



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
January 25th, 2026

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# 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.*

**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 24th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 25th	8:30am	Marcella Wickenhauser+
Tues 27th	6:30pm	Richard Florek+
Wed 28th	8:30am	Fr. Andrew Hanzel+
Thur 29th	8:30am	Jerry Peterson+
Fri 30th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 31st	4pm	Dan Gabrelcik+
Sun 1st	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	
Jan 24th	Dickhausens (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Jan 25th	Glavans (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)
Jan 31st	George & Sue (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Feb 1st	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)

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

## A Message from Fr. Kubista:

We have a right and a duty to protect life (the human person) from conception until natural death, including our own life. When we feel that our life is threatened, we can use means (including lethal force) to prevent our life from being affected especially if we face death. We have a right and even a duty to protect our life using self defense.

It is moral and legitimate to use self defense in order to protect one's life if one abides by and follows certain conditions (guidelines). An important principle in self defense is that force should be met with like (proportionate) force. In order to stop or neutralize an attacker it might be to block them in some fashion, it might be by punching or hitting them, or in the worst case, to use deadly force to kill them. So the kind and amount of force one uses depends on the threat and the risk to one's own life. For example, if the attacker has a gun or some other deadly weapon (a weapon that has the possibility to kill), having a bullet proof vest might help to block the attacker but will not stop them from shooting a mortal wound to the head. Maybe punching the attacker will stop them (maybe try to disarm them) but by doing this, unless someone is very well trained, it is not a good way to be assured that they cannot still shoot a killing shot. Even if it is thought to shoot the attacker in the leg or some other place so they cannot do any harm, they still might be able to kill the defender. So because of the serious threat (even after the mitigation strategies given) the defender would be justified in using lethal force to kill the attacker so that there is no chance that the defender would be killed or receive a life threatening injury.

If a person thinks their life is threatened, they have every right to defend themselves. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC #2263) says: "*The act of self-defense can have a double effect: the preservation of one's own life; and the killing of the aggressor.... the one is intended, the other is not.*" If an attacker threatens the life of an innocent individual, they can bring upon themselves the consequences which they are attempting to inflict on the defender. This aspect is posited in the Bible where two criminals sought death for Suzanne (who was innocent) and so they brought death to themselves.(see Daniel 13:61-62).

Sometimes there may be a situation that a person has very little time to think about what to do, they feel (judge) that their life is threatened, and they instantaneously react to defend themselves. They did not purposely try to do something that was unjust rather they were reacting to a serious threat in a way they felt would prevent harm (even death) to themselves. Now after the incident (in hindsight) even the defender might think it was an overreaction but that does not mean it was unjust. In the "heat of the moment" there typically is no time to think, someone reacts instinctively in a "reasonable way" because they are threatened in a serious way. It is the attacker who is responsible for the tragedy that can occur; if they did not attack, nothing would have happened.

Even if "the attacker" does not have the intention of killing the other but has the capacity for deadly force and "the defender" does not know this, "the defender" can legitimately defend themselves. If "the attacker" is intending to do no harm then they should not do anything that would give "the defender" the impression to think otherwise. Do not bring a club, a gun, or anything else that might give the wrong impression because otherwise there might be consequences that were not foreseen or intended, tragic consequences for both parties involved. This situation seems to happen more often than it should in part because poor (imprudent) decisions were made which led up to tragic consequences, even deadly ones. (Continued next week...)

**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

**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/caucus](http://MNcatholic.org/caucus) for information on how to participate and bring a Catholic voice to the process.

**The Catholic Order of Foresters Court 1560** quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 10:00 am at 310 Pacific Ave, Waverly, MN. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please call 763-658-4009 for information or directions.

<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>1/18/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking</b>	\$2,586.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$858.10
Hall rent	\$60.00
Misc.	\$9.60
<b>Collection Total for 1/18/26:</b>	<b>\$3,513.70</b>
Breakfast total*	\$1,328.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$96,135.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 1/18/26)	\$131,230.80

\* Not included in Collection Total

\*\* Does not include income from festival

### **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.



### **Franciscan Jubilee Year**

To commemorate the 800th anniversary of St. Francis's death, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed that from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, Catholics will celebrate a Franciscan Jubilee Year – a Special Year of St. Francis of Assisi! The faithful have been granted the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence, provided that all conditions are met. - [www.catholic-link.org](http://www.catholic-link.org)

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Be sure to check out the bulletin board for flyers and announcements of area events, parish financial reports, and other items of interest.

## Parish Events

- Jan 27th at 7:15pm—Class on Mary resumes
- Jan 28th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Feb 1st—Donut Sunday after Mass
- Feb 6th—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Benediction
- Feb 7th—First Saturday devotions start 3:25pm
- Feb 18th—Ash Wednesday

**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 anytime.

**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 the volunteers and Confirmation students who helped with the breakfast last Sunday. We had lots of good food and conversation and are looking forward to next month!

**Thank you to all of our volunteers** who decorated the church for Christmas, to all of those who donated toward the purchase of flowers, and for those who cared for them these past few weeks. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



**And finally a big thank you** to our volunteers who help to clear the snow this winter. Your attention and dedication is greatly appreciated!

Thank you sponsors! If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Kathleen at [kmotzko@stmarydelano.org](mailto:kmotzko@stmarydelano.org)

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## Keep In Your Prayers

Col. Andy Swartzter (Military),  
Kaleb Anderson (Military)  
Elizabeth Roszkowiak, Sandy  
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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 25th**— for living and deceased  
members of Catholic Order of Foresters  
council 1560, Delano, MN

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