



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
January 18th, 2026

**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 17th	4pm	Alex & Gladys Socher+
Sun 18th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 20th	6:30pm	Mary Murley+
Wed 21st	8:30am	Scott Mosch+
Thur 22nd	8:30am	Allen Henry+
Fri 23rd	8:30am	Larry Bury+
Sat 24th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 25th	8:30am	Marcella Wickenhauser+

**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	
Jan 17th	Linda D (L), Sue R (S), George & Jim (U)
Jan 18th	Deb D (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)
Jan 24th	Dickhausens (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Jan 25th	Glavans (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)

**The December issue of *The Catholic Servant* is now available on the back tables.**

## A Message from Fr. Kubista:

(Continued from last week...) In order to combat pride, we are to love God above all, in part meaning that we acknowledge that He is the source of all that is good in us. We are to follow all that He has commanded of us and love our neighbor as ourselves. Loving ourselves includes having the proper view of ourselves (our strengths and weaknesses) and not intentionally putting ourselves higher or lower (false humility) than we really are. False humility is a form of pride because by intentionally not acknowledging the good that we have done or that is in us, we deny God's goodness and His gift to us, and thus we deny God. When we truly see ourselves as who we really are and act without pride, it helps us to see others in their proper light, loving them as they should be loved.

Our tendency to pride goes back to the beginning. When Adam and Eve sinned, part of that was the sin of pride. They thought that they knew better than God and that they did not need to talk with God when they were tempted. They could have said to the devil that they needed to talk with God first before they would eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. They should have just obeyed, but at least they could have asked God if they were not sure. Pride can exhibit itself in that we do not consult others especially if it is an area that we are not familiar with or that we are afraid or embarrassed to ask someone about. Even after Adam and Eve sinned, they did not acknowledge their failure, but rather Adam blamed it on Eve and Eve on the snake (the devil). They did not acknowledge that in their weakness, they failed and disobeyed God, which indicates that if we do not stop pride (acknowledge it and try to correct it), it can get worse. In general, if we sin, it is good and healthy to acknowledge it, repent of it, realize that we need God's help, and then with God's grace, try to do better the next time.

When we acknowledge who we really are, it can help us to know the path forward that we need to take so that we can truly become who God calls us to be. We can ask God or others to help us see ourselves more truthfully. We can make changes in our life to help us grow in humility like acknowledging mistakes. We can grow in virtue and strive to live a life that exhibits goodness. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: *"Prudent education teaches virtue; it prevents or cures fear, selfishness and pride, resentment arising from guilt, and feelings of complacency, born of human weakness and faults."*(CCC 1784) So we can teach others, especially by our example, which can help prevent or cure pride.

A distinction should be made between being proud of accomplishing something versus the sin of pride. It is a good thing to be proud of what we have done, to take some credit in our accomplishment, realizing that it is not good to take too much credit. So when we do accomplish something, to thank God for helping us with it, for giving us the capability and will to do it, to thank others who may have helped or supported us, and come the realization that it is not us alone who make things happen as there can be many factors involved, especially help from God. We should also have a tempered approach to giving praise to others as it should acknowledge the truth and give the "right" amount of praise (do not flatter).

We pray that God would help us to acknowledge who we really are and avoid the sin of pride. That we would grow in humility, acknowledging that all good comes from God, that He has blessed us with many things and wants us to use them to the best of our ability, giving glory and honor to Him, following all that He has commanded so that He can work in and through us. God bless you.

**Festival Update** - We had the first meeting on Tuesday, January 13th, to kick off our 2026 Festival which will be on Sunday July 19th from 11am to 4pm. We will be doing pretty much everything that we did last year. The meal will be beef/pork, baby red potatoes, cole slaw, corn on the cob, a bun, poppy kuchen (& extra desert?) and a drink (milk, water, or coffee) and the plan is to charge \$15. We will be asking parishioners to sell raffle tickets which will be priced at \$10 per ticket with many prizes to be won. The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 14th at 7:15pm and anyone is welcome to come. If you have any questions or comments, please contact myself or Mary Kay. We pray that it will be a successful fundraiser for our Parish. St. Mary of Czestochowa, pray for us. Thank you. Fr. Kubista

**Epiphany Blessing of Homes:** There is till some blessed chalk and instructions available on the back tables.

**Congratulations** to William and Kari whose daughter Harper Jo Markham, was baptized on Sunday January 4th. We welcome her into the Church.

**Precinct Caucuses on Feb 3rd at 7pm**—be a voice for life and dignity and help pick candidates and shape party platforms. Visit [MNcatholic.org/](http://MNcatholic.org/) caucus for information on how to participate and bring a Catholic voice to the process.

**January 22nd—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

This January 22nd, the Church in the United States observes the annual “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. More information: [respectlife.org/january-22](http://respectlife.org/january-22).

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit [HopeAfterAbortion.org](http://HopeAfterAbortion.org).



**Blessing of Throats**

In honor of the Feast of St Blaise (Feb 3rd), Fr. Kubista will be blessing throats after masses on Jan 31st, Feb 1st and Feb 3rd.

**Blessing of Candles on Feb. 3rd**

Get your candles ready! The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (aka Candlemas) is on Monday Feb 2nd. It is customary to have candles blessed on Candlemas, but since we do not have Mass on that day, Fr. Kubista will bless candles at the Tuesday evening Mass on Feb. 3rd.



**Our Sacrificial Giving**

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
<b>1/11/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking</b>	\$1,565.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,350.00
Christmas env.	\$30.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
<b>Collection Total for 1/11/26:</b>	<b>\$3,625.00</b>
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$92,820.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 1/11/26)	\$127,717.10

\* Not included in Collection Total

\*\* Does not include income from festival

## Parish Events

- **Jan 18th—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast 9-11am for benefit of Cornerstone clinic**
- **Jan 20th at 7:15pm—Parish Councils meet**
- **Jan 21st - at 6:30pm Faith Formation**
- **Jan 27th at 7:15pm—Class on Mary resumes**
- **Feb 1st—Donut Sunday after Mass**
- **Feb 6th—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Benediction**
- **Feb 7th—First Saturday devotions start 3:25pm**

**Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration** 9am-6pm.

Contact Sue Broll at 763-213-7923 for more information, to sign up for a time, or feel free to stop in

**Save the Date** for our second Waffle/French Toast Breakfast on February 15th from 9-11am. Proceeds will benefit the St Mary Faith Formation program.

**Thank you to all of our volunteers** who decorated the church for Christmas and to all of those who donated toward the purchase of flowers. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**Condolences**— The parish wishes to extend condolences to the family of Lenore “Lennie” Fitzsimmons, whose funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, Jan 3rd, at St Mary. May the Lord grant her eternal rest.

**Thank you to our musicians**, especially Karen Otto, who provided us with music for the Christmas Season.



**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

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, Jim Kittock, Helen Jude,  
Bruce Hendrickson, Jessinya  
Reyes, Brandon Matter,  
Jim Fasching, Jennifer & Shaun  
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

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

**Jan 25th**— for living and deceased  
members of Catholic Order of Foresters  
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