



**Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)**  
December 14th, 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 kmotzko@stmarydelano.org

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

MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 13th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 14th	8:30am	Tracy Anderson (Health)
Tues 16th	6:30pm	Mike Leuthner+
Wed 17th	8:30am	Bill Horsch+
Thur 18th	8:30am	John Foley+
Fri 19th	8:30am	Tim Zimmerman+
Sat 20th	4pm	Joe Swartzter Sr+
Sun 21st	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	
Dec 13th	George & Sue (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Dec 14th	Huns V (L), Deb D (S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)
Dec 20th	Dickhausens (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Dec 21st	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)

Be sure to check the back tables for a variety of free items: calendars, books, rosaries, holy cards and pamphlets, etc. Also, there are some lost & found items that need to be claimed.

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

(Continued from last week...) Mary is the mother of God and mother of the Church. She was immaculately conceived in her mother's womb, a special grace that Jesus (who is God and outside time) merited for her on the cross. We know this because the Angel Gabriel hails Mary as being full of grace (Lk 1:28), in other words the Holy Spirit is present in her, she is without original sin. Mary conceives Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit (called in Incarnation) and thus is truly the Mother of God. The fourth commandment tells us to honor our father and mother and so Jesus would have honored his mother Mary and if Jesus honored her, then we should too. (We do not worship Mary as worship is due to God alone.) At the foot of the cross, Jesus gave Mary as the mother of John thus mother of the Church. (Jn 19:26-27)

The Catholic Church is founded by Christ on Peter who is the first pope (Matthew 16:13-20). Christ needed others to continue his work on earth and so he founded the Church which is his Mystical Body (he is its head). Anyone who has the Holy Spirit dwelling in them is part of the Church (the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven). The Church is to teach and sanctify people in order to help them on their way to Heaven and it will continue for all eternity.

The Sacraments are encounters with Christ whereby we are given Grace (Holy Spirit) to assist us on our journey to Heaven. The source and summit of our Catholic faith is the Eucharist whereby we receive the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ. Jesus (in John 6) said that unless we eat his flesh and drink his blood, we will not have eternal life, and at the Last Supper, he left us a way to do that in the Eucharist which he commanded us to do it in memory of him. In Baptism, we are made holy by the Holy Spirit (including receiving His gifts), we become a child of God, a member of the Church, and any sins (both original and personal) are forgiven. In Confession, we are forgiven of our sins, spiritually healed, and aided to not sin in that way again. In Confirmation, we are strengthened with the fullness of the Holy Spirit (including the fullness of His gifts) so we can bear greater witness to Christ. In Marriage, a man and woman are united in a covenant bond, they are called to image the love of Christ and his Church, and to provide a relationship in which children are brought into the world and trained in the ways of the Lord. In Holy Orders, men are ordained to serve as priests to primarily teach and sanctify the people of God (the Church) through the power of the Holy Spirit. Anointing of the Sick assists spiritually (it may also help physically) those who are sick, elderly, or dying.

All of us will die unless the end of the world comes first. When we die, we go to what is called the Particular Judgment, when Jesus will judge each of us as to whether we go to Hell, Purgatory, or Heaven. Hell is horrible (eternal death), it is a place where we experience eternal fire (pain), and especially the loss of God, regret (grinding of teeth) that we could have been with God but are not thus failing to obtain the end for which we were created. If we go to Purgatory, we are purged of our sins and their effects, so that we are perfected and are able to go to Heaven and be in the presence of God. Heaven is eternal life and happiness with God. At the end of time, there will be a Final Judgment whereby all of us are judged based on all that occurred throughout time.

We pray that we continue to grow in our knowledge of our faith so that we can speak about it and defend it with confidence and passion, allowing the Holy Spirit to move in and through us to impact others for Christ. God bless you.

## Special Collection Dec 13th/14th for the Retirement

**Fund for Religious**—Support those who have given a lifetime. For 174 of our 175 years as an Archdiocese, we have been blessed with the presence of religious. These Religious Sisters and Brothers and Religious Order Priests have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. The annual Retirement Fund for Religious helps enable many religious communities to meet their pressing retirement needs for the essential care, medicine and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Your contributions also support newer religious communities with their retirement planning. Donations may be given directly to your parish for them to forward onto the archdiocese.

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



## Gaudete Sunday

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom.

The oft repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. —*excerpt from catholicculture.org*

## 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!



<b>Our Sacrificial Giving</b>	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
<b>12/7/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking</b>	\$1,786.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,297.00
Masses	\$140.00
WHE capital credit	\$109.08
Christmas Flowers env.	\$145.00
Immaculate Conception	\$25.00
Hospitality Sunday	\$64.72
<b>Collection Total for 12/7/25:</b>	<b>\$3,566.80</b>
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$76,245.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 12/7/25 )	\$95,569.70

\* Not included in Collection Total

\*\* Does not include income from festival

## Parish Events

- Dec 13th/14th—Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious
- Dec. 16th at 7:15 pm—Class on Mary
- Dec. 17th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation Christmas play and party
- Dec. 24th at 4pm—Christmas Eve Mass
- Dec 25th at 8:30am—Christmas Day Mass
- Dec 31st at 6:30pm Mass—Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Jan 1st at 8:30am—Mass—Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Jan 2nd—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Benediction
- Jan 3rd at 3:25pm—First Saturday devotions

Please check the Advent Schedule for details on Mass times and extended confession times. Note that the Rosary will start 20 minutes earlier for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and will be followed by Christmas carols.

Class on Mary—Fr. Kubista is teaching a class on Mary on Tuesdays during Advent from 7:15pm to 8:30pm. He is 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. Feel free to take an extra to gift.

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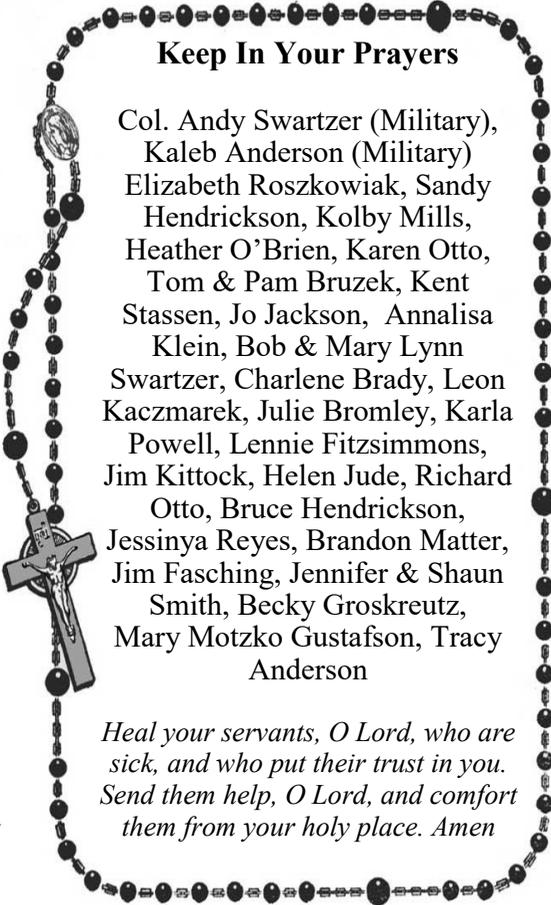
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*Heal your servants, O Lord, who are  
sick, and who put their trust in you.  
Send them help, O Lord, and comfort  
them from your holy place. Amen*

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

KRWC - 1360 AM Buffalo

**Dec 14th**—for living and deceased  
members of Knights of Columbus Council  
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**Dec 21st**—for the living and deceased  
members of St. Timothy's Parish—St.  
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