



# 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.*

**First Sunday of Advent**  
November 30th, 2025

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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  
kmotzko@stmarydelano.org

**Cemetery questions:** Don Gabrelcik at 952-955-2563

MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 29th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 30th	8:30am	Bruce Bogenrief+
Tues 2nd	6:30pm	Marge Motzko+
Wed 3rd	8:30am	Sylvester & Cecilia Florek+
Thur 4th	8:30am	Special Intention
Fri 5th	8:30am	RoseAnn Motzko+
Sat 6th	4pm	Mary Smith+
Sun 7th	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 and Liturgy of the Hours** after each weekday Mass (the iBreviary app may be used for the LOH)

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Nov 29th	George & Sue (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Nov 30th	Huns V (L), Deb D (S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)
Dec 6th	Stephanie (L), Sue R (S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Dec 7th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)



**First Sunday of Advent**

## A Message from Fr. Kubista:

In preparing to defend our Faith (in doing apologetics) there are various topics of our Faith that we should be able to defend. We should know about them and have a good defense for them. It is important to remember that all aspects of our Faith are reasonable (logical) although we may not fully understand them, and some aspects may be mysteries.

A fundamental aspect of our Faith is the existence of God. There are various ways to defend this. A good approach is that we can look at all that is around us in the world and come to realize that it all had to come about somehow. Some might argue that it all came from a single element or the Big Bang and expanded from there; all the complexities we see formed over millions of years. This is not logical or reasonable since we do not have any evidence that this happens today. Science (the second law of Thermodynamics, the law of entropy) says that things tend to go into disorder rather than into order. Since all ecological systems are working together (they are depend on each other) it cannot happen that they came into existence over many years. If they depend on each other, they all have to be in place in relatively short order. Each element of the system is very complex and there is no reasonable explanation that every one of them developed by chance over many years. It is not reasonable and does not make logical sense. A more reasonable and scientific argument is that a Supreme Being (God who always existed) created things as we see them, and created them in short order so that all the interdependencies would allow the entire system to function properly. Jesus asserts this idea when speaking about the creation of man when he says: *“But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’* (Mk 10:6) The way it is described in Genesis 1 makes a lot of sense, is scientific, reasonable and is the way that the primary “eye” witness (God) inspired Moses to write down in the Book of Genesis. Since the Bible is the word of God it is inerrant, which means that it does not error and cannot lead us into false ideas if we read it in the proper way, read it literally, read it in a way to get its true meaning.

There are other logical arguments for the existence of God. St. Thomas gives a number of arguments four of which follow. His first argument is that there is an unmoved mover which means that some Being was not moved itself and that Being causes the movement of all other things, and that Being is God. Another argument is that there has to be a first cause, a cause that was never caused, and that first cause is God. A third argument is that there has to be a necessary **B**eing, since things cannot come from nothing, there has to be a necessary Being that always existed, and that Being is God. A fourth argument is that there is design in the universe which means there has to be a designer who designed it, and that designer is God.

Other logical arguments for the existence of God include the argument of miracles which says that since we have seen miracles, there has to be an explanation for them, and that explanation is that there is a Being outside the natural (physical) world who caused them, and that Being is God. We have natural laws and order, things follow certain laws of nature, so there has to be a law giver who ordered it that way, and that law giver is God. We have mathematical laws which describe things such as gravity and these laws come from a brilliant mind, the mind of God. There is a moral order (there are things that are either right or wrong, good or evil) so there has to be a morally good Being who demands righteousness (to do the good) and that Being is God. (Continued next week...)

## Thank You

Big thanks to the teachers, parents, and parishioners who helped with the Confirmation Retreat last Sunday. And thank you to Fr. Kubista for preparing the teaching materials and leading the students in beginning apologetics.



Also, thanks to Ginny T. and the Coffee & Conversation small group for planning and coordinating the Memorial Mass and reception on Tuesday evening.

### Thank you from the Florek family:

The family of Richard Florek would like to thank all helped cook, set up or serve the funeral luncheon and your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you to Fr Kubista, Fr Rasset & Fr Bodine & musicians for leading the beautiful liturgy, and Deacon Joe Kittock for leading the Rosary. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

**Serra Club of Wright County general meeting** will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center on Thursday, Dec 11. Join us in the chapel at 5:00 for Holy Rosary, followed by Mass. A meal will be provided by the Retreat Center staff at the cost of \$15. Please RSVP to Carol Freeman by Sunday, Dec 7 @ 612-719-2766. ALL ARE WELCOME. Feel free to come for part or all of the evening, with the speaker beginning at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Seminarian Elias Budke, he is the son of Patrick and Lisa Budke of Maple Lake. Call DeAnne Jarvis @ 612-239-8764 for questions. Please leave a message if the call is not immediately answered.

### **Congratulations to Wade and Katie**

whose daughter Baylee Evelyn Hustad was baptized on Sunday November 23rd. We welcome Baylee into our Catholic Family.



### **The Catholic Order of Foresters Court 1560 annual**

**Christmas Party** will be Sunday, December 7th in the **St. Mary's (Waverly) Parish Center** from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. They will be serving a pizza lunch at 3:30 pm. There will have kids games, crafts, Mrs. Claus and door prizes. All COF members and their families are welcome, as well as those who would like to learn more about COF.

**Funeral Notice**—We will be having a funeral for Judy Odenthal on Friday Dec 12th at 11am with a 10-11am visitation in the Church. A lunch will follow in the Church basement and the burial will be after lunch.

### **New Gifting Option for Parishioners**—St. Mary of

Częstochowa has partnered with the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota (CCF) to process gifts of appreciated securities. If you would like to make a gift of stock, mutual funds, bonds, or ETFs, please contact the parish office to share the details of your gift: type of security, ticker symbol, and number of shares. Parish staff will provide you with instructions for completing your gift. For more information, check the posting on the bulletin board or speak with Fr. Kubista.

## Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
<b>11/23/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking</b>	<b>\$1,554.00</b>
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,031.00
Masses	\$7.00
Faith Formation	\$100.00
Family Fun Night	\$298.50
<b>Collection Total for 11/23/25:</b>	<b>\$2,990.50</b>
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$69,615.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 11/23/25 )	\$87,066.90

\* Not included in Collection Total

\*\* Does not include income from festival

## Parish Events

- Dec 2nd at 7:15pm—Class on Mary begins
- Dec. 3rd at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Dec 5th—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confessions & Benediction
- Dec 6th—First Saturday devotions start 3:25pm
- Dec 8th—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Masses at 8:30am and 6:30pm (Holy Day of Obligation)

**Advent Starts This Sunday**—The schedule is available on the website and extra copies are on the back tables.

**Liturgy of the Hours after weekend Masses**—We will be praying *Liturgy of the Hours* after the Sat and Sun masses during Advent. It takes about 10 minutes so you are welcome to stay. Guides to pray will be available on the tables as you enter. You can also use the iBreviary app on your phone to follow along.

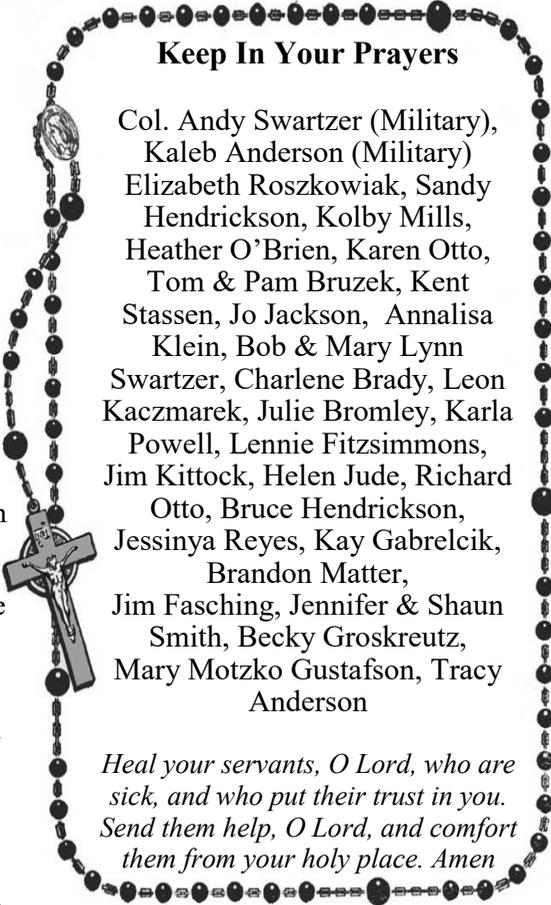
**Class on Mary**—Fr. Kubista will be teaching a class on Mary on Tuesdays during Advent from 7:15pm to 8:30pm. He will be covering various aspects of Mary including Mary being the Co-Redemptrix and Mediatrix of graces. Come to as many of the sessions as you can as it will be a great way to more learn about Mary.

**Advent book** - A free copy of *Living Joy: 9 Rules To Help You Rediscover And Live Joy Every Day* by Christ Stefanick, is available on the back tables. One per household please.

**Christmas Flowers**—if you would like to donate toward flowers, please use the envelope or drop your donation (with a note attached) into the collection basket. Thanks!

**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



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Kaleb Anderson (Military)  
Elizabeth Roszkowiak, Sandy  
Hendrickson, Kolby Mills,  
Heather O'Brien, Karen Otto,  
Tom & Pam Bruzek, Kent  
Stassen, Jo Jackson, Annalisa  
Klein, Bob & Mary Lynn  
Swartzter, Charlene Brady, Leon  
Kaczmarek, Julie Bromley, Karla  
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Smith, Becky Groskreutz,  
Mary Motzko Gustafson, Tracy  
Anderson

*Heal your servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in you. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort them from your holy place. Amen*

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

KRWC - 1360 AM Buffalo

**Nov 30th**—for living and deceased members of Catholic Order of Foresters Council 1560, Delano, MN

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

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