



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1st, 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 31st	4pm	Tom Schumacher +
Sun 1st	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 3rd	6:30pm	Randy Gabrelcik +
Wed 4th	8:30am	Carol & Brad Theisen +
Thur 5th	8:30am	Father Kubista
Fri 6th	8:30am	RoseAnn Motzko +
Sat 7th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 8th	8:30am	Arlene Litchy Kortan +

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Aug 31st	Stephanie C (L), Sue R (S), Jim & George (U)
Sep 1st	Huns V (L), Tracy A (S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)
Sept 7th	Tracy A (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Sept 8th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (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:

(Continued from last week...) St. Pope John Paul II says: *“There is certainly a clear difference between resorting to drugs and turning to alcohol: whereas the moderate use of alcohol as a drink does not, in fact, clash with moral prohibitions and only abuse is to be condemned; taking drugs is, on the contrary, always illicit, because it involves an unjustified and irrational renunciation of thinking, willing, and acting as free persons.”*

The Bible mentions how we have to be careful to remain in a controlled state of our minds. *“Wine is arrogant, strong drink is riotous; none who are intoxicated by them are wise.”*(Proverbs 20:1) *“And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,”*(Ephesians 5:18) Whether it is wine or drugs, these things should not let us lose control of our minds and thus our actions. *“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise”*(Luke 21:34) *“Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind, live soberly, and set your hopes completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”*(1 Peter 1:13) *“Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour.”*(1 Peter 5:8) We must be alert and not allow anything to cloud or cause us to allow the devil to get at us. Drugs can move us to not be able to use our reason (to think clearly) or they can render us less vigilant in the use of our minds. We should not allow anything to negatively impact our reason (even in the lightest extent), we should not take this chance.

Drugs can be addictive which can be very problematic. People who take drugs for medical reasons can get hooked on them. Getting a slight high might move someone to take a drug more often which moves them to get a stronger “high”. People have to be cautious of the reality of getting addicted to the drug. St. Pope John Paul II warns of this danger. *“Moreover, recourse to psychotropic substances by medical prescription to mitigate suffering in carefully determined cases must itself abide by extremely prudent criteria to avoid dangerous forms of habituation and dependence. The task of health authorities, physicians, and the officers of research centers is to work to reduce such risks to a minimum through measures for prevention and information.”*

People can take drugs thinking that they are going to get a high from them and try to use them to get away from reality. St. Pope John Paul II said: *“Those who unfortunately have found themselves caught in the tentacles of narcotics testify that this experience is an escape from themselves and from reality.”* Like alcohol or eating for pleasure, drugs can be a source of release and so one can use them to be comforted or consoled. They can be an unhealthy coping measure of some physical or spiritual struggle in life. St. Pope John Paul II said: *“Drugs are often the consequence of an inner emptiness: they are a refusal, a renouncement and a loss of direction which often leads to despair.”*

If there is no medical benefit for a drug to be used then it should not be used. If one who is healthy says they will benefit from a drug in some way (they want to get a “high”, cover up a “personal” problem, try it, or experiment with it) its use would not be good. Because bad things can happen with drugs (like marijuana), it is better not to use them unless there is a medical need. Drugs can be used for medical use where it is the best option and should not be used for recreational use, for example to get a “high”. We ask God help us to use drugs so that they promote our health and well being, especially spiritually. God bless you.

New Course on Catholic Civics at St Anne in Hamel starting Sept 10th

Mr. John Niemann will be offering an intensive look at the function of government in the United States and the role that Catholics must play. This is a semester-long class with a tuition of \$250 per student. The class will be weekly at St. Anne's Parish, in Hamel, in the Parish Office lower level Choir Room and starts on Sept. 10th and ends Jan. 14th, 2025. The days will be Tuesdays, after the Latin Mass, from 7:30 to 9pm. The class covers the function of government (in theory and actual behind the scenes), lobbying, election reform, civil liberties, The US Constitution and Bill of Rights, and landmark Supreme Court decisions. The class also intends to help students identify how living their faith within the context of the US Nation can and should be a fulfilling, deliberate, and serious effort. For more information, contact Joshua LaFond at 763-228-5407.

September Dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows—Since the 16th century, Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Due to her feast day on September 15th, the month of September has traditionally been set aside to honor Our Lady of Sorrows.

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
8/25/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$3,147.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$607.75
Collection Total for 8/25/24:	\$3,754.75
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$26,520.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 8/25/24)	\$26,142.62

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include festival income

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

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

- **Sep 4th— Eucharistic Adoration
9am-6pm**
- **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**

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.

Thank You—The two toilets that the Church bought are installed in the church basement restrooms. We thank John from **Watertown Plumbing** for installing them at no charge. Thank you John!

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

Thank you sponsors! If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Kathleen at kmotzko@stmarydelano.org

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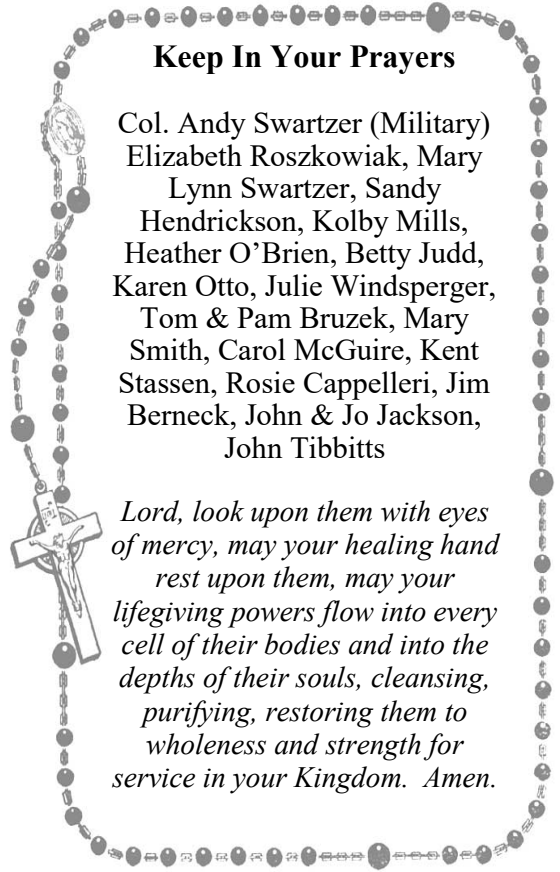
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*Lord, look upon them with eyes
of mercy, may your healing hand
rest upon them, may your
lifegiving powers flow into every
cell of their bodies and into the
depths of their souls, cleansing,
purifying, restoring them to
wholeness and strength for
service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



**Radio Rosary
11:00 am Sundays**



KRWC - 1360 AM Buffalo

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

Sept 8th—for living and deceased members
of St. Mary of Czestochowa Catholic
Church, Delano