



# 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.*

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
March 8th, 2026

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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 7th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 8th	8:30am	Brad & Carol Theisen+
Tues 10th	6:30pm	Special Intention
Wed 11th	8:30am	Gladys & Alex Socher+
Thur 12th	8:30am	Patricia Burchill
Fri 13th	8:30am	Catherine & George Earley+
Sat 14th	4pm	Rodney Walters+
Sun 15th	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	
Mar 7th	Depas (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Mar 8th	Stephanie C (L), Kate T (S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)
Mar 14th	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Mar 15th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)

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

## **A Message from Fr. Kubista:**

Knowledge is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. A few definitions from the dictionary define knowledge as: “(a) *information, understanding, or skill that you get from experience or education, (b) the fact or condition of being aware of something*” The King James Bible Dictionary says that “*human knowledge is very limited, and is mostly gained by observation and experience.*” The Catholic Encyclopedia says that knowledge is that one’s mind is aware of something. So knowledge (on the natural level) is we come, usually through experience, to be aware in our mind of some truth, fact, or reality.

The gift of knowledge from the Holy Spirit is different. Jordan Auman O.P. defines knowledge as “*a supernatural habit through which the human intellect, under the action of the Holy Spirit, judges rightly concerning created things as related to eternal life and Christian perfection.*” St Thomas says that understanding and knowledge are needed to assent to the things of faith; the gift of knowledge is “*a sure and right judgment on them, so as to discern what is to be believed, from what is not to be believed,*” He goes on to say that the knowledge of Divine things is called wisdom while the knowledge of human or created things is called knowledge. So the gift of knowledge is that we come to know (we are aware of) aspects of reality on a human or creative level and then to make a judgment regarding them to further our spiritual progress into Christ.

The Bible tells us about knowledge. The Prophet Hosea tells us that God wants us to be loyal to Him and come to know Him.(Hos 6:6) Proverbs tells us that “*fear of the Lord is beginning of knowledge*”(Prv 1:7), so we are to follow the Lord in all that He has ordained and He will guide us to Truth, thus help us to merit eternal life. It says that knowledge of the Holy One (God) is understanding (Prv 9:10) so the more we know about God the more we can grasp (understand) deeper realities about Him. Proverbs tells us that if we are attentive to the Lord, knowledge (and understanding) comes forth from His mouth (Prv 2:6) which means that He will share with us so that we come to know His guidance. We know that Jesus (the Word of God) shared with us many aspects of the faith and his knowledge is to be at home in our soul.(Prv 2:10) If one is thinking and reflecting on things of God (has a discerning heart) that person seeks knowledge.(Prv 15:14) Proverbs tells us that “*the heart of the intelligent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.*”(Prv 18:15) A person who loves discipline loves knowledge which means that it takes effort (discipline) to grow in knowledge.(Prv 12:1)

One of the ways we grow in knowledge (even of the Lord) is to observe the world around us. The Prophet Isaiah tells us that “*for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea.*”(Isa 11:9) Ecclesiastes tells us that when we increase in knowledge, it causes us to know more than we might like (we see things clearer and the brokenness of the world) which increases our grief.(Ecc 1:16-18) We can grow in knowledge by having our sins forgiven as Zechariah indicates about his son, John the Baptist.(Lk 1:76-77) St. Paul encourages followers in that God blesses us with knowledge so that we do not lack in any spiritual gift.(1 Cor 1:4-7) St Peter tells us that “*His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and power.*”(2 Pt 1:3)

We are called to pray for an increase in knowledge as St. Paul tells the Colossians. “*Therefore, from the day we heard this, we do not cease praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding to live in a manner worthy of the Lord, so as to be fully pleasing, in every good work bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of God,*”(Col 1:9-10) God bless you.

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## 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).

### Subs and second adorers are needed for Wednesday

**Eucharistic Adoration**—if you are interested in being a sub to fill in for our regular Adorers who may be ill or travelling, please contact Sue Broll at 763-213-7923. We are also in need of second Adorer for the noon hour and 4pm.

**Condolences**—the parish wishes to extend condolences—to parishioner Suzanne Mykleby and her family on the death of her father Dale Thiele. Eternal rest grant unto him O, Lord.

**Thank You**—I want to thank Kay Gabreckic for her great work over the years in keeping our church clean. Kay has stepped down from this role. Currently, we have volunteers doing various cleaning jobs in the church. Thank you so much Kay. - Fr. Kubista

## **Confirmation Rite of Sending on Sunday, March 8th**

Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation this coming Saturday, March 14th and the Cathedral of St Paul: Gus Becker, Rosie Cappelleri, Thomas Depa, Melvin First, Jake Forliti, Drew Hadesh, Taylor Hansen, Brayden Merz, Mason Murphy, Zeke Schwer, and Claire Taylor.

May the Holy Spirit shower His Divine Gifts upon them!

## **Our Sacrificial Giving**

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
<b>3/1/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking</b>	\$1,550.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,071.13
Easter Flowers	\$20.00
Hospitality Sunday	\$115.00
Stole Fee	\$210.37
Masses	\$7.00
Faith Formation	\$20.00
<b>Collection Total for 3/1/26:</b>	<b>\$3,046.50</b>
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$116,025.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 3/1/26)	\$154,513.30

\* Not included in Collection Total

\*\* Does not include income from festival

## **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](http://www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal). Please discern how God is calling you to give in this way.

Thank you for your generosity!

## Parish Events

- Mar 8th—Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Mar 8th at 8:30am—Confirmation Rite of Sending
- Mar 11th—No Faith Formation this week
- Mar 14th at 10am—Confirmation at the Cathedral of St Paul
- Mar 18th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation
- Mar 29th—Palm Sunday
- Apr 2nd at 7pm—Holy Thursday Mass
- Apr 3rd at 7pm—Good Friday Service
- Apr 4th at 8pm—Holy Saturday Mass
- Apr 5th at 8:30am—Easter Mass
- Apr 12th after Mass—Donut Sunday and reception for Confirmands

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

**Confirmation March 14th**—Our Confirmation Students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sat March 14th at 10am at the Cathedral of St. Paul. We pray for them that they would be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and allow Him to guide, help, and strengthen them in their journey of faith. They are to know that God is always going to be there for them and so on their part, to always stay close to God no matter what comes in life. Fr. Kubista

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

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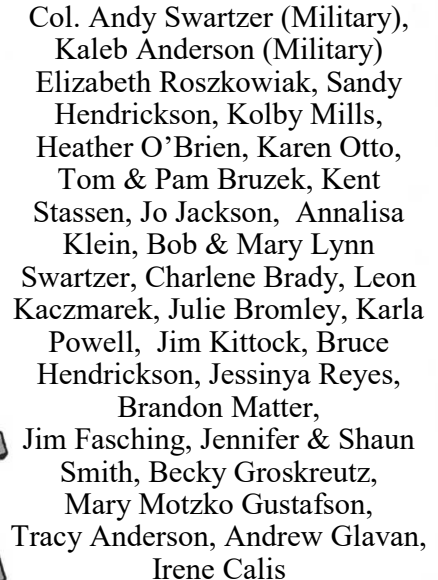
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Mary Motzko Gustafson,  
Tracy Anderson, Andrew Glavan,  
Irene Calis

*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

**Mar 8th**—for living and deceased members of St Mary of Czestochowa Catholic Church, Delano, MN

**Mar 15th**—for living and deceased members of Catholic United Financial Council 31, St Michael

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