



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 3rd, 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-April

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 2nd	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 3rd	8:30am	Chris Niesen +
Tues 5th	6:30pm	Edward Monacelli +
Wed 6th	8:30am	Carol & Brad Theisen +
Thur 7th	8:30am	Kathleen Cass Barbour +
Fri 8th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 9th	4pm	Bill Horsch +
Sun 10th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased

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	
Nov 2nd	Depas (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Nov 3rd	Tracy A (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
Nov 9th	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Nov 10th	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Dave L (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Why is there evil in the world? Why does God allow it? Why do bad things happen to good people?

An important distinction to make is evil versus bad things. Evil is when one sins or does something that goes against God's laws. Persons getting killed from natural disasters would be considered a bad thing but not evil (nature cannot sin). Natural disasters are an effect of sin, for it was sin that corrupted the pristine world that God created in the beginning.

The biggest reason that there is evil is that God wants people to have free will because in order to love, one has to be able to choose. Some people choose the love God and some do not which results in sin (evil) which hurts others and the sinner. So for a greater good (that people can love) God allows evil (resulting in bad things which occur).

Although there is evil, God can make a greater good come out of it. Take for example a tragic accident where an individual is killed. That accident can make those who were close to the individual killed, take a good look at their life, realize that it is short, and make some changes which can move them to be saved. Jesus is a good example, for the evil done to him on the cross (his crucifixion) is the means of our salvation and it can move us to greater conversion.

Because there is evil, there are times when we can be persecuted or treated poorly, and these moments can be times when we can grow in the love of God. It gives us an opportunity to see how much we really love God. St Paul says: *"We know that all things work for good for those who love God."* (Romans 8:28) We can turn to God, to pray and ask for His help, strength, and guidance. In the *Our Father*, we pray *"deliver us from evil"*. We ask God not to avoid evil in our lives but rather deliver us (set us free, save us, rescue us) from evil, to get us through any evil and its consequences, including evil that we bring on ourselves.

Evil can help someone turn to God or grow in their relationship with Him. The devil and his demons want to tempt us and get us to turn away from God. God allows this as it does "force" us to turn to the Lord, seek His help, and allow Him to protect us. St Paul says: *"Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens."* (Ephesians 6:10-12) When we fight for the Lord, we can merit Heaven. If we had it easy, what would there be in that? When things get tough and rough in our lives, it can move us closer to the Lord. St Paul continues: *"In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all [the] flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit."* (Ephesians 16-18) The Lord wants us to fight and stand up for what is right and good, to stand up against evil, to those who would want to destroy God's creation and creatures. Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot do it, but with the Holy Spirit, all things are possible.

God allows evil so that the creatures He has created can love Him. We pray that God would help us to love Him, to avoid doing evil ourselves, and when we experience evil (from ourselves or others) to turn to the Lord to *"deliver us from evil"*. God bless you.

November—The Month of the Holy Souls

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven.

-Excerpted from *Liturgical Meditations*,
The Sisters of St. Dominic

Check out the pamphlet *Purgatory, Indulgences, and Prayers for the Dead* (on the back tables) for more information about the teachings of the Church and suggested prayers for a cemetery visit.

Wednesday Adoration Update

We are in need of second Adorers for the 12pm and 2pm hours, and also have a need for substitutes, especially coming into the winter months when there is more seasonal travel. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Sue Broll at 763 -213-7923 or Kathleen Motzko at kmotzko@stmarydelano.org



November 3 - 9, 2024 is National Vocations Awareness Week. Every person is called to serve God and neighbor in some particular way. This is our vocation. God calls some to marriage, some to ordained ministry and some to consecrated life. It is important that we ask God how it is He wants us to receive His love, and how it is that He wants us to share that love with others. It is only in living out this two-fold call to love God and to love our neighbor that we come to know

God's will for our lives, which is our surest path to joy. It is important to encourage the young members of the Church to develop a relationship with Christ that serves as an essential element for the fostering and support of all

Parish financial info

Check out the most recent parish financial statements that are posted on the bulletin board for your convenience. Also, there are copies of the festival financial report and Pastoral Council meeting minutes on the back tables.

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
10/27/24 Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$4,650.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$732.00
Faith Formation	\$425.00
Stained Glass Windows	\$200.00
Building Fund	\$30.00
Collection Total for 10/27/24:	\$6,037.00
Masses*	\$17.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$56,355.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 10/27/24)	\$58,338.41

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include festival income

Parish Events

- Nov 3rd—Donut Sunday
- Nov 6th—Faith Formation at 6:30pm
- Nov 17th—Confirmation Retreat after Mass
- Nov 23rd—Parish Fun Night after Mass
- Nov 28th—Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:30am
- Dec 1st—First Sunday of Advent

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.

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov 3rd! Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour.



Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5th

Let us pray for a free and fair election and the for the election of candidates at all levels of government who support and defend life and who follow God's ways.

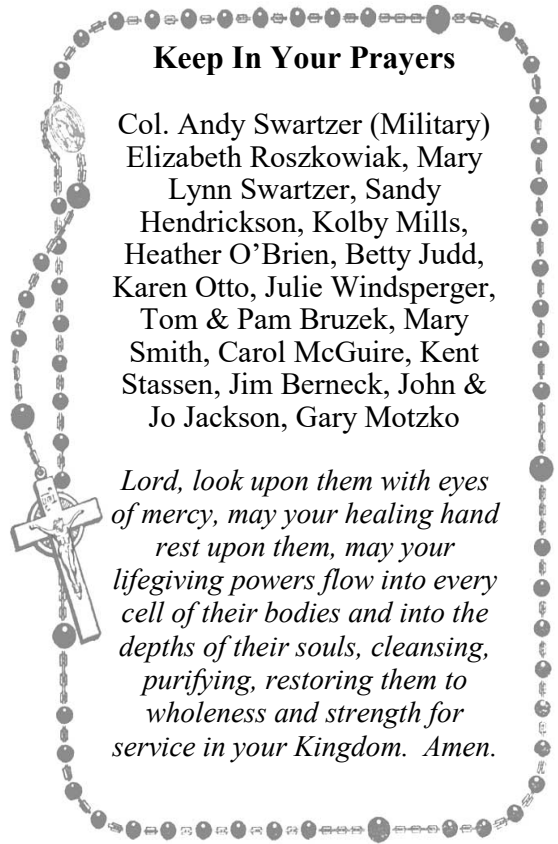
Parish Fun Night reminder—we are in need of donations for Bingo prizes for adults and kids. Please consider items such as small household gadgets and linens, holiday décor, tools, cash and gift cards, baked goods, canned and pickled items, candy, books, puzzles, toys and kids games.

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

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, Jim Berneck, John & Jo Jackson, Gary Motzko

Lord, look upon them with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon them, may your life-giving 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

Nov 3rd—for the election of candidates who follow God's ways—Jean Motzko

Nov 10th—for Pope Francis—Iten Funeral Home, Watertown and Delano

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