable (it never stops) so the piercing pain of fire will never go away. Our body will not be consumed by the flames but rather be penetrated by them and they will not dissipate. Jesus says the wicked will be thrown into *“the burning pool of fire and sulfur, which is the second death”* (Rev 21:8) *“And [the Rich Man] cried out, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.’”* (Lk 16:24) There will be darkness as St Peter tells us that Hell is a place having the *“gloom of darkness”* (2 Pt 2:17) These are horrible images which should help deter us from Hell.

We might wonder why God would create such a horrible place for the wicked. Having Hell as a horrible place should act as a deterrent for us so that we do not want to go there. If Hell was a great place (a nice place where we would enjoy things) then our tendency as human beings would be to want to go there rather than Heaven. We might not realize that separation from God for all eternity is the worst thing for us. So it is a good thing that Hell is horrible place so it can deter us from a desire to go there. In our world, we have laws and consequences if we violate them. These negative consequences help deter us from going against the law and so why would not we expect the same from God who loves us. The CCC affirms this saying that the things we hear about hell are a way for us to make good use of our freedom to choose our eternal destiny and *“are at the same time an urgent call to conversion.”* (CCC 1036)

We are to pray for others so that they may not go to Hell. It is one of the reasons that we want to evangelize others and to share with them the good news of salvation.

We pray that we would not end up in Hell and that we would be a good witness to the joys that await us in Heaven by being a people who are faith filled, hopeful, and loving. God bless you.

Congratulations on the 20th anniversary of ordinations celebrated on May 28th, 2005: Daniel Bodin (son of Dave and Judy Bodin), Terry Beeson, Tim Yanta, Hoang Nguyen, Jim Liekhus, Dave Hennen, Chris Shofner, Randal Kasel, Troy Przybilla, John Gallus, Bobby Pish, Thomas Joseph, Michael Rudolph, Erich Rutten, and Bishop Michael Izen.

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

Congratulations to our High School seniors

Simon First, Jackson Hitchings, Eddie Lins, and Lily Zimmerman. May God bless them in their future endeavors!



The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning,
we need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of friendship,
we seek them when tasting life's woes.
At the altar each day we behold them,
and the hands of a king on his throne
Are not equal to them in their
greatness; their dignity stands all alone;
And when we are tempted and wander
to pathways of shame and sin,
It's the hand of a priest that will absolve
us----not once, but again and again;
And when we are taking life's partner,
other hands may prepare us a feast,
But the hand that will bless and unite
us is the beautiful hand of a priest.
God bless them and keep them all holy
For the Host which their fingers caress;
When can a poor sinner do better than
to ask Him to guide thee and bless?
When the hour of death comes upon us
may our courage and strength be
increased.
By seeing raised over us in anointing the
beautiful hands of a priest!

- Author Unknown

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
5/11/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,695.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$777.88
Utilities	\$25.00
Donation	\$400.00
Masses	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$110.00
Collection Total for 5/11/25:	\$4,017.88
Archdiocese Books **	\$142.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$149,175.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 5/11/25)	\$187,334.63

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

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

Parish Events

- **May 18th at 8:30am—Baccalaureate Mass for Graduating High School Seniors**
- **May 20th at 7:15pm—God Speaks (class)**
- **June 1st—Donut Sunday after Mass**
- **June 10th at 7:15pm—Festival Meeting**

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration 9am-6pm.

Festival Update: Our Church Festival is fast approaching, it is on Sun July 22nd from 11am - 4pm with Mass at 10am. All parishioners have an envelope with a letter and raffle tickets in it which are in the entry of the Church. If anyone wants to buy tickets or needs more to sell, there will be a Festival Representative after weekend masses to assist you in these matters and any other Festival matters. Signup sheets are on tables. Please pick up tickets and check out the donation envelopes. Posters should be available in a few days. Also, think about items to make or donate to the Country Store and Silent Auction. For the Auction, consider items such as: gift cards, home canned goods, arts/crafts, children's games, sporting tickets, lawn chairs, wine/craft beers, lawn ornaments, fishing/hunting gear, tools, local business donations or cash donations to fill out theme baskets. Some businesses may want to donate items that would make a theme basket. Also consider creating your own theme basket (i.e., kitchen linens/gadgets, children's activities, tool kits, etc.) Potential items for the Country Store – garden produce, home-canned goods, jams & jellies, craft items, plants and flower arrangements, baked goods, linens, religious-themed décor, books, etc.

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

May 25th—for living and deceased members of Catholic Order of Foresters Council 1560, Delano

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