



# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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## St Mary of Czestochowa

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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 4th	8pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 5th	8:30am	Walter Swartzter+
Tues 7th	6:30pm	Judy Odenthal+
Wed 8th	8:30am	Bill Horsch+
Thur 9th	8:30am	Dick Florek+
Fri 10th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 11th	4pm	Joe Swartzter Sr+
Sun 12th	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	
Apr 4th	Dickhausens (L/S), Tracy A (L2), Jim & George (U)
Apr 5th	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)
Apr 11th	Dickhausens (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Apr 12th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)



## A Message from Fr. Kubista:

The Resurrection of Jesus from the grave is pivotal in our faith. How do we know that the Resurrection occurred? There certainly is a lot of evidence but it still requires an act of faith.

Jesus told us that the Resurrection would happen. After Jesus founded his Church on Peter, he tells his disciples that he must suffer, die, but “*on the third day be raised.*” (Mt 16:21, Mk 8:31, Lk 9:22) After Jesus comes down from Mt. Tabor after the Transfiguration, he reveals it again when he says that the Son of Man (Jesus) will be handed over to men who will kill him and “*he will be raised on the third day.*” (Mt 17:22:23, Mk 9:31) Lastly, when Jesus is going up to Jerusalem for the last time, he says that the Son of Man will be handed over to be condemned to death, to be mocked, scourged, and crucified, and “*he will be raised on the third day.*” (Mt 20:18-19, Mk 10:33-34, Lk 18:32). So since Jesus told his disciples this and he cannot lie, it must be true and it must have taken place.

Another aspect is that there is no body. If there was, his disciples would have made sure it was taken care of properly and we would certainly have a tomb and place to go to show respect to the actual remains of Jesus, but there are no remains. We can go visit and show reverence for the place where Jesus was in the tomb, which is at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. We also read in the Bible, how the Jewish leaders tell the tomb guards to make up a story that Jesus’ body was stolen by his disciples (Mt 28:11-13) and that story is an obvious a lie since as was already mentioned, if the disciples had a body, they would have taken proper care of it. We do have (not proven absolutely but with high confidence) the burial cloth of Jesus called the Shroud of Turin. It is a photographic negative of Jesus’ body after death (which would have been hard to humanly make before the 19<sup>th</sup> century) and other scientific aspects which give us good evidence that it is the burial cloth of Jesus (like the image most likely was created by a radiation burst which burnt the top micro layers of the cloth and occurred when his body was raised).

We also have the Resurrection appearance accounts from the disciples. They would not have made up these stories and then actually gone to their death (to be martyred) if Jesus really did not appear to them and had not risen from the dead. Why should anyone believe in a dead man who said he would be raised from the dead but has not been raised? Since Jesus has been raised from the dead, it gives us all hope and encouragement, especially to follow him, to do all that he commands of us, in part because all that he taught must be true, even the claim that he is the Son of God.

The Resurrection has to take place in order for us to have the Eucharist. We eat the very body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus in Holy Communion. Therefore he has to be in a “form” in which we actually can do this. In other words, his body has to be fully glorified, which happened after the Resurrection and Ascension.

There certainly is a lot of evidence that the Resurrection of Jesus occurred, but there still is an aspect of faith where we have to either believe in it or not. Like other aspects of the faith, God gives us enough evidence so that we can choose to believe. We pray that God would help us to grow in our belief of the Resurrection and help us be able to share that good news with others in a convincing way. We are called to have hope, that although we will suffer and die, that we too will rise on the Last Day to be with Jesus forever and share in eternal life. God bless you.



Easter is such a great celebration for indeed Jesus has risen. We have so much to be thankful for. I am grateful for Jesus and all that he has given us. I am grateful for my Staff, Trustees,

Council Members, Volunteers, Parishioners, and those who come to our Church. Thank you and I wish all of you a very Blessed and Happy Easter. God bless you all. Fr. Kubista

**Disposal of old palms and other blessed objects**—there is a box in the back of the church where you can put old palms for proper disposal. Remember that blessed palms, as with other blessed objects, are considered holy objects in the Catholic Church. Therefore, they should be treated with respect and disposed of properly. This would include burying (in a respectful location such as a garden) or burning (in a dignified manner) and then burying the ashes. Please do not throw them in the garbage or burn them in a trash heap. Be mindful of disposing of objects in a dignified manner and if you are unable to do so, drop them off at the church.

**Divine Mercy**  
**Holy Hour**

**Sunday, April 12th at 3pm**

**Confessions 2:30pm**



The Divine Mercy Novena started April 3rd, and it's not too late to jump in. Check out the pamphlets on the back tables.

We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet after Mass on April 11th/12th.

We can celebrate this "Mercy Sunday" by going to Confession (preferably before that Sunday) and by receiving Communion on that day. We can honor the mercy of the Lord by venerating the Image of The Divine Mercy, and by our prayers and works of mercy.

**Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession**

Sunday, May 3rd, 2 p.m., procession from Kellogg and John Ireland to Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul

As a public witness to our Catholic faith during the month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, come with family and friends to the annual Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession.



**Our Sacrificial Giving**

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

Budgeted weekly collection income	\$3,315.00
<b>3/29/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking</b>	<b>\$2,575.00</b>
Weekly Plate collection	\$841.85
Masses	\$120.00
Easter Env.	\$500.00
<b>Weekly Collection Total for 3/29/26:</b>	<b>\$4,036.85</b>
YTD Budgeted Weekly Collection Income**	\$129,285.00
YTD Actual Weekly Collection (3/29/26)	\$170,181.65

\* Not included in Collection Total

\*\* Does not include income from festival

## Parish Events

- April 7th at 7:15pm—Class on Mary
- April 8th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation last class and party
- Apr 12th—Divine Mercy Sunday—Holy Hour at 3pm, Confessions at 2:30pm
- Apr 12th after Mass—Donut Sunday and Reception for Confirmands
- Apr 14th at 7:15pm—Festival meeting
- Apr 15th at 7pm—First Communion meeting
- Apr 19th at 8:30am—First Communions
- Apr 21st at 7:15—Parish councils meet

**Congratulations to Anthony Peterson** who, at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, will receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We welcome him to the Catholic Church. May Anthony always remain close to God and may God bless him. He will be present at the reception (which takes place after mass on Sunday April 12th) for those confirmed. Fr. Kubista

**Serra Club meeting April 9th**—Please help in the mission by joining the Serrans at Christ the King Retreat Center for prayer, encouragement, and support of vocations. On Thursday, April 9, Steve Sustacek from St. Michael will begin sharing his spiritual journey at 7:30 p.m. The Serrans begin with rosary at 5 pm, Mass at 5:30 pm. Bring your own sandwich, snack during fellowship until our speaker begins. You are welcome to come to ALL or PART of the evening. If you have any questions about the Serran Ministry, please reach out to Carol Freeman at 612-719-2766.

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## 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,  
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Mary Motzko Gustafson,  
Tracy Anderson, Andrew Glavan,  
Irene Calis, Ervin Swartzter

*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**

**Apr 5th**—for living and deceased  
members of St Francis Xavier Catholic  
Church, Buffalo, MN

**Apr 12th**—for and end to abortion and a  
greater respect for human life— KC  
Council # 4174, St. Michael

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