



**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
September 29th, 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 28th	4pm	Bill Horsch +
Sun 29th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 1st	6:30pm	Fr. Kubista
Wed 2nd	8:30am	Lambert Zenner +
Thur 3rd	8:30am	Bill Horsch +
Fri 4th	8:30am	Walter Swartzter +
Sat 5th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 6th	8:30am	Mike Leuthner +

**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	
Sept 28th	Depas (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Sept 29th	Deb D (L/S), Gene G & Jim O' (U)
Oct 5th	Depas (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Sept 6th	Huns V (L), Kate T (S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)

Thank you to all of those who volunteer to be Lectors, Sacristans, and Ushers at our masses. Your dedication is much appreciated!

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

(Continued from last week...) If they have taken a given stance on certain issues in the recent past and now suddenly have changed, we should be leery of voting for them because they might just be changing their ideas to get elected and once elected, will not implement or follow through with what they said but will go back to what they really believe. We are not to be fooled or lied to and if so, this is another reason for us to not vote for that candidate.

We want people who lead and not ones who are led. If we look at a candidate and they are changing their ideas based on popular opinion, this should be a red flag for us. They probably do not have any solid moral stance and we should be afraid of electing them. We also should look for candidates who are looking for the common good of all (born and unborn) and not solely or disproportionately for the good or the perceived good of their constituents. It is important to know that the common good encompasses all; it does not only encompass the United States, but all people of our world. Some candidates might be focused on too narrow of the picture and/or an immoral view of the common good. Our country should not be promoting immorality (like abortion) in other countries.

We want candidates of sound moral character who follow the laws of God. We want people who uphold the laws of God and who are willing to stand by Him. Some have tried to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance. *"The phrase "under God" was incorporated into the Pledge of Allegiance [on] June 14, 1954, by a joint resolution of Congress amending §4 of the Flag Code enacted in 1942."* Certainly, this was added later and some might argue that it is not wise to put it in but it is in and we are blessed because of it. *"In God we trust" first appeared on U.S. coins in 1864 and has appeared on paper currency since 1957"* This also has been around and again, if we trust in God, He will take care of us.

When looking at a candidate, then, it seems like they should be someone who is God fearing, who is God centered; this should be an important factor for us as Christians in electing someone. They should believe in God and try to follow in His ways (live the faith). If we, ourselves, really believe in God, then we know and understand the power of God and the power, wisdom, and Grace that God shares with those who are Christians and who practice and live their faith (the faith of Jesus Christ). As Catholics and Christians, we should look at this element in a candidate and not underestimate its significance. If we truly believe that God blesses those who follow His commands and His will, then in a certain sense, if we elect someone who is not "God fearing", we in a sense reject the importance of God and His significance in our lives and the lives of others. Again, we cannot underestimate this aspect and really should look at the candidate with great scrutiny in this area. If they are not in with God, then the chances of their decisions being in line with the Will of God and the good of all will be compromised. When we put God first, He blesses us and our country.

We pray that God would guide us to determine which candidates are God centric, who are true leaders, who stand up for what is right and just no matter what popular opinion is, and who are of sound moral character who follow His laws and as such will be blessed and be a blessing for our country. We pray that we fulfill our duty to vote and properly discern which candidate is best. We pray for our country, that we would turn more towards God, realizing that only in Him, will we be blessed. God bless you and God bless America.

**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.

<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
9/22/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	&1,655.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$661.35
Faith Formation	\$50.00
<b>Collection Total for 9/22/24:</b>	<b>\$2,366.35</b>
Stole Fee*	\$141.08
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$39,780.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 9/22/24)	\$38,038.97

\* 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.**



## **Thank You Volunteers!**

Thank you for our teachers who have volunteered for Faith Formation. Please pray for them and the students they teach, that all would grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

Also, a big thanks to our lawn maintenance team for keeping the church grounds looking so nice!



## Parish Events

- **Oct. 2nd at 6:30pm - Faith Formation**
- **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).

**Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration** 9am-6pm.  
Contact Sue Broll at 763-213-7923 for more information or if you would like to sign up for a time.

**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** to the family of Lorraine Enos whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday September 28th. May God grant her eternal rest.

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

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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 28th**—for priests and bishops—Jean  
Motzko

**Oct 6th**—for living and deceased  
members of St Francis Xavier Catholic  
Church, Buffalo