



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
September 15th, 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 14th	4pm	Allen Henry +
Sun 15th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 17th	6:30pm	Roberta Gravett +
Wed 18th	8:30am	James Motzko Sr +
Thur 19th	8:30am	Bill Horsch +
Fri 20th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 21st	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 22nd	8:30am	Joe Odenthal +

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Sept 14th	Dickhausens (L,S), Jim & George (U)
Sept 15th	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Dave L (U)
Sept 21st	Depas (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Sept 22nd	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe M (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:**

One of the honors and responsibilities that we have is to vote in the upcoming election. We have a very polarized country. What seems to be the source of the polarization? Ultimately, it is evil, the Devil wants to create division among us and destroy God's creation, destroy each one of us. The reason there is polarization is that the Devil is at work and he is really tearing the country apart.

One of the bigger issues out there is that of abortion. People who are pro-life (who follow God's laws and His ways) are criticized by those who are pro-death because they feel threatened that their so called "right" to kill an unborn baby might be taken away. Actually, they have no right to kill a baby so it is they who are mistaken and risking eternal death on themselves which is why we must try to help them say yes to life, both theirs and God's child in the womb. We know that it is a baby (a human person) and yet killing of unborn babies is still allowed in some states in this country. Therefore, as Catholics, we are to support candidates who are pro-life. Anyone who thinks killing an unborn baby is ok especially up the ninth month (which is called a partial birth abortion) and even after birth, is not fit to lead. If they think that abortion is ok, their decision making ability on other critical issues will be totally compromised, clouded, and biased towards evil.

As Catholics and people of faith, we need to stand up against the evil of abortion and other evils. One of the ways we do this is by speaking in the voting booth. We election officials who will follow the God given laws, who acknowledge a Creator, and who respect the order and dignity of all of the Creator's work, especially His creation in human life, especially in the womb. Ultimately the spiritual battle is not fought or lost in the voting booth or even in our government but rather is fought in our own hearts. If we ourselves compromise on key issues, if we do not stand up for the fundamental rights which even those who wrote the Constitution acknowledged (the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness) then the Devil has won a huge victory. As St. Paul writes, we are not fighting natural forces but rather the forces of evil.

If we are in a battle then we need to get as many people involved as we can. We are to encourage people to vote and for the "right" person. We are to talk with them about the issues and discuss the options. We are to learn about the candidates and where they stand on the more important issues, issues which are either good or evil (non prudential issues) abortion being one of those issues. We are to share with them the reason for our concern and why it is important.

Some might argue we are being too political. Christ was accused of being political; many times he was critical of the leaders of his day, especially the chief priests, scribes, and Pharisees who were supposed to be the spiritual leaders. They were speaking and teaching on moral issues and Jesus criticized them, especially regarding their actions. Like Jesus, we have an obligation to speak out on moral issues and abortion is a moral issue as are a lot of other issues. So if we know of a leader (politician) who is for an evil (like abortion) we certainly should say or do something, it is an obligation that we have as Christians.

We pray for ourselves, that we would be strong and have the courage to stand for what is good and right. We pray that we would fight the spiritual battle, be informed, and do and say what we need to do to impact our world for the good, which includes supporting candidates who uphold the fundamental laws of God. God bless you.

**New Course on Catholic Civics—at St Anne in Hamel starting Sept 17th—**

Please note the new start date for the course. For details, see posting on bulletin board or last week’s bulletin. For more information, contact Joshua LaFond at 763-228-5407.

**Maintenance Update**— Another maintenance item has been completed. Tom Mittelstaedt Painting Inc. has stained the church fence and rectory deck and painted all the black metal outside railings. A few of the railings really needed a good paint job. Thanks Tom!

**Stained Glass Window Update** - On September 26th and 27th, Terhaar plans to come to take out the round window in the Church tower and the sacristy windows. They will also fix/install storm windows and seal them. The current estimate is to have all the windows back and installed in November.

**Parish Mini Town Hall Meeting** - During the donut Sunday on the first Sunday in October, I will have a mini parish town hall meeting to give an update on things in the parish and be available to answer any questions. Thank you. Fr. Kubista

**September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows**

The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate it. It became widespread in the fourteenth and especially the fifteenth centuries, particularly in the Rhineland and Flanders, where Confraternities of the Sorrowful Mother sprang up. It was in this context that the first liturgical formularies in her honor were composed. A provincial council of Mainz in 1423 made use of these in establishing a "Feast of the Sorrows of Mary" in reparation for Hussite profanations of her images.

In 1494 the feast appeared in Bruges, where the Precious Blood of Christ was venerated; later on it made its way into France. It did not, however, become widespread in France before Benedict XIII included it in the Roman Calendar in 1727 and assigned it to the Friday before Palm Sunday.

Some Churches had previously celebrated this feast during the Easter season. Others, however, celebrated the Joys of the Blessed Virgin during the Easter season, as is still done today at Braga. In some places it was entitled "Recollection of the Feasts and Joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

- Excerpted from *The Church at Prayer*, Vol. IV A.G. Martimort.

**Our Sacrificial Giving**

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
9/8/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$1,920.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$864.00
Faith Formation	\$120.00
<b>Collection Total for 9/8/24:</b>	<b>\$2,904.00</b>
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$33,150.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 9/8/24)	\$31,795.62

\* 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](http://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

- **Oct 4th—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confessions, followed by Benediction**
- **Oct 5th—First Saturday Devotions**
- **Oct 6th—Donut Sunday resumes, Parish townhall meeting**

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

**Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration** 9am-6pm.  
Contact Sue Broll at 763-213-7923 for info or questions.

**Small group schedule change**—The Wednesday evening small group will now meet Monday evenings at 6pm, starting Sept. 16th.

**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!

**Thank You** also to Joe Mauk of **Joe Mauk Siding** for cleaning the gutters on the garage and rectory at no charge. Thank you Joe!

**Job opportunities** at St Boniface and Immaculate Conception Catholic Churches—see bulletin board for details. One is for Head of Facilities and the other is for the Assistant Director of Discipleship and Evangelization.

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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## Keep In Your Prayers

Col. Andy Swartzner (Military)  
Elizabeth Roszkowiak, Mary  
Lynn Swartzner, 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, John & Jo Jackson

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

**Sept 22nd**—for living and deceased  
members of Catholic Order of Foresters  
Council 1560, Delano