



The Holy Family of Jesus, May, and Joseph
December 28th, 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 27th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 28th	8:30am	John Dolst+
Tues 30th	6:30pm	Fr. Andrew Hanzel+
Wed 31st	6:30pm	Alex & Gladys Socher+
Thur 1st	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Fri 2nd	8:30am	Rose Ann Motzko+
Sat 3rd	4pm	Allen Henry+
Sun 4th	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 27th	Huns V (L), Susan J (S), Jim & George (U)
Dec 28th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe M (U)
Dec 31st	Dickhausens (L/S), volunteers (U)
Jan 1st	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Dave L (U)
Jan 3rd	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Jan 4th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

As we start this New Year, it is important for us to set some goals (resolutions) that will help us grow closer to God.

All of us have areas in our lives in which can improved. Some areas really need attention and others not so much. How do we know which areas should receive more focus and what resolutions we should set? We are to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide (enlighten) us to discern areas to work on in our lives. What we see might be hard for us, but we must allow the Holy Spirit to help us. Areas may be exposed so we are to ask for the grace and courage to face them, to try to examine ourselves, and see how we can do better. Our prayers should be directed so that we improve and then persevere in whatever we are called to do, realizing that we will need the grace of God (His motivation) to sustain any growth (improvement) that we make.

Through prayer, we can examine ourselves and look at the things that have happened to us or the feelings that we experience? Maybe it is others who point out to us some of our problem areas. If someone corrects us and points out our faults, we should accept it despite its pain. If we never are told of our problems, how are we going work on them? We can ask ourselves why is this person doing this and we may find out that it is because God is working through them. What are the situations, circumstances, and feelings that we experience? Feelings can tell us and give us clues as to what is going on. It is important to be aware of them as they are indicators for us. Maybe stress, depression, resentment or frustration, is causing us to do things which are sinful. We can ask ourselves what is causing stress, frustrations, depression, etc. If we have too much to do which is causing our stress, maybe we need to cut back and realize that we cannot do everything, and set priorities and stick to them. If we are frustrated with someone, maybe we just accept that the other person and not try to control them. Maybe we realize that they may frustrate us and accept it then do not allow it to affect our actions negatively. If we are depressed, maybe we have to accept that life is going to be hard at times. We all have days which are not as good as others. Many times we can make things worse by our own perception or anxiety.

Once we better understand the root cause of our problem areas, then we can set up things (small goals) which will help us overcome them. If we are stressed then what steps do we need to take to relieve the stress? We can set priorities and stick to them. We can take things out of our lives which are not helping and making the problem worse. Maybe it is watching less TV or movies. Maybe limit ourselves to one less hour a week or one less movie a week. Then check ourselves; if after cutting out the hour of TV, do we miss the hour or feel better for not watching? Maybe it is getting by with less so that we do not have to work as hard so that we can spend more time with God and family. Maybe this week, we will not go out to our favorite restaurant but rather cook something at home with the family? Maybe we can get by another year with a shirt or car that we have? Maybe we lower our expectations of ourselves and others. Maybe we just accept that our sister, brother, parent, or friend are going to bother us in a certain way, accept this and move on. Maybe it is to accept that we are not going to be perfect and when we fall or make a mistake, we just say to ourselves: "I'll do better next time". Maybe we can read some books on the saints and realize that they we not perfect either. (Continued next week...)

Christmas Greeting - We have so much to be thankful for especially the great gift of Jesus coming to earth as man (born in humble circumstances) to redeem us and show us how to merit eternal life in the power of the Holy Spirit as children of the Father. I pray that you have a very Merry Christmas. May God bless you and your family. In Christ, Fr. Kubista

January 1st celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and is a Holy Day of Obligation so one can go to the 6:30pm mass on Wednesday night (Dec 31) or 8:30am Mass Thursday morning (Jan 1st) to fulfill this obligation.



Kings House Retreats for 2026

Check out the bulletin board for information on upcoming retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo. The retreats will be focusing on Jesus' teaching of the Beatitudes at his Sermon on the Mount and how to embrace this challenging vision.

Condolences — The parish wishes to extend condolences to the family of Ken Moonen , whose funeral mass was celebrated at St, Mary on Saturday December 27th. May the Lord grant him eternal rest.

Mary, Mother of God!

The liturgy of the first day of the year, the Solemnity of Mary, Most Holy Mother of God, places a special emphasis on this truth of faith which is closely bound to the Christmas festivities. Mary is the Mother of the Redeemer; she is the woman whom God chose to carry out his saving plan centered on the mystery of the Incarnation of the divine Word.

A humble creature conceived the Creator of the world! The liturgical season of Christmas renews our awareness of this mystery, presenting to us the Mother of the Son of God as sharing in the crowning events of the history of salvation. The age-old tradition of the Church has always considered the birth of Jesus and the divine motherhood of Mary as two aspects of the Incarnation of the Word. "In fact", the Catechism of the Catholic Church says of Mary, citing the Council of Ephesus, "the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second Person of the Holy Trinity. Hence, the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God' (Theotokos) " (n. 495).

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
12/21/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,017.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$978.00
Masses	\$50.00
Hall rental	\$60.00
Christmas env.	\$200.00
Immaculate Conception	\$40.00
Collection Total for 12/21/25:	\$3,390.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$82,875.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 12/21/25)	\$106,540.32

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival



*Have a Merry Christmas
and a
Blessed New Year!*

Parish Events

- Dec 30th at 7:15pm—Fr. Kubista class
- 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
- Jan 4th—Donut Sunday after Mass
- Jan 13th at 7:15pm—Festival Meeting
- Jan 18th—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast 9-11am
- Jan 20th at 7:15pm—Parish Councils meet

There will be no Faith Formation or Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration on December 24th and 31st. We will resume on January 7th.

Save the Dates for our Waffle/French Toast Breakfast on January 18th and February 15th from 9-11am.

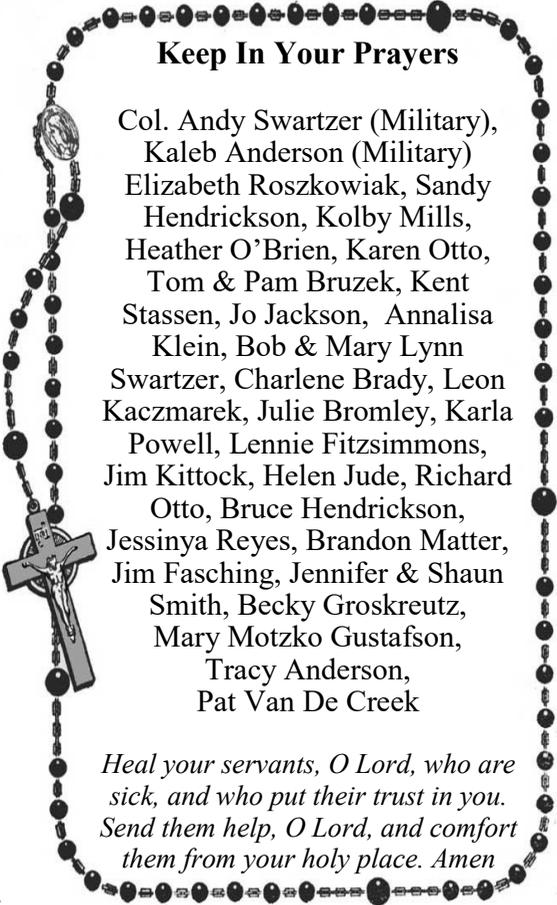
Fr. Kubista's Tuesday evening classes will continue to meet and the next class is Dec. 30th at 7:15 pm.

No Serra Club of Wright County general meetings in January and February. They will resume in March.

Thank you to all who donated for the Christmas flowers. They are lovely and very much appreciated!

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),
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
Powell, Lennie Fitzsimmons,
Jim Kittock, Helen Jude, Richard
Otto, Bruce Hendrickson,
Jessinya Reyes, Brandon Matter,
Jim Fasching, Jennifer & Shaun
Smith, Becky Groskreutz,
Mary Motzko Gustafson,
Tracy Anderson,
Pat Van De Creek

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 28th—for our country—St Michael's CCW, St Michael

Jan 4th—for Pope Leo—Iten Funeral Home, Watertown and Delano

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