



**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
August 18th, 2024

**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-March

**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  
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**Formed.org** sign in under St. Boniface.

MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 17th	4pm	Joe Swartzter Sr. +
Sun 18th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 20th	6:30pm	Deceased members of Weldon & Patricia Burchill family +
Wed 21st	8:30am	Arlene Kortan Litchy +
Thur 22nd	8:30am	Father Barnes
Fri 23rd	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 24th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 25th	8:30am	Rosemary Swartzter

**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** after each weekday Mass

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Aug 17th	Depas (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Aug 18th	Glavans (L/S), Jim O' & Dave L (U)
Aug 24th	Tracy A (L/S), Don G & Volunteer (U)
Aug 25th	Deb D (L/S), Joe M & Jim Otto (U)

**August issues of *The Catholic Servant* are now available on the back tables.**

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

Adoration is so named because in it we adore the Lord. It is a way that we give honor, glory, and praise to Jesus Christ who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament typically placed in the monstrance. Adoration is a form of prayer where we come to be with Jesus, acknowledge his greatness, and visit with him. It can be a very powerful way that we experience Christ and his love for us.

If we want our relationship with Jesus to grow, we have to spend time with him, talking and praying to him. He wants us to get to know him (to follow in his ways) for we do not want to be one who he denies entry into the Kingdom because he does not know us. (Mt 7:21-23) In any of our relationships, in order for the relationship to grow, we need to spend time with the other person.

There are many ways to spend time and sometimes it is best just to be with them. In the last months of my Father's life, I was able to spend time with him. He could no longer talk and so when I would get done talking there wasn't much else to say so I just was with him. I remember the last Thanksgiving with Father, after talking with him for a little bit, I spent time being with him, resting in the coach nearby. I wasn't "doing" anything but was just in his presence. Why do I remember this moment? There must have been something special about it or maybe it was that I just spent time with him (was near him on a special day) and looking back, it was a way of thanking him.

There is something about being in the presence of another that really makes a difference. Sure in this technological age, there are many ways to stay connected with parents, brothers, sisters, family, and friends through email and phone but there is something about actually being in their presence (being near them) that helps us grow closer to them. It is the "entire" personal experience that we miss in the other forms of communication.

Our relationship with God is similar. We can grow in our relationship with God through Creation by taking in a beautiful sunset or walking through the woods. God can speak to us in these moments but this is like talking on the phone or communicating through email. God is not present to us in person. When we come to Church and are in the presence of the Lord in the tabernacle or on the altar at Mass, we are near Jesus. We can sit with our Lord in adoration, to be in his presence (his body, blood, soul, and divinity) and there is a closeness and a level of connection that can happen which cannot happen elsewhere.

Adoration is a great way to be present with Jesus, to sit in the presence of the Master, to sit at his feet and listen, allowing the silence to permeate us, to open up our hearts to a greater relationship with him. We can ponder the mysteries in reading the Bible or spiritual works or pray the rosary and other prayers meditating on the words and on our lives as to how we can be drawn more into Jesus. We allow Jesus to influence us, to help us to be drawn closer to him, to become more united with him, and to allow him to speak to us in a greater way. Jesus wants us to come and be with him. He wants us to be in his presence and spend some time with him like the time we spend with our families and friends. Maybe Jesus is calling us to spend more time with him and to allow him to give us the "entire" personal experience of being drawn into a deeper relationship with him by being near him. Come to adoration and rest in the Lord. (Mt 11:28, Mk 6:31) God bless you.

**Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration**

Immediately follows Mass until 6pm. All are welcome to stop in any time of day. There are a couple of time slots where we need Adorers (12pm and 2pm) and occasional subs. If you are interested, please contact Sue Broll at 763-213-792



**August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Since the 16th century, the practice of dedicating whole months to saints or other sacred things began to take root in the popular devotions of the Catholic Church. The month of August has traditionally been dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, with the Solemnity of the Assumption celebrated at its midpoint.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ and, as such, possesses the title and identity of “Mother of God.” Throughout the history of the Church, Mary has enjoyed a singular place of honor and pre-eminence among the Communion of Saints. Chosen by God to be the mother of his only begotten Son, Mary was “immaculately conceived,” that is conceived in the womb of her own mother, St. Ann, without the stain of original sin and, therefore, “full of grace,” as the Angel Gabriel announced when she, in turn, conceived the Lord Jesus (Luke 1:28).

Similarly, because of her unique and privileged relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ, she was assumed body and soul into heaven when her life on earth was ended. These two intimately related convictions of faith definitively proclaimed and held by the Church – the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption – understandably merit special recognition and observance by the Church, December 8 and August 15 respectively.

**Festival Acknowledgements and Information**

Thank you to Ed Stockert of J Edward Company for the donations to the Silent Auction and Country Store.

List of raffle winners can be found on the bulletin board or on [www.stmarydelano/festival](http://www.stmarydelano/festival)



The complete donor listing can be found on the St Mary website.

<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
8/4/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$3,225.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$902.00
<b>Collection Total for 8/4/24:</b>	<b>\$4,127.00</b>
Masses*	\$100.00
Festival donations*	\$130.00
Budgeted Collection Income 7/1/24 – 6/30/25 **	\$172,382.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 8/4/24)	\$15,449.00

The doctrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven was defined and declared “divinely revealed dogma” (that is, infallible and beyond doubt) by Pope Pius XII in his apostolic constitution "Munificentissimus Deus" (November 1, 1950).

- Excerpt from an essay by Bishop David M. O’Connell, August 2022

\* Not included in Collection Total  
 \*\* Does not include festival income

## Parish Events

- **Aug 17th/18th—Second Collection for Mission Appeal priest visiting from Diocese of Kitui**
- **Aug 20th at 7:10pm—Festival follow-up mtg—all are welcome**
- **Sept 11th—Faith Formation starts**

**Weekly small group discussion groups:** The current topic is Prayer 101. Groups meet Wednesday evenings at 6pm or Thursday mornings after Mass.

**Mission Priest on August 17th/18th:** Fr. David Mwendwa of the Diocese of Kitui, Kenya, will be celebrating Masses at St. Mary on August 17th and 18th. The Diocese of Kitui covers an arid and semi-arid rural region that often battles drought and famine. Fr. David is here to raise money for his Diocese, with proceeds being used to pay school fees for diocesan seminarians; formation and evangelization of youth and young people, humanitarian support for vulnerable children and families, and to support various diocesan development projects, including those that provide access to clean water for those living within diocesan boundaries. Please extend a warm welcome to Fr. David, and please be generous in your support. Thank you.

**Faith Formation starts September 11th!** Online registration is now open. A letter to parents was sent out to families currently participating. The letter and registration link are also on the St Mary website.

**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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(Military)  
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Lynn Swartzter, Sandy  
Hendrickson, Kolby Mills,  
Heather O'Brien, Betty Judd,  
Karen Otto, Julie  
Windsperger, Tom & Pam  
Bruzek, Mary Smith,  
Carol McGuire, Kent Stassen,  
Rosie Cappelleri, Jim  
Berneck, Laverne Diethelm

*Lord, look upon them with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon them, may your lifegiving powers flow into every cell of their bodies and into the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom.*



**Radio Rosary**  
**11:00 am Sundays**

KRWC - 1360 AM Buffalo

**August 18th**—for priests and religious—St  
Timothy CCW, Maple Lake

**August 25th**—for the end of the Middle East  
conflict—St Michael CCW, St Michael

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