



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25th, 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 24th	4pm	George & Eleanor Salonek+
Sun 25th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 27th	6:30pm	Kathleen Cass Barbour+
Wed 28th	8:30am	20th Ordination Anniversary, Fr Bodin+14 brother priests
Thur 29th	8:30am	Leo & Ida Meuleners+
Fri 30th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 31st	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 1st	8:30am	Marilyn Kuehl+

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 24th	George & Sue (L/S), Don & volunteer (U)
May 25th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)
May 31st	Huns V (L), Tracy A (S), Jim & George (U)
Jun 1st	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)



A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Purgatory is a place where one goes in order to be perfected for Heaven. In Purgatory, we are purified of our sins, shown mercy, and made ready to be able to see God face to face. We are called to pray for those who are in Purgatory so that they may see God face to face soon.

We know that there is Heaven and Hell. Heaven is eternal bliss in the presence of God, eternal life. Hell is eternal suffering away from God, eternal death. We certainly want to strive to get to Heaven, our true home. In order to enter Heaven we are to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect.(Mt 5:48) Perfection is love of God, detachment from evil (sin) and its effects. We strive for perfection on earth and yet some will not attain perfection, they may have small to large imperfections, and yet be close to God, desire God, and want to be with God for all eternity. A person who desires God but is not perfected does not deserve nor desire Hell. There must be some place that is in-between Heaven and Hell, some place that one goes in order that they are purified (perfected) and this place is Purgatory.

Purgatory, can be viewed as a place of mercy; a place that God allows one to be purged from their attachment to sin, to be purged of any defect which exists in the person. Tertullian, St. Cyprian, Origen, St. Ambrose and St. Jerome viewed that Jesus refers to Purgatory when he says that we may be in prison (Purgatory) and “*will never get out till you have paid the last penny*”.(Mt 5:26) Purgatory is often referred to as a place of fire. When we hear in Scripture that we are like gold that is tested in fire, a fire purifies us, it is to burn away those things which inhibit us from loving God (Wisdom 3:5-7) and our neighbor as ourselves. St Paul talks about how one can be saved through fire which implies Purgatory. Some might look at trials and sufferings as burdens or wonder why they occur. If we look at them from the perspective that God is purifying our love for Him and others through them (1 Peter 1:6-7), it can be more palatable to accept them. Many of the saints saw in their sufferings and trials an opportunity to grow in love including St. Paul (2 Cor 12: 8-10). Ultimately our perfection is in love. (Mt 22:36-40)

The purifying effect in Purgatory, is acting on our soul. Our soul, which is intellect (also called mind) and will, is purified into God. Our intellect is enlightened, not with all knowledge because we will be enlightened forever in God, but in false truths of ourselves and of God as they will be cleansed or clarified, we will truly be set free (CCC 1731), the mind of the Father (Truth) will flood our intellect. Our wills are made malleable and docile to follow fully the will of the Father.

We are called to pray and make sacrificial offerings for those in Purgatory. We read in 2 Maccabees how Judas takes a collection to offer sacrifices in Jerusalem for the dead and “*in doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection in mind; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin.*”(2 Maccabees 12:43-46) Our prayers and sacrifices for those in Purgatory do make a difference.

We thank God that He has Purgatory, a place of mercy, where one is perfected in love, purged of sin and its effects, in order to enter heaven. We pray for those who are in Purgatory, that they would soon come to see God face to face. 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!



Archdiocese History and Parish Books

We have purchased a number of books which give a history of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The smaller book is a comic book version of the history. The larger book also includes pictures and a write up for all the parishes and other institutions in the Archdiocese. To defray the cost, we are asking for a \$40 donation for the larger book and \$11 donation for the smaller book. A copy of both, for your review, are on the end table between the chairs next to the elevator. If you would like to obtain one, please make out a check for the proper donation amount to St. Mary of Czestochowa, put it in an envelope that is marked Archdiocese History Book, and put the envelope in the collection. We will make sure to get you your copy(s). It will be first come first serve basis. Thank you.

Congratulations to our First Communicants

The parish wishes to congratulate 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!

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
5/18/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,451.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$809.00
Hall rent	\$60.00
Festival expense donation	\$150.00
Masses	\$147.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
Raffle tickets	\$750.00
Collection Total for 5/18/25:	\$4,392.80
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$152,490.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 5/18/25)	\$191,727.43

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

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.

Parish Events

- **May 27th at 7:15pm—God Speaks (class)**
- **June 1st—Donut Sunday after Mass**
- **June 6th—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confession, and Benediction**
- **June 7th—First Saturday devotions**
- **June 10th at 7:15pm—Festival Meeting**
- **July 20th—Parish Festival**

Festival Update: Our Church Festival is fast approaching, it is on Sun July 20th 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 questions you may have. Signup sheets are on tables. Please pick up tickets and check out the donation envelopes. Posters should be available in a few days. We ask that when you visit local businesses, take along a poster if they have a place to hang one. Also, think about items to make or donate to the Country Store and Silent Auction.

Planning for End of Life with Purpose and Peace of Mind—free workshop sponsored by Catholic United Financial on Wednesday, May 28th at 9:15am at the Church St Maximillian Kolbe, Delano. Speakers Greg Gall and Fr Kyle Kowalczyk will provide guidance on the decision we face with end of life planning—spiritual, medical, and financial. To reserve a spot call 1-800-441-9949 or email workshops@catholicunited.org. See bulletin board for more info.

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

June 1st—for living and deceased members of St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Buffalo