



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22nd, 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 21st	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 22nd	8:30am	Joe Odenthal +
Tues 24th	6:30pm	Lynn Zimmerman +
Wed 25th	8:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thur 26th	8:30am	Brenda Cole +
Fri 27th	8:30am	Patricia Burchill
Sat 28th	4pm	Bill Horsch +
Sun 29th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Sept 21st	Stephanie C (L), Sue R (S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Sept 22nd	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe M (U)
Sept 28th	Depas (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Sept 29th	Deb D (L/S), Gene G & Jim O' (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:

Who we elect in the upcoming election matters a lot. Those who we elect are called to be leaders in our country. They are to be people (God centered individuals) who will look out for the common good of all which is accomplished by following the laws of God. It is very important that they are to be of sound moral character.

Each one of us has a duty to vote in the election. We owe our fellow citizens and those who have gone before us, to uphold the morals on which this country was founded, and to vote for people of good moral character who will lead us (lead our country) in the ways of God. We (in a certain sense) have a sacred pledge, a pledge to continue to uphold and strengthen the morals of our country which those who have come before us have greatly sacrificed for. We need to be involved in the election. We need to understand the issues and their priority, and where the candidates stand on them. We need to realize that our vote (we need to vote) really matters especially in the eyes of God, and that we are to elect leaders of sound moral character who will protect the liberties of every human person (born and unborn).

Our country is based on principles which our Founders understood to be important and which, over time, have been incorporated into elements of our Republic. Our country does have a pledge of allegiance, which some have criticized, tried to change, or have deemed no longer important. Here is the pledge: *"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."* The Pledge of Allegiance reminds us is that we are not pledging to the flag per say (when we say it we are supposed to be looking at the flag and holding our hand on our heart) but rather to the entity which it represents, namely the United States of America (our country). We have a duty to our country and to our fellow citizens, to look out for our nation and our fellow countrymen (to do what is best for all). We are to vote for men and woman who uphold the duty we owe to our God (our Creator) and to one another (liberty and justice for all). The pledge does not say that we are a Democracy but it says that we are a Republic. We elect people who make the laws and govern us. We are not ruled by the majority of the people and the ideas and policies that they decide, rather we rely on those who we elect to make proper and prudent decisions (laws). If it were majority rule (a Democracy) then we would vote on issues rather than voting for people who represent us (people who might not follow popular opinion because it is wrong). Being a Republic means that we need to elect people who govern us who are of sound moral character. We need to make sure we do not elect people who go along with what the majority of the people think but rather who do what is right (that which is good in the eyes of God).

We want leaders in government (not followers) who lead on foundational God given principles. We want people who know what is right and good; who follow the movements of God within themselves or are able to seek advice from others who are God fearing and of sound moral character. If a candidate says, that they need to go and talk with someone first about a particular issue, this might be fine on issues which are not foundational, but on the important issues, we should know where they stand because they should know where they stand, they should not have to consult anyone else. If they are shaky (unsure or not clear) on key issues, we should shy away from voting for them. (Continued next week...)

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

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.

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
9/15/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,335.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$907.00
Faith Formation	\$635.00
Collection Total for 9/15/24:	\$3,877.00
Masses*	\$7.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$36,465.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 9/15/24)	\$35,672.62

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include festival income

Celebrate Priesthood Sunday on September 29th

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International. Catholics are invited to observe Vatican-backed worldwide events, namely, World Day of Prayer for Vocations and World Day for Consecrated Life. In the United States, we also have National Vocation Awareness Week and National Catholic Sisters Week. **Priesthood Sunday, however, specifically honors priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered and Sacraments could not be celebrated.**



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

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**
- **Oct 15th—Pastoral and Finance Councils meet at 7:10pm**

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

Deacon Tom Utecht to speak at October Serra Club meeting at the Kings House in Buffalo on Thursday, October 10th. The meeting will start with a rosary in the Chapel at 5:10 followed by Mass at 5:30. Please bring a sandwich/snack to enjoy during our social time after Mass. At 7 p.m. Deacon Tom Utecht will speak. Deacon Tom is a parishioner of Mary Queen of Peace who was ordained a permanent Deacon earlier this year. He was assigned a Deacon for St. Thomas the Apostle, Corcoran, and Sts. Peter & Paul, Loretto, July 1, 2024.

Condolences—There will be a funeral Mass for Lorraine Enos on Saturday September 28th at 11am with burial to follow at Calvary Cemetery in Delano. The visitation is from 10am to 11am at St Mary.

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Keep In Your Prayers

Col. Andy Swartzter (Military)
Elizabeth Roszkowiak, Mary
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, John & Jo Jackson,
Stella Swartzter

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

Sept 28th—for priests and bishops—Jean
Motzko

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