



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25th, 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 24th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 25th	8:30am	Rosemary Swartzter
Tues 27th	6:30pm	Joe Zimmerman +
Wed 28th	8:30am	Bill Horsch +
Thur 29th	8:30am	Father Creagan
Fri 30th	8:30am	Father Conklin
Sat 31st	4pm	Tom Schumacher +
Sun 1st	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Aug 24th	Tracy A (L/S), Don G & Volunteer (U)
Aug 25th	Deb D (L/S), Joe M & Jim Otto (U)
Aug 31st	Stephanie C (L), Sue R (S), Jim & George (U)
Sep 1st	Huns V (L), Tracy A (S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)

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

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Drugs are a hot topic these days. A drug is “*a substance [usually chemical, typically] used as a medication...intended to affect the structure or function of the body*” We are morally permitted to take a drug if it is going to assist our body, if it will maintain or improve our health.

The primary moral principle is that we should not take something that will negatively affect or do any harm to our body, in general to our person. Our body does not belong to us rather we are to be stewards and caretakers of it as St. Paul reminds us. “*Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?*” (1 Cor 6:19) We have an obligation to take care of our body to the best of our ability and try to do nothing that will shorten our life in any way.

Taking drugs in itself is not bad as there can be drugs that are helpful to human health. A person cannot take a drug if it will negatively affect their health and life or that of another person (for example a baby in the womb). There may be a situation where one might take a drug because the alternative of not taking it would be worse. If a drug is designed to kill someone (euthanize them or kill a person in the womb) then one cannot take it as its end to kill is evil. Some drugs provide benefit but also have side effects and so the benefits must outweigh the side-effects. One might take a drug for immediate benefits which are considered necessary even though there is risk of long term negative side effects. At times, it may be necessary to take a drug although there may be negative side effects because the result of not taking it might be worse (one might die if they do not take the drug). One should look at a number of options (including those that provide benefit with no side effects) then make the best decision on the use of a drug.

There is a lot of information available, so it is important that one investigate the various options. Our intention in taking a drug should be that we want to heal and get better, so although there could be complications either immediately or long term, we can choose to take the drug because it is the best option for us and has the least amount of risk for something to go wrong. We need to do our best to be informed, to do our research, to talk to trusted individuals, and to look at the information available to us. One does research in order to find out all that one can so that the best option (that which benefits that person’s health the most) can be chosen. One should err on the side of caution in taking drugs, especially with new drugs. If one does not know enough or feels hesitant or uncomfortable, then it probably is better to err on the side of not taking a drug. It should be obvious (not questionable) whether we are to take a drug or not. When in doubt, err on the side of caution and do not take a drug. If there is another way (an alternative) to reduce pain and/or take care of some health concern that might be more “understood” then take the better option. There are various degrees of potency of drugs so the more potent the more cautious one should be in using them for medical purposes.

The Church says that certain drugs (typically psychological in nature) can inflict “*very grave damage on human health and life*” and their “*use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense.*” (CCC 2291) We are to avoid anything that would cause us to lose our capacity to make choices, that impairs us from choosing that which is good and right (drugs and alcohol can fall into this category). (Continued next week...)

Monday, August 26th

Happy Solemnity of Our Lady of Czestochowa!

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

[TO BE SAID EACH DAY UPON ARISING]

HOLY MOTHER of Czestochowa, Thou art full of grace, goodness and mercy. I consecrate to Thee all my thoughts, words and actions---my soul and body. I beseech Thy blessings and especially prayers for my salvation.

Today, I consecrate myself to Thee, Good Mother, totally ---with body and soul amid joy and sufferings to obtain for myself and others Thy blessings on this earth and eternal life in Heaven. Amen.

Imprimatur: Cardinal O' Boyle, Washington, DC

Festival Update

We had a festival wrap-up meeting on Tuesday August 20th. We don't have all the expenses finalized and the estimate is that we made around \$19,000. We plan to have a detailed income/expense report available in the back of Church when it is ready. In general, the consensus was that the Festival went well. We discussed about the length (11am to 4pm) and the consensus was that it was good. We discussed the raffle tickets and how we had hoped to sell more of them to cover the larger cash prizes. However, that did not happen so next year we probably won't have the big cash prizes of \$5000, \$2000, and \$1000 as this cut into the profit from them. We will try to improve how the tickets (meal, raffle, concessions, etc) are sold during the Festival as it took too long to buy them. The food was good. The inflatable obstacle course was popular with the kids. Thank you to all who donated various things and helped with the Festival. It was a success. Thank you and we certainly thank God. Fr. Kubista

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
8/18/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$1,990.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$1,065.00
Assumption Env/Plate	\$457.00
Religious Ed	\$10.00
Collection Total for 8/18/24:	\$3,522.00
Collection Total for 8/11/24:	\$3,416.87
Masses*	\$10.00
Second Collection—Kenya Mission*	\$1,429.66
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$23,205.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 8/18/24)	\$22,387.87

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include festival income

King's House Retreats— see bulletin board for details on upcoming retreats or check out www.kingshouse.com

Women's Silent Weekend Retreat – Sept 20-22, 2024

Women's Silent Midweek Retreat — Sept 24-26, 2024

Men's Silent Weekend Retreat – Sept 27-29, 2024

Married Couples Weekend Retreat (not silent) – Oct 18-20, 2024

Parish Events

- **Sept 6th—First Friday Mass followed by Adoration, Confessions & Benediction**
- **Sept 7th—First Saturday Devotions**
- **Sept 11th at 6:30pm—Faith Formation starts, Mass at 6:30pm**

Weekly small group discussion groups: The current topic is Prayer 101. Groups meet Wednesday evenings at 6pm or Thursday mornings after Mass. (9:15am).

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. *First Communion and Confirmation students need to provide photocopies of their Baptism certificates.* Please bring copies to the first class on Sept. 11th. The evening will start with Mass at 6:30, followed by class.

Confirmation parents and students will remain upstairs for a meeting following Mass. All other grades will meet in the church basement.

Congratulations to Anthony Ertl (son of Tony and Sue Ertl) who received from St. Mary's a \$1000 scholarship to apply towards his tuition at Holy Trinity Catholic School in Winsted.

Maintenance Update—Sorry for the inconvenience of the downstairs women's restroom being out of commission. The plumber is scheduled to come Thursday and install new toilets in both restrooms in the church basement. Thank you for your understanding.

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(Military)
Elizabeth Roszkowiak, Mary
Lynn Swartzter, Sandy
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Heather O'Brien, Betty Judd,
Karen Otto, Julie Windsperger,
Tom & Pam Bruzek, Mary
Smith, Carol McGuire, Kent
Stassen, Rosie Cappelleri, Jim
Berneck, John & Jo Jackson,
John Tibbitts

*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. Amen.*

Radio Rosary
11:00 am Sundays

KRWC - 1360 AM Buffalo

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

Sept 1st—for Pope Francis—Iten Funeral
Home, Watertown and Delano, MN

