



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.

First Sunday of Lent **Father Paul Kubista, Pastor**
February 22nd, 2026 **Email:** frkubista@stmarydelano.org

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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 21st	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 22nd	8:30am	Allen Henry+
Tues 24th	6:30pm	Richard Florek+
Wed 25th	8:30am	Mike Leuthner+
Thur 26th	8:30am	Ed Brown+
Fri 27th	8:30am	Lil & Wallace Gibson+
Sat 28th	4pm	Joe Swartzter, Sr+
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	
Feb 21st	George & Sue (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Feb 22nd	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)
Feb 28th	George & Sue (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Mar 1st	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)

For The Sake of His Sorrowful Passion, Have Mercy on Us and On The Whole World

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Some Minnesota state politicians want to ask voters this fall whether a proposed “equal rights” amendment should be added to the Minnesota State Constitution. The State Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee is meeting on Monday February 23rd primarily to hear public testimony, to put the bill (SF 473) in its best form, and then recommend it to the full body if it deserves further consideration. It is a very dangerous addition to our State Constitution and should be rejected.

The Minnesota Constitution Article 1 is a listing of the Bill of Rights which currently has 17 sections, so the proposed amendment would be section 18. Most of the proposed amendment (SF 473) follows in *italics* with my commentary in brackets []. *All persons shall be guaranteed equal rights under the laws of this state.* [What is meant by “*guaranteed equal rights*” as people can have different (and immoral) views of their rights. Our rights come from God and we are to follow His ways, and not dangerously make up our own.] *The state shall not discriminate against any person in intent or effect on account of one or more of the following:* [“*Discriminate against*” is vague and can be interpreted in many ways. What does “*intent*” imply because most people usually have good intentions but intention does not mean something is morally acceptable. Using the term “*effect*” implies that the effect of the person’s actions cannot be judged; in other words, it is ok to kill someone if one is practicing one’s rights determined by that person or a group of persons (the majority),] *(a) race; (b) color; (c) national origin; (d) ancestry; (e) disability; or (f) sex, including but not limited to* [It should not allow other possibilities.]: *(i) making and effectuating decisions about all matters relating to one's own pregnancy or decision whether to become or remain pregnant;* [The amendment contradicts itself by saying it is ok to “*discriminate against*” the human person in the womb because of where they live and kill them thus violating their right to life.] *(ii) gender identity or gender expression; or (iii) sexual orientation.* [One does not have a right to choose their “gender” for it is determined for them at conception.]

Any action by the state that denies an individual's equal rights shall be invalid unless, at a minimum, it is the least restrictive means of achieving a compelling governmental interest. [Very broad and open for interpretation]

For purposes of this section, state includes the state or any agency or political subdivision of the state. [Very broad]

This section is self-executing. This section does not limit or narrow existing rights in this constitution. Nothing in this section shall invalidate or prevent the adoption of any law, regulation, program, practice, or benefit designed to prevent or remedy discrimination on the basis of characteristics listed in this section. [It says that the section does not narrow existing rights but it does. Section 16 says “*nor shall any control of or interference with the rights of conscience be permitted*”. If one (because of conscience) is unwilling to make a cake for a “gay couple” or to hire a transgender person, they would be in violation of the proposed amendment and thus negate their “*rights of conscience*”.]

The proposed amendment will be called the “*Minnesota Equal Rights Amendment*” and the wording which follows is to be voted on in the 2026 general election. “*Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to say that all persons shall be guaranteed equal rights under the laws of this state, and shall not be discriminated against on account of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, or sex, including pregnancy, gender, and sexual orientation?*” [This is deceptive by leaving out wording that changes the meaning: “*discriminate against*” in leaving out “*any person in intent or effect*”, “*pregnancy*” in leaving out the other details including its termination, and “*gender*” in leaving out identity and expression.]

We can pray for our state officials and notify them that they should reject the “*Equal Rights Amendment*” to the Minnesota Constitution. We are a nation under God so we need to have laws which reflect His ways and not our own. If we reflect His ways, we will prosper otherwise we will not (see Dt 30:15-20). God bless you.

Lenten Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday (Feb 18th) and Good Friday (April 3rd) are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. As canon law states, Catholics over the age of 14 are expected to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays throughout the Lenten Season (Canon 1250 -1253).

Serra Club of Wright County will meet

Thursday, March 12, at Christ the King Retreat Center. Rosary at 5 pm, Mass at 5:30. Bring your own meal to enjoy during social time prior to the guest speaker who will present at 7 pm. Betsy Dupay will speak on being a Lay Oblate of Immaculate Heart and being the wife of a Deacon. Feel free to join them for a portion of the evening if unable to attend the full evening. Please reach out to DeAnne Jarvis @ 612-239-8764 with any questions.

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
2/15/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$3,085.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$913.00
Breakfast	\$939.00
Bingo Night	\$272.00
Masses	\$50.00
Easter Flowers	\$20.00
Collection Total for 2/15/26:	\$5,279.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$109,395.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 2/15/26)	\$147,877.25

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

Anderson Family Medical Relief Fund Benefit on March 1st

Friends of the Tracy Anderson family have organized a fundraising benefit on Sunday, March 1st, 12pm—5pm at the New Germany City Hall. The event includes spaghetti dinner, live music by Paul Diethelm and Slip Twister, silent auction and bake sale. Event details can be found on the bulletin board and the St Mary Facebook page. If you are unable to access the event website via the QR code on the poster, check out the event website at <https://bidpartner.net/tracyandersonbenefit/ticket-list/> or if you are interested in donating items for the silent auction, contact Becky Sch aust at becky.schaust@compass.com or 612-799-7889. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 on the day of the event.

Catholic Services Appeal 2026

The 2026 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is under way. If you didn't receive your packet in the mail there are extra brochures on the back tables. For more information you can go to www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal. Please discern how God is calling you to give in this way. Thank you for your generosity!



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Parish Events

- Feb 24th at 7:15pm—Class on Mary
- Feb 25th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Mar 1st after Mass—Donut Sunday
- Mar 6th—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confession, and Benediction
- Mar 7th at 3:25pm—First Saturday devotions
- Mar 8th at 8:30am—Confirmation Rite of Sending
- Mar 14th at 10am—Confirmation at the Cathedral

Stations of the Cross follow weekend Masses during Lent—it will take about 15 minutes

Tuesday evening Lent Classes—the Class on Mary will continue through Lent and all are welcome to attend even if you have not attended any previous classes. The topic will be titles of Mary including mediatrix and coredemptrix.

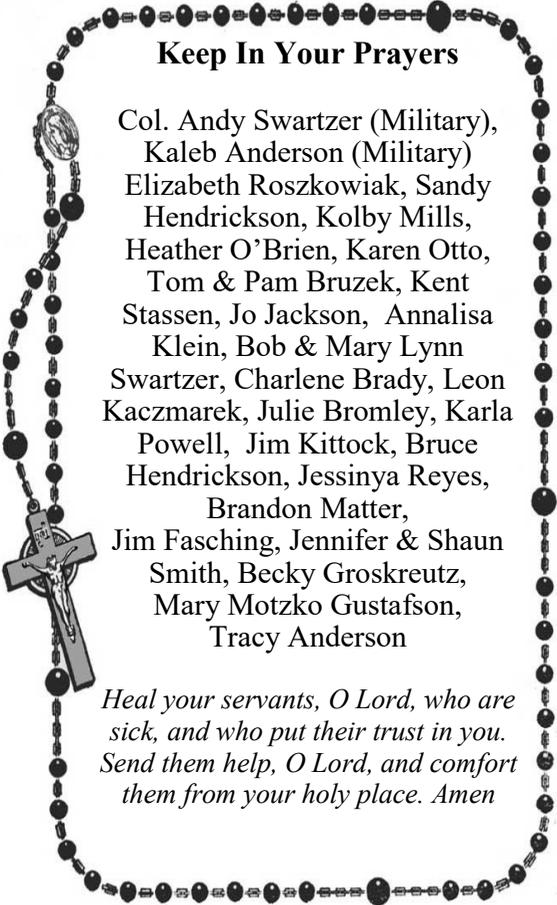
Book Giveaway for Lent—*Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah*. One per household please. Feel free to take an extra copy to give as a gift to a friend or family member.

Lent/Easter Schedule—extra copies on back tables and also posted on website and bulletin board.

Family Support group—Fr. Kubista is trying to get a family support group going for those who have younger children. If you are interested, please call or email him. Thank you.

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, Jim Kittock, 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

Feb 22nd—for an end to abortion—St Michael's CCW, St Michael

Mar 1st—for Pope Leo—Iten Funeral Home, Watertown and Delano

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