



Epiphany of the Lord Father Paul Kubista, Pastor
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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.

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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 3rd	4pm	Allen Henry+
Sun 4th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 6th	6:30pm	Special Intention
Wed 7th	8:30am	Fr. Paul Kubista
Thur 8th	8:30am	John R Dols+
Fri 9th	8:30am	Carol & Brad Theisen+
Sat 10th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 11th	8:30am	Mike Leuthner+

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 3rd	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Jan 4th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
Jan 10th	George & Sue (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Jan 11th	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)

Thank you to all of those who volunteer to be Lectors, Sacristans, and Ushers at our masses. Your dedication is much appreciated!

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

(Continued from last week...) What are some other resolutions which might help us become better people and grow closer to Christ? Maybe it is our prayer; to try and do it better or more of it. How can we make our entire day a prayer? What are some things which are getting in the way of doing this? Maybe we would like to get rid of a bad habit and if so what are the steps we need to do to accomplish this? Maybe we need to reach out more to our brothers and sisters who are in need: emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Maybe it is to treat ourselves with compassion and not be so hard on ourselves? We are not perfect and make mistakes and we do things at times which are not that great. We should give ourselves a break but at the same time know that we can do better and work to do so. Maybe we can be more forgiving and understanding of ourselves and others.

In setting resolutions, expectations of ourselves and others, it is important to make them so they are achievable. If we are not going to be able to accomplish them, we can be setting ourselves up for failure and that only makes things worse. The question to ask is: "Can I achieve them and are they things which get me excited. Are they things which when completed, will give me satisfaction?" If we set goals for which we are not that enthusiastic about, how do we expect to have the motivation to accomplish them? Grace builds on nature so we must allow God to help us in those areas which we have a desire to change for He can help us achieve our resolutions and goals.

In setting new goals and making new resolutions, we should have a strong determination that we are going to do them, to work through them, and accomplish them. We should keep the end in sight (stay focused on our vision) so that even when things get tough, we can persevere. As time progresses, we might realize that we may not reach the goal but in this realization, we may challenge ourselves more and be moved to work harder. When we are struggling, our cry should be to God for help and in our cry, we come to better grasp our weakness and realize that we really need His grace.

In trying to accomplish our goals and resolutions, there may be times when we fall short of them or break a resolution. In this case, there is nothing wrong with continuing in the resolution from where we are at. What can happen to us is that we may say to ourselves: "Well since I failed, I guess I will no longer continue in strive to reach the goal or complete the resolution." We should realize that there may be times when we are weak and when we fall short of them, but it is so important that we pick ourselves up and keep going. If we are making forward progress, that is important. Falling short may help us to learn more about ourselves and that in itself is a good thing. When we ask God to help us with them and it does not appear that He is, it might be telling us that our goal or resolution is not good for us at this particular time, or that we just have to keep going.

All of us should have realistic goals and resolutions that help us be better, grow closer to God, and help us get to Heaven. It is a constant journey into the heart of Jesus and it does not happen overnight but rather one day, one year at a time. As we start this New Year, let's all of us, each and everyone, continue to make the resolution that no matter what comes our way, that we will, with the help of God, keep striving and stay focused on God, growing in faith, hope and love. This year is just another step closer to our eternal home. Have a most blessed New Year. God bless you.

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

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.

Epiphany Blessing of Homes: Many families will celebrate Epiphany with an opportunity to bless their homes in the New Year by taking the first two numbers of the year, adding the letters CMB (to honor the three Wise Men), and then adding the last two numbers of the year and displaying this sign over the top of the door of their home. The letters stand for the Latin phrase, “Christus mansionem benedicat,” or, “Christ, bless this house.” (20+C+M+B+25). There will be blessed chalk and instructions available on the back tables.

Feast of the Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation.—*excerpt from catholicculture.org*

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
12/28/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,736.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,084.00
Stole Fee	\$150.00
Funeral	\$250.00
Christmas env.	\$5,091.00
Christmas plate	\$2,091.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Bulletin ads	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$200.00
Collection Total for 12/28/25:	\$11,662.00
Cemetery donation*	\$100.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$86,190.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 12/28/25)	\$118,202.32

• Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival



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

Parish Events

- Jan 4th—Donut Sunday after Mass
- Jan 6th at 7:15pm—Class on Mary
- Jan 7th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation resumes
- Jan 13th at 7:15pm—Festival Meeting
- Jan 18th—Waffle/French Toast Breakfast 9-11am
- Jan 20th at 7:15pm—Parish Councils meet

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 Dates for our Waffle/French Toast Breakfast on January 18th and February 15th from 9-11am. Proceeds from the January breakfast will be for Cornerstone/Options for Women Pregnancy Center in St Michael.



Festival Meeting Jan. 13th—this is the first of several planning meetings for our summer festival. All are welcome to attend.

Fr. Kubista's Tuesday evening classes will continue to meet and the next class is Jan 6th 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 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!

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

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

Jan 11th—for living and deceased members of St Mary of Czestochowa Catholic Church, Delano



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